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Auditor: How Busia workers conned county in loans scam



Busia Governor Paul Otuoma /FILE

A report by Auditor General Nancy Gathungu has revealed how 128 Busia county employees disguised themselves as farmers to benefit from "free" agricultural loans, exposing the devolved unit to a possible loss of Sh50.7 million in non-performing loans. Governor Paul Otuoma was put on the spot by senators on Monday over the scandal, which stems from the Busia County Agricultural Development Fund.

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Faith makes history with fourth world title



CHAMPION: Gold medallist Faith Kipyegon celebrates after winning the women's 1500m final at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, yesterday /XINHUA /SONG YANHUA /STORY PAGE 30-31

## DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

# Over 15 quizzed as sleuths pitch tent in Mbobu office

Homicide Unit team believes premises holds documents key to investigation



Lawyer Mathew Mbobu /FILE

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DETECTIVES have camped at the office of slain lawyer Mathew Mbobu for clues to the motive for his assassination.

The Homicide Unit team on yesterday said they believe the office holds documents that could be key to the investigation.

They sieved through troves of papers in the presence of his staff. The detectives said they had crucial clues that they were pursuing for a possible arrest.

The motive is yet to be established for the drive-by murder of Mbobu on the evening of September 9 in

Nairobi. Detectives have also interrogated more than 15 people, including those met at a restaurant along Jakaya Kikwete Road shortly before he was shot dead as he was heading home.

Others include his staff members, colleagues, boda boda operators at the scene of the shooting and employees of banks where he did business.

The team wants to know if any of his account transactions could have led to his killing.

Mbobu's family has scheduled the burial on tomorrow at his Mui home in Machakos county.

A memorial service was held yesterday at St John's Catholic Church in Karen.

Police say lack of working CCTV along Lang'ata Road and Magadi Road where the lawyer was killed are partly to blame for the delay in arresting the killers.

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"Because he is a lawyer, of course, the first thing that comes to mind is whether someone was exerting revenge or attacking him by virtue of his professional duties," the CS said. "The DCI has interviewed colleagues, family members and is reviewing various information."

He linked delays in apprehending suspects to the absence of CCTV cameras along Magadi Road.

Murkomen said that unlike in the case of slain Kasipul MP Charles Were – in which CCTV footage captured suspects trailing him – detectives have found little to work

with in Mbobu's case. "It is not easy because the area where this incident happened had no CCTV cameras," he said.

Three individuals who had been held as persons of interest in the murder were released on Saturday night.

The team went back to the drawing board. The murder weapon has yet to be found.

Some of the slain lawyer's clients have recorded statements and explained the nature of their working relationships.

Mbobu, a former chairman of Political Parties Disputes Tribunal, was shot at least eight times at close range.

He was driving home along Magadi Road in Nairobi when a gunman on a motorcycle struck. He shot the lawyer in the neck and chest fracturing his spine. He bled to death.

The gunman, who had a rider, jumped back on the motorcycle and sped off while shooting into the air to frighten bystanders.

The team is also scrutinising surveillance footage from different spots to establish if Mbobu was trailed. He had arrived at his office earlier in the day and went for morning prayers at the Holy Family Basilica before he returned to the office.

He arrived at Sagret Hotel restaurant at 11.05 am, when he held a three-hour lunch meeting with several individuals now being treated as persons of interest.

He left at about 1.45pm after paying a bill of Sh3,800. The detectives are also relying on his mobile phone records to establish whom he talked to before, during and after the meeting. Later that day, at 5.09 pm, Mbobu left his office and headed home.

Director of Public Prosecutions Renson Ingonga has directed the Inspector General of Police to fast-track investigations and submit a comprehensive status update within seven days for review and action.

"The ODPP echoes the DCI's appeal for members of the public with any relevant information to come forward and share it with law enforcement agencies without delay," he said.

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## DIGITAL VIOLENCE

# Lobby raises alarm over GBV online, demands action

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A human rights agency now wants gender-based violence committed through social media and other digital platforms to be treated with the same seriousness of law by police as physical violence.

In a policy position paper released this week, the Defenders Coalition has sounded the alarm over what it terms a growing but under-recognised threat to human rights: technology-facilitated GBV (TFGBV).

The organisation says that the scourge is turning into a pandemic that needs urgent attention, and argues that digital violence, particularly targeting women and gender minorities, is not only pervasive but deeply harmful—and must be met with robust legal, policy and social responses.

The coalition describes TFGBV as any act of violence committed, aggravated, or amplified through digital means such as social media, messaging platforms, or other online spaces. These acts, it says, often target individuals based on gender and include harassment, threats, doxing, cyberstalking and the non-consensual sharing of intimate images.

According to the position paper, online abuse is more than just a personal attack—it is a systemic barrier to women's full participation in the digital world.

The coalition warns that such violence restricts freedom of expression, silences critical voices and undermines equality, especially for women and gender-diverse individuals. Despite occurring in virtual spaces, the harm is tangible and lasting, affecting victims' mental health, safety and livelihood.

The paper calls on the police and judicial systems to treat online abuse with the same urgency and gravity as physical violence. It argues that existing legal frameworks often fail to address the unique nature of TFGBV, leaving survivors without meaningful recourse.

The organisation calls for comprehensive and gender-sensitive legislation that enables full prosecution of offenders, alongside the development of justice systems that prioritize survivor support and access to redress.

Beyond legal reforms, the organisation emphasises the need for accessible psychosocial support for victims.

Many survivors, it notes, suffer in silence due to stigma or lack of knowledge about available services. Increasing public awareness and education within communities is seen as critical to addressing and preventing this form of violence.

The Defenders Coalition also stresses that any intervention must be shaped by the lived experiences of those most affected.

Women, girls and gender minorities, it argues, must be actively involved in crafting policies and solutions, and their voices must be central to the national conversation around digital safety.

In addition, the group advocates for an intersectional approach to understanding TFGBV, recognising that individuals experience online violence differently based on their race, class, disability, or sexual orientation. Without this lens, it says, responses risk being incomplete or ineffective.

Crucially, the organisation points out that online space, just like physical public spaces, should be governed by principles of safety, dignity and non-discrimination.



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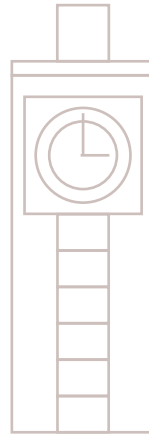




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Medical Services PS Ouma Oluga, Health CS Aden Duale, Vihiga Governor Wilber Ottichilo and Digital Health Agency CEO Antony Lenaiyara in Mbale town on Monday /HANDOUT

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics

FOND MEMORIES

# Mbobu's 2 sweets caused me trouble at school, says widow

*He would regularly visit her with gifts in the company of her sisters*

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THE widow of slain lawyer Mathew Mbobu, Mwendé Kyalo, moved mourners to laughter during a requiem mass held at Karen, Nairobi, when she recalled the first time they met.

It was in 1988 and she was just 18 years old. Mbobu expressed interest in her but Mwendé politely told him she was still in school.

She recalled how he once took her gifts of two sweets that caused her trouble with the teachers.

Mbobu, who was already working with Mutula Kilonzo Advocates, said he would wait for her to complete her studies. He would regularly visit her at Kahuhia High School in the company of her sisters and shower her with gifts.

After high school, Mbobu and Mwendé would spend time at the

city's Uhuru Park. When she joined college, Mbobu got a scholarship for his master's degree in the United States. "Before leaving, he made sure that he engaged me because he had a few friends whom he suspected were eying me as well. He couldn't trust them," Mwendé said amid laughter from mourners.

The couple married in 1993 and had three children: two daughters and a son. The widow described her husband as a humorous man who loved life.

"There was a time he would come home and I would ask him why he didn't pick up my call, and he would say: 'I can't spend all my time in court handling people's cases and come home to face another case'," Mwendé said.

She said Mbobu always called her 'Honey' - until recently when he started calling her 'Madam'.

The widow regretted how the

family got to know of the gruesome murder through both social and mainstream media, and begged Kenyans to be sensitive to bereaved families.

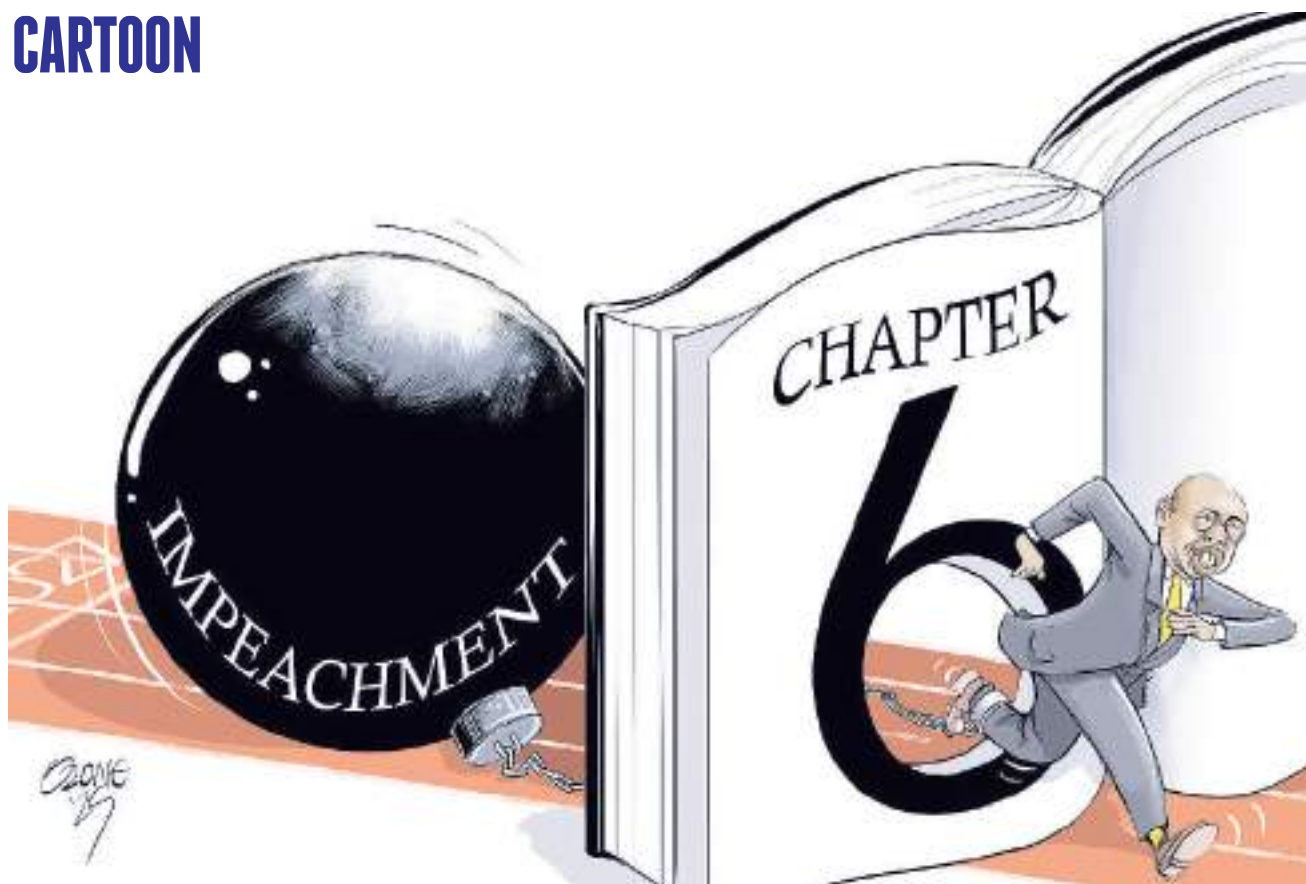
Mwendé remained optimistic that the killers of her husband would be apprehended. "It was painful. It didn't have to go that way. Even my President has assured me that they will do everything possible to arrest his killers," Mwendé spoke as First Lady Rachel Ruto stood beside her in support.

His children described their father as a man who loved music, especially rhumba tunes and jazz.

The requiem mass was attended by hundreds of mourners, including Chief Justice Martha Koome and her predecessor David Maraga.

Koome, a classmate of Mbobu's, mourned him as a friend who had met his death in the most tragic manner.

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★ **WHO IS THIS** politico who has found love in a senior security officer? The two lovebirds have become the subject of endless whispers in their respective offices. If the woman is not visiting the officer at his workplace, the man is seen making his way to hers. Their romance seems to have blossomed so quickly that it now feels like the best thing that ever happened to them. But the lingering question remains: will it last? Doubts abound, especially since one of them is already entangled in another long-term commitment.

★ **A POLITICIAN FROM** a Western county is in trouble after his political gamble backfired. Once praised for his generosity, he has been rapidly losing ground as supporters drift back to rival camps, claiming the man has supposedly become stingy. The politician had bankrolled several community events in some informal settlements expecting to earn loyalty, but when he tightened the purse strings, the very people who once cheered him turned against him. Some even accuse him of "forgetting those who built his name" and are now openly shifting their allegiance.

★ **JUST WHERE DID** a vocal politician from Mt Kenya suddenly vanish to? The man, who had earlier been touted to join the Cabinet but missed out, has completely gone underground, raising speculations on his whereabouts and what he is up to. He has avoided all political events in his region and does not even want to associate himself with any camp. Is it a matter of being disappointed after missing the appointment or retreating to strategise? There are also whispers that the man is apparently running broke, hence the decision he has taken to lie low.

★ **TWO WARD REPS** from one of the cities are seemingly no longer seeing eye to eye after a juicy deal went sour. The pair, once inseparable in their flashy adventures, are now allegedly hurling barbs behind the scenes, including on social media, each supposedly blaming the other for "eating alone". The fallout has not only split their political camps but also set tongues wagging. Will the duo reconcile for survival, or is this the beginning of a bitter political divorce?

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WINDFALL LOPSIDED DISTRIBUTION OF SH1.94 BILLION FUND TO CEMENT DOMINANCE OF ODM

# Raila, Ruto outfits to control Sh1.2 billion political parties' cash

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PRESIDENT William Ruto and ODM leader Raila Odinga are poised to exert immense financial influence over the country's political landscape, following the millions allocated to their parties this financial year.

The United Democratic Alliance and Orange Democratic Movement have been allocated Sh1.21 billion from the Political Parties Fund for the 2025-26 financial year.

The massive allocation is detailed in the Kenya Gazette Notice published by the Registrar of Political Parties.

It reveals a lopsided distribution of the Sh1.94 billion total fund, cementing the dominance of the two parties, which entered into a working pact last April.

With their unity, the two main political players stand to command a war chest that would see their parties organised better, comparatively, ahead of the 2027 general election.

According to the Gazette Notice, UDA is set to receive the lion's share of Sh789.7 million, which constitutes over 40 per cent of the entire fund.

ODM follows a distant second, but has a significantly bigger share with an allocation of Sh421.8 million, accounting for roughly 22 per cent of the kitty.

Combined, the two parties will control approximately Sh1.211 billion, or 62.3 per cent of the total Sh1.94 billion allocated to the 47 qualifying political parties.

The financial muscle far exceeds the combined allocation of all the other 45 parties, which will share the remaining Sh729 million.

"The allocated funds will be disbursed on a quarterly basis upon receipt from the National Treasury," Sophia Sitati, the acting Registrar of Political Parties, said in the notice.

Other significant beneficiaries, though palling in comparison to UDA and ODM, include the Jubilee Party, which will receive Sh184.8 million.

The Wiper Patriotic Front, led by former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka, is allocated Sh98.8 million.

Other parties in the opposition that will get some funding include the Democratic Action Party of former Defence Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa, which will receive Sh43.2 million.

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua's DCP is not eligible for funding as he does not have



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President William Ruto and former Prime Minister Raila Odinga arrive for a meeting with Gusii politicians at State House, Nairobi, on September 11 /SUE NYAMASEGE/PCS



ODM AND UDA

any elected leaders as yet. Sitati explained that the Sh1.94 billion allocation includes the parties' normal allocation of Sh1.4 billion and Sh539 million in respect of court awards in favour of the parties last May.

Also in the count is Sh2.9 million, which was meant for Musalia Mudavadi's ANC party that was dissolved in favour of UDA.

"The balance from the dissolved Amani National Congress party (Sh2.9 million) will be disbursed together with the first quarter allocation," the registrar said.

Even so, ODM, through its secretary general and Nairobi Senator Edwin Sifuna said the amount allocated is not sufficient. "ODM's claim is Sh12 billion," he said.

Pundits hold that, regardless, the disbursement underscores the financial might that the two leading parties wield.

Observers argue that the war chest entrenches their dominance and makes it increasingly difficult for smaller parties to compete on a level playing field.

Wilson Muna of the University of Nairobi and Michael Otiemo, in a review of parties' funding, said, "Smaller parties remain disadvantaged since allocation is computed proportionate to the votes garnered by each political party in the preceding general election."

A member of one of the smaller parties said in confidence, "With over a billion shillings between them, UDA and ODM can finance extensive grassroots mobilisation, massive advertising campaigns, and reward loyalty in a way that no other party can. This doesn't level the playing field; it tilts it decisively in their favour."

The Political Parties Fund is distributed based on a formula stipulated in the Political Parties Act.

The bulk of the fund is distributed based on the proportion of votes secured by each party in the preceding general election - the Sh1.4 billion.

The court award stemmed from a legal settlement for previously withheld funds, which ruled in favour of the ODM party.

Justice Chacha Mwita ruled in favour of the parties after the government slashed Sh800 million from the parties' kitty in a supplementary budget.

UDA's colossal share is a direct result of its victory in the 2022 general election, where President Ruto, running on its ticket, won the presidency.

The party also secured a major-

ity of elected seats in the National Assembly (140 - 119 MPs and 21 Woman Reps) and Senate (22). The party won a total of 701 seats.

ODM's share reflects its position as the single largest opposition party and its strong performance at the polls.

The Raila-led party won 83 National Assembly seats and 13 Senators in 2022, winning 425 seats in the end.

The Wiper Patriotic Front clinched 100 seats, with 21 members of the National Assembly and three senators.

National Assembly Speaker Moses Wetang'ula's Ford-Kenya has been allocated Sh35.3 million for its 41 seats (including six MPs, a senator, one governor and 33 MCAs).

DAP-K, set to receive Sh43.2 million, won 34 seats in the 2022 vote, including one governor, five MPs, and 28 MCAs.

United Democratic Movement under the leadership of Mandera Senator Ali Roba is also among those with substantive amounts at Sh36.8 million, while post-independence party Kanu is set for Sh32 million.

Kiraitu Murungi's Devolution Empowerment Party - Mbus - has been allocated Sh18.8 million, Sh17.3 million for Maendeleo Chap Chap, Pamoja Africa Alliance (Sh15.7 million), and Sh14.4 million for The Service Party headed by Laikipia East MP Mwangi Kiunjuri.

Martha Karua's People's Liberation Party has been allocated Sh10.3 million, UPIA (Sh12.4 million), Ugenya MP David Ochieng's MDG (Sh13.4 million), UPA (Sh11.9 million), Kenya Union Party (Sh13 million), Chama Cha Mashinani



**Sophia Sitati, the newly appointed acting registrar at the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties headquarters in Nairobi on July 31 /HANDOUT**

(Sh11 million) and Tujibebe (Sh10.3 million).

For the dozens of smaller parties, the allocations are meagre, amounting to between Sh5 million and Sh9 million.

The sums, while critical for the small parties' operations, are barely sufficient to mount a serious national campaign.

Parties are allocated cash to pro-

mote representation in Parliament and county assemblies, develop policies, and promote the participation of marginalised groups.

They also use taxpayers' money to popularise the outfits, pay utilities and other administrative expenses, including rent for party offices.

However, oversight on the actual expenditure remains a subject of public concern, even as audits continue to highlight shortages.

Auditor General Nancy Gathungu has raised concerns that political parties were being deprived of funds guaranteed by the constitution.

In the latest audit, she revealed that parties received Sh808 million in the financial year ending June 2024, far below the legally mandated allocation.

"The underfunding may have negatively affected the planned activities of the eligible political parties that were to receive funding," the Auditor General said.

The amount is calculated as 0.3 per cent of the national shareable revenues specified in the Division of Revenue Act of every spending cycle.

The funding gap stems from a longstanding dispute over the 0.3 per cent allocation formula, which the National Treasury has contested as unconstitutional.

**Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka during an official visit to collect his party's certificate at the ORPP's office in Westlands, Nairobi, on August 1 /LEAH MUKANGAI**



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For proponents, the Political Parties Fund is a crucial tool for strengthening institutions, reducing over-reliance on well-heeled donors who may expect political favours, and promoting issue-based politics by funding party activities. However, detractors see it as a system that rewards the largest parties and effectively punishes smaller ones, creating a financial duopoly. They argue that it stifles political innovation and makes it nearly impossible for new parties or ideologies to break through, as the established giants are continuously fortified with public money.

## NEWS GENERAL



IEBC commissioner Anne Nderitu /HANDOUT

TARGET IS 6.3M NEW VOTERS

# How IEBC's new voter listing could reshape 2027 election matrix

*Most of those targeted are Gen Z, who recently acquired IDs*

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THE battle for the 2027 general election is increasingly shifting to first-time voters, who form the core target of the electoral agency's continuous voter registration drive.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission has set an ambitious goal of registering at least 6.3 million new voters when the nationwide exercise resumes on September 29.

"The commission projects to enrol an additional 6.3 million new voters, raising Kenya's electoral voice to over 28 million strong," commissioner Anne Nderitu said during the training of voter registration officers in Naivasha.

Most of those targeted are youthful Kenyans—popularly referred to as Gen Z—who have acquired their national identity cards since the 2022 elections.

The numbers could be decisive in what is shaping up to be a fierce contest.

In 2022, President William Ruto of UDA edged out Azimio leader Raila Odinga by 233,211 votes.

With 6.3 million potential new voters, the 2027 outcome could swing sharply depending on registration, turnout and region.

According to the 2019 population census, about eight million young people will have entered the voting bracket by 2027.

Yet, past trends show declining

youth participation. IEBC statistics show voters aged 18–34 years accounted for 39.84 per cent of the register in 2022, a drop of more than five percentage points from 2017.

Female youth registration fell by 7.75 per cent, while male registration dropped by 2.89 per cent. This is despite the fact that nearly 75 per cent of Kenya's population is under 35.

Ruto has already declared his intent to defend his seat, but faces growing pressure from the emerging United Opposition, which has vowed to front a single candidate.

Former Deputy President Rigathi Gachagua, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, former Interior CS Fred Matiang'i, Busia Senator Okiya Om-tatah, and retired Chief Justice David Maraga are all positioning themselves to appeal to the Gen Z vote.

Despite uncertainties surrounding his candidacy, Gachagua has repeatedly pitched himself as a champion of youth issues.

"They [Gen Z] will define the election and tilt the numbers in favour of the person they support, but most of them lack IDs," political analyst Winnie Kaburu told the Star.

Commissioner Nderitu stressed that the upcoming registration is not a box-ticking exercise but the foundation of credible elections.

"Without an accurate, inclusive and trusted register, everything else we do falls short. These are not just statistics. They are voices shaping Kenya's future," she said.

Her colleague, commissioner Alu-

talala Mukhwana, has previously warned that voter apathy remains most pronounced among the youth, noting that reversing the trend will require more than registration drives.

"What the nation requires, particularly from our young people, is civic education—not just about voting, but about our obligations to the state and the state's obligations to us," he said.

To bridge the gap, IEBC plans to "meet young people at their doorsteps," especially online.

"Young people have moved to the internet space. We will go to them because Kenya cannot move forward without its youth. We are mapping out the spaces they occupy so we can tap into their thoughts, ideas and energy," Mukhwana added.

Election Observer Group national coordinator Mulle Musau also urged Gen Z to translate their activism into electoral participation.

## (+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

IEBC says it has rolled out a massive voter education and media campaign since late August, targeting the youth through traditional and social media platforms. The success of the listing will not only test IEBC's operational capacity but will also ultimately determine which political bloc successfully harnesses the power of Gen Z, setting the tone for one of the most keenly contested elections in the country's history.

## POOR ACCOUNTING

# Idle Sh1.8bn funds at three missions alarm lawmakers

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LAWMAKERS are probing why Sh1.8 billion remains locked in foreign missions' accounts years after its allocation for development and embassy operations.

The Public Accounts Committee is scrutinising funds held in Kenya's embassies in Washington, Addis Ababa and London.

The query arose during a review of the State Department for Foreign Affairs' audited accounts for the year ending June 2023 by PAC, chaired by Butere MP Tindi Mwale.

Auditor General Nancy Gathungu questioned the handling of Sh1.8 billion recorded as development cash book balances abroad.

She said the funds accumulated over the years due to the ministry's failure to surrender unutilised allocations at each financial year's close.

In a submission to MPs, Foreign Affairs PS Korir Sing'Oei defended the funds, stating they are cash flow balances for ongoing projects, not idle money.

He explained in the brief obtained by the Star that the Sh1.8 billion was set aside for specific purposes tied to mission operations. "In Washington, DC, the balance includes contractors' retention monies for certified works, pending the defects liability period, and allocations for ongoing refurbishments," Sing'Oei said.

"These funds will be transferred to deposit accounts and released directly, hence no need to factor them into the current budget" the PS explained.

The bulk of the funds is earmarked for purchasing a chancery in London.

Sing'Oei said while the property was identified and procurement finalised, the funds couldn't be spent pending the Attorney General's clearance to hire a conveyancing lawyer.

"Since the process was advanced, funds were retained in the mission's deposit account awaiting the sale agreement's execution," he argued.

The PS acknowledged some missions failed to transfer development

balances to deposit accounts on time but assured MPs the funds are secure and aligned with development priorities, dismissing mismanagement concerns.

Legislators, however, accused the ministry of failing to account for the funds, raising alarms over financial discipline and diplomatic projects.

"What is the difficulty in apportioning this figure? How do we establish how much is tied to Washington, Addis Ababa, or London?" asked Bura MP Yaqub Adow.

Aldai MP Marianne Kitany demanded more light on the London chancery procurement, seeking evidence of the contract's signing, terms and closure.

MPs want evidence showing when the contract was signed, its terms and when it ended.

"Does it mean the procurement was undertaken without legal representation initially?" she asked.

Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo expressed concern over the prolonged delay in purchasing the London chancery despite funds being allocated years ago.

PAC first flagged the matter after discovering the mission operated on an expired lease.

Amollo explained that while no legal input was needed during procurement, conveyancing, but was quick to note that, being a foreign jurisdiction, a local UK practitioner was needed.

"In Kenya, it could be handled internally, but abroad, a conveyancing lawyer is necessary," he added.

On the balances carried forward to the new financial year, Sing'Oei cited Regulation 56 of the Public Finance Management Regulations, which empowers accounting officers to retain resources for multi-year contracts without returning funds to the Treasury.

The PS insisted that it was the reason why some of the money is still being held in various accounts. "We are permitted to hold deposits beyond a financial year where resources cannot be fully utilised in one year," he said.



Butere MP and Public Accounts Committee chairman Tindi Mwale on March 12 /ENOS TECHE

NEWS GENERAL

'BROKERS OF PUBLIC OFFICE'

# Muturi accuses MPs of extortion during vetting for Cabinet

ELIUD KIBII

FORMER Public Service CS Justin Muturi has accused MPs of extortion, saying some legislators demanded bribes from Executive nominees for favourable vetting reports.

In an interview with vernacular station Kameme TV, Muturi said during his Cabinet vetting, MPs "shamelessly demanded a bribe"—a request he declined—although other nominees parted with some cash.

"I have messages in my phone whereby when we were being vetted for CS positions, some members started calling me asking for 'something'. And these are members I know because the Committee on Appointments is mainly constituted by MPs serving the second or third term. I refused and told them if they thought I was not qualified, then they

can make the decision," Muturi said.

When he refused to play the game, the MPs insisted, saying it was not in bad light, but was "tea for the elders".

"So who is an elder there? In fact, one of the messages was from a lady and I don't want to give the name," he stated.

Muturi, who also served as Attorney General, said his colleagues had confided in him that they had "sorted" some of the members.

"They didn't say how much they wanted, but those who had been vetted before me said they had paid them."

Muturi, who is now in the opposition, said when MPs reduce themselves to brokers of public office, then Parliament ceases to serve the people.

"How can the fight against corruption be taken seriously when

those entrusted to vet leaders are busy auctioning the process? Kenya deserves better. Leadership cannot and must never be for sale," he said.

The disclosure further casts the image of the August House poorly, coming soon after President William Ruto accused the members of extortion and bribery.

At the Devolution Conference in Homa Bay last month, the President referred to Parliament as a 'den of corruption', saying MPs demand bribes through different committees.

"There is something happening in Parliament that must be called out. There is money being demanded from the executive, from governors, from people in executive—especially those who are for accountability," Ruto said in his off-the-cuff remarks.

"It cannot continue to be business as usual. It cannot be that committees of Parliament demand to be paid for them to write reports or look the other way."

He reiterated the matter during the joint UDA-ODM parliamentary group meeting, saying some MPs had demanded Sh10 million to pass the anti-money laundering law.

The President further claimed that a governor, whom he did not name, was pressured to part with Sh150 million in the Senate.

Former Public Service CS Justin Muturi during a press briefing at Ufungamano House, Nairobi, after his dismissal on April 2 /LEAH MUKANGAI



The accusation drew criticism from sections of parliamentarians, who demanded that the President provide evidence of the claims.

Presidential aspirant David Maraga weighed in on the matter, saying Kenyans should not accept a one-sided anti-corruption gospel that spares the pulpit while condemning the pews.

"The most diabolical bribing of MPs in Kenya's history was orchestrated by Ruto himself in order to impeach his own deputy. Kenya's President bribes Parliament when he needs to use them as a pitchfork for

his dark manoeuvres, then insults and dismisses these same MPs when he has no use for them. In the mythos of grand political bribes and betrayals, Brutus has nothing on Ruto," the former Chief Justice said.

Former DP Rigathi Gachagua has also claimed legislators were paid to pass his impeachment motion, with Juja MP George Koimburu alleging they were bribed with up to Sh2 million shillings.

In 2019, allegations of bribery rocked Parliament over claims that some members received cash to influence the sugar probe.

INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE

# Sudan crisis: Kenya calls for unified, Africa-led mediation

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE and US, working on restoring peace and security in Sudan



Prime Cabinet Secretary and Foreign Affairs minister Musalia Mudavadi before the National Assembly Regional Integration Committee on August 7 /ENOS TECHE

KENYA has called for a unified and coordinated mediation response from regional and international stakeholders in the Sudan conflict.

The Ministry of Foreign and Diaspora Affairs in a statement said the response from Igad, the African Union, the United Nations, the Arab League and the broader international community should be reconciled and African-led.

"Most significantly, Kenya

underscores the need to harmonise the various peace tracks into an African-led process, firmly supported by the international community," MFA said.

The statement was a reaction to a joint communiqué by the Quad, comprising Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and the US, on their consultations aimed at restoring peace and security in Sudan.

"The Quad meeting is a positive initiative that should be embraced by all parties to the conflict in Sudan. The unprecedented crisis in Sudan

calls for concerted and collective efforts, at the national, regional and global levels, that can contribute to a peaceful resolution," the statement said.

The Quad, at the invitation of the US, on September 12, met and resolved to employ negotiations to quell the conflict.

It, however, noted that ministers expressed support for efforts by Saudi Arabia and the US through the Jeddah process to achieve a permanent ceasefire in Sudan.

It also backed efforts by Egypt

with regards to the Sudanese civil and political forces forum which held its first round in Cairo in July 2024.

In a joint statement, the AU and Igad on Monday said the Quad position fully aligns with their roadmaps for peace in Sudan.

"Therefore, the African Union and Igad reaffirm their readiness to work in partnership with the Quad, with the Sudanese people and with all partners to end the war, protect the sovereignty and unity of Sudan and advance an inclusive, civilian-led political transition.

"In this regard, the AU and Igad, together with the League of Arab States, the UN and the EU will be convening this October, a new reinvigorated round of consultations with Sudanese civilian groups to promote unity among Sudanese and prepare the ground for an inclusive Sudanese-Sudanese dialogue and political transition to civilian-led constitutional order," it added.

Kenya's call also echoes the positions held by Igad and the AU.

In February, a high-level panel discussion on the theme 'Sudan's costly war: Towards a peaceful resolution: The role of AU organs, RECs and RMs to improve coordinated intervention?' pushed for coordinated efforts by the various actors involved in peace processes.

These include the AU organs and institutions, Regional Economic Communities and Regional Mechanisms.

The political meeting was preceded

by the Statutory Technical AGA-APSA Platform meeting held on February 10, that focused on enhancing joint planning, synergies and coordination.

On the backdrop of accusations of harbouring Rapid Support Forces that have established a parallel government in Sudan, Kenya said it joins the Quad in urging all parties to the conflict, as well as external actors, to respect and uphold Sudan's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity.

"Kenya firmly rejects any attempts to balkanise or split sovereign states and reiterates its solid support for a unified Sudan for the benefit of its people," it said.

Nairobi also reiterated its call for an end to external military support as a critical step toward resolving the conflict.

US Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Senator Jim Risch has warned that Sudan's war threatens American interests by choking trade routes, spreading terror havens, empowering adversaries and pushing the region toward collapse.

"I'm glad the Quad can agree that all external military support must end in order to stop this war. Now it is up to these countries, especially the UAE, to do so," Risch said.

The UAE is among external players accused of taking sides and arming RSF in the conflict.

The Independent International Fact-Finding Mission for the Sudan, in its latest report on September 5, said rival forces—SAF and RSF—are deliberately targeting the civilian population, committing atrocities including war crimes on a large scale.

The report to the UN Human Rights Council, 'A war of atrocities', found both parties to the conflict were responsible not only for direct and large-scale attacks against civilians, but also for the extensive destruction of essential infrastructure for survival, including medical centres, markets, food and water systems and displacement camps.

## NEWS GENERAL



**Auditor General Nancy Gathungu appears before the Senate Committee on County Public Investments and Special Funds on September 4 last year**  
/ENOS TECHE

written to defaulters and proposed amendments to tighten the law. However, senators accused him of dragging his feet.

Machakos Senator Agnes Kavindu and nominated senators Raphael Chimera and Hamida Kibwana questioned why recovery efforts only started in March 2024, two years into Otuoma's tenure.

"It seems Busia is giving free money, and no one is serious about recovery," Chimera said.

Busia Senator Okiya Omtatah pressed the governor to act against officers who knowingly approved unsecured loans, warning that Article 226(5) of the Constitution holds public officials personally liable for loss of public funds.

"Crack the whip. Pursue both the officials and the beneficiaries," Omtatah said.

Committee chairperson Godfrey Osotsi suggested the county starts by deducting loans directly from employees' salaries, saying, "Sh53.7 million is not pocket change."

The senators also flagged irregularities in another kitty — the Busia Cooperatives Enterprise Development Fund — where 92 co-operatives received Sh106 million between 2014 and 2019 without collateral.

By June 2023, only Sh39.4 million had been repaid, with just Sh2.8 million recovered from defaulters.

Governor Otuoma told the committee that the county attorney had been directed to initiate legal proceedings.

## IRREGULARITIES

# Busia risks losing Sh50m in shady farmers' loans scheme

*Initially, only 63 staff members admitted to receiving but a deeper audit unearthed 128*

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A report by Auditor General Nancy Gathungu has revealed how 128 Busia county employees disguised themselves as farmers to benefit from "free" agricultural loans, exposing the devolved unit to a possible loss of Sh50.7 million in non-performing loans.

Governor Paul Otuoma was put on the spot by senators on Monday over the scandal, which stems from

the Busia County Agricultural Development Fund.

The fund was created to support small-scale farmers but has now been marred by irregularities, weak laws and outright abuse.

According to the Auditor General's report for the financial year ending June 30, 2024, at least Sh53.7 million was disbursed to farmers between 2016 and 2024 without any form of collateral.

The period spans the regimes of former Governor Sospeter Ojaamong

and his successor, Otuoma. Initially, only 63 staff members admitted to receiving loans, but a deeper audit unearthed 128 county employees pocketing Sh4.8 million from the kitty.

The revelations point to a collusion between the county executive and county assembly, who allegedly watered down the Busia County Agricultural Development Fund Act, 2014, to remove provisions on security and recovery mechanisms.

The fund, designed to be a revolv-

ing scheme, is now at risk of collapse.

Appearing before the Senate County Public Investments and Special Funds Committee, Governor Otuoma admitted the loans were given without safeguards, blaming a "defective law" he inherited.

"The money was meant for small-scale farmers who could not get commercial loans. Initially, we thought only farmers benefited, but an audit revealed county staff were also involved," Otuoma told the committee. He said his administration has

## (+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

The unsecured loans were flagged by the Auditor General Nancy Gathungu in her latest report for the financial year ending June 30, 2024. According to the auditor, the statement of financial position reflects the current portion of long-term receivables from exchange transactions of Sh67.4 million, which relates to loans issued to various cooperative societies.

## FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS

# Be innovative and resilient for reforms in prisons, urges Ruku

**CYRUS OMBATI**

PUBLIC Service CS Geoffrey Ruku Tuesday urged African prisons bosses to be innovative and resilient in their agenda for reforms.

Ruku said the industry faces a number of challenges that need innovation and resilience to reform in general.

He said financial constraints remain a key challenge in the industry hence need for innovation to get alternatives in the issue.

"There is need to be innovative and resilient to achieve the goals set to among others protect rights and promote rehabilitation," he said.

Ruku made the remarks at the opening of High-Level Consultative Workshop for Chiefs of African Correctional Services on the Implementation of African Commission of

Human and Peoples' Rights Resolutions on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa at Eka, Nairobi.

The meeting brought together prisons officials to discuss ways of reforming the industry for a better future.

The State Department for Correctional Services and Kenya Prisons Service, Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law are hosting the event.

The meeting seeks to provide a dedicated platform for dialogue, peer learning and strategic collaboration to confront these shared challenges.

Prisons boss Patrick Arandu said the meeting offers an opportunity to

exchange practical solutions, reaffirm commitments to reform and strengthen continental leadership in building correctional systems that are humane and effective.

Ruku told the prisons bosses to domesticate the ACHPR Resolutions on Prisons and Conditions of Detention in Africa to ensure respect for all.

"You also need to improve prisons conditions as per ACHPR framework to make it a better environment for all," he said.

The CS challenged the meeting to take care of all inmates humanely and in particular the aged ones.

Ruku told the meeting to upgrade infrastructure, ensure access justice for all and address ill treatment. "Share experiences, challenges. What is happening in South Africa can help improve what is happening in Kenya."



**Public Service CS Geoffrey Ruku during the event yesterday** /HANDOUT

"I would love to see a reduced population in the prisons and this is where the Alternative Dispute Resolution is a key ingredient in the criminal justice system," he said.

Arandu said they are implementing a number of reforms in the industry to ensure transformation. He said there

is oversight, improved inmate-prisons relationship and digitisation processes.

"The challenges we have include overcrowding, scarce resources, violent extremism and mental challenges," he said.

He called for cooperation to address the challenges.

NEWS GENERAL

LEGAL BATTLE

# Court declines to issue orders preventing arrest of Ndiang'ui

The tech entrepreneur resurfaced after weeks in hiding over fears of being abducted

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THE High Court in Nairobi has declined to grant anticipatory orders to tech entrepreneur Ndiang'ui Kinyagia, a petitioner who resurfaced after weeks in hiding.

This comes even as the court directed police to return his property seized during a search operation.

Delivering his ruling yesterday, Justice Chacha Mwita said that the habeas corpus petition initially filed to compel the state to produce the petitioner had been overtaken by events.

Ndiang'ui, who had been reported missing, has since presented himself before the authorities, recorded a statement and is cooperating with investigators. The court therefore marked the case as withdrawn.

The matter had begun with claims that Ndiang'ui had disappeared under unclear circumstances.

Through senior counsel Martha Karua, he said that he had chosen to go into hiding after his residence was raided by police without notice.

In an affidavit dated August 5, he told the court that the locks to his home were changed during the raid and that he feared abduction, torture, or even death, citing past incidents in which other individuals in similar circumstances had suffered such outcomes.

Karua told the court that Ndiang'ui's absence had left his family in distress. She narrated that his mother, alarmed by his sudden disappearance, had approached the Law Society of Kenya seeking urgent intervention.

According to Karua, the mother was "mentally broken" by the situation and acted in desperation, as any parent would, prompting the filing of the habeas corpus petition.

The affidavit further explained that Ndiang'ui had deliberately left his phone behind when he went into hiding, aware that mobile devices are often used to track individuals.

He said he did not know about the court petition until he re-established contact with a relative.

Karua argued that her client had not misled the LSK, but had acted out of genuine fear for his safety.

During the hearing, counsel for the Directorate of Criminal Investigations confirmed that Ndiang'ui had since appeared before the police and provided a statement.

They argued that the habeas corpus petition had therefore served its purpose and should be marked as spent.

However, they strongly opposed the request for anticipatory bail, insisting that granting such an order would amount to shielding an individual from lawful arrest or investigation.

The lawyers representing the re-



Lawyer Wahome Thuku and his client Ndiang'ui Kinyagia at Milimani High Court yesterday /EZEKIEL AMING'A

spondents maintained that police must be allowed to carry out their constitutional mandate without in-

terference from the courts. In a rejoinder, Karua asked the court to protect her client from

harassment and pressed for the return of property and gadgets seized during the raid.

She argued that police had not obtained court authorisation to keep the items for two months after they were taken.

She also hinted that her client might file a separate civil suit for damages arising from the incident.

The LSK formally withdrew from acting for Ndiang'ui once he resurfaced, stating that he was now in a position to appoint his own lawyers for any follow-up claims.

In his ruling, Justice Mwita balanced the submissions of all parties.

He said that since the petitioner was alive and cooperating with in-

vestigators, the habeas corpus application had lost its basis. The judge ordered police to return the seized property once investigations were complete, but declined to grant anticipatory bail.

He emphasised that while courts have a duty to protect citizens, they cannot prevent investigative agencies from exercising their lawful authority.

The judge nonetheless reminded authorities that all actions must conform to constitutional principles of human rights and accountability.

He warned that any future threats or violations against Ndiang'ui could be addressed in fresh proceedings if they arose.

**(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS**

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### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's Degree
- Comprehensive awareness of Refugee & Humanitarian resettlement operations and/or the delivery of services to refugees in long term host country environments.
- Experience with leading case management & service delivery teams in large organisations in cross border environments.
- Experience with identifying and resolving service delivery issues or failures.

All applications should be submitted through the link on or before 26th September 2025; <https://www.myjobsinkeny.com/jobs/operations-manager-6/view>

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The Assistant Development Officer is responsible for

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- Have proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word/Excel & PowerPoint)
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### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Desirable – tertiary qualification in relevant field
- Microsoft suite of products including Outlook, Excel, and Word
- Fluency (written/oral) in both English and the business language of your regional office
- Comprehensive awareness of Refugee & Humanitarian resettlement operations and/or the delivery of services to refugees in long term host country environments.
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## DRAUGHTSMAN - MEP - GREAT LIONS LIMITED

We are hiring a Draughtsman MEP who report to the Operations Manager to produce accurate shop drawings for the Electrical division according to industry standards.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Technical certificate or diploma in draftsmanship
- Fully conversant with AutoCAD 2D & 3D/ Revit
- At least three years of proven experience in a similar position in a contracting environment
- Conversant with all different design techniques related to the discipline in producing as-made, construction and shop drawings

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- Degree in Quantity Surveying or equivalent
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- Minimum 3 years' experience in a similar role, within Kenya
- Must have an excellent command of the Spanish or French language – both spoken and written
- Fully compliant with TRA and NTSA Tour Driver paperwork (attach copies in the application)

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NEWS BUSINESS

WARNING

# MPs threaten to halt sale of East African Portland Cement

JACKTONE LAWI

MEMBERS of Parliament are threatening to stop the proposed acquisition of East African Portland Cement should the process fail to be done above board.

The Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives has raised questions over the planned acquisition of EAPC shares by Kalahari Group, terming the process opaque and potentially a “hostile takeover.”

This refers to a company acquiring another against the wishes of the target company’s management and board.

During a heated session chaired by Aldai MP and the committee’s vice chairperson, Maryanne Keitany, MPs questioned why the company’s management, employees and the public had not been adequately involved.

This despite 52 per cent of EAPC being owned through the National Treasury and the National Social Security Fund (NSSF).

“So, it is a very pertinent question, because the majority of these 52 per cent represent also the same staff and also these same staff have relatives, they have their own livelihoods, that we must understand what plans are there,” said Keitany.

While poking holes on the proposed deal the committee sought to determine whether the acquisition safeguards the interests of government, minority shareholders and employees.

“Public participation is critical, because this is not just any private company. The people of Kenya, through their pensions and taxes, own a majority of this firm. We must know if due diligence was done and if employees and local communities were involved,” Keitany said.

EAPC managing director Mohamed Adan confirmed that neither management nor staff had been engaged on the proposed transaction.

He noted that uncertainty had created anxiety among employees about potential job losses and chang-

es in operations. “As management, we have not been approached, and there has been no visibility on due diligence. Employees are understandably jittery, because livelihoods are at stake. Human capital is key to our success, and any change of ownership will affect them,” Adan told MPs.

Lawmakers further pressed Adan on whether the company had the financial capacity to buy back the shares itself instead of waiting for Kalahari’s takeover.

Funyula Member of parliament Wilberforce Oundo questioned why EAPC couldn’t acquire the shares by itself rather than letting an entity that has announced plans to exit the sub-Saharan market take over.

“Why are you planning to wait to buy the shares or buy back from Kalahari? Because Kalahari is basically the one buying from Holcim, according to the proposed sale. So, why are you waiting for them to buy, for you to buy from Kalahari?” paused Oundo,

“Why don’t you just stand and say that we have the money, the money is available, and you are capable to buy?”

Adan revealed that share buyback was a possible option, given EAPC’s improved cash flow following a turnaround strategy.

“A share buyback could settle this matter once and for all, as it would increase the stake of existing shareholders. However, no such option has been tabled for us,” he said.



EAPC MD Mohamed Adan /FILE

DROP

# StaChart NSE share price sheds Sh15 on profit alert

It projects its earnings for the year to December 2025 to be at least 25% lower



The Standard Chartered Bank branch along Kenyatta Avenue, Nairobi /FILE

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STANDARD Chartered Bank Kenya (SCBK) has warned investors that its 2025 earnings will be impacted as it moves to settle a Sh7 billion pension obligation for former employees.

In a statement, the Tier 1 lender projected that its net earnings for the year ending December 31, 2025, would be at least 25 percent lower than those recorded in 2024.

The announcement saw the bank’s share price at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) tumble, shedding close to Sh15 compared to Mon-

day trading and nearly Sh60 lower compared to its 52-week high of Sh347.50, set on Aug 19, 2025.

Standard Chartered began the year with a share price of Sh279.75 and has since gained 9.47 per cent on that price valuation, ranking it 49th on the NSE in terms of year-to-date performance.

The Tuesday warning means that the lender’s profits will drop by Sh7.1 billion or more, compared to the Sh28.5 billion reported in 2024, a figure almost similar to what it is awarding former employees in pension compensation. Capital Markets Authority regulations demand that

any listed company must issue a caution if its profits are projected to fall by 25 per cent.

On Friday, the lender announced that it had started processing payments for 629 pensioners, following the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold a claim on the lender’s pension fund.

“We would like to reassure our clients and stakeholders that SCBK is adequately capitalised to meet the anticipated obligations,” said Board chairperson Kellen Kariuki.

“We continue to execute our strategy of combining differentiated cross-border capabilities with leading wealth management expertise underpinned by sustainability.”

On Tuesday, market analysts asked investors to take caution due to relatively weak performance in the first six months of the year and the unfavorable court ruling, having lost nine per cent of its value in the past four weeks.

The lender recorded a 21 per cent decline in after-tax profit to Sh8.1 billion in the first six months ended June 30, 2025, down from Sh10.2 billion in the same period last year.

The bank’s asset base also marginally contracted 1.4 per cent to Sh372.1 billion year-on-year. However, total equity edged up 2.3 per cent to Sh65.6 billion from Sh64.1 billion, underpinned by growth in retained earnings, capital grants, and fair value.

The profit warning news is coming

just five days after the bank officially closed the shareholders’ book ahead of dividend payout on October 7.

Last month, the bank announced the payment of an interim dividend of Sh8 for every ordinary share of Sh5.

The forecasted low revenue is also expected to take a toll on shareholders’ earnings at the end of the financial year, after enjoying one of the highest dividends in 2024.

Last year, investors took home a final dividend of Sh45 per share, up from Sh29 in 2023, after the lender posted a 45 per cent growth in net earnings for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The financial statement presented to investors in Nairobi in March indicated that the bank paid a record dividend of Sh13.9 billion after its full-year profit rose to Sh20.1 billion compared to Sh13.8 billion in the previous year.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Standard Chartered Bank in May this year launched a new wealth campaign in Kenya, intensifying its focus on affluent clients. The move was part of a global strategy to grow its wealth management business. The bank is investing USD 1.5 billion into its affluent segment over the next five years.

THE DATA

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The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

Kenya’s shilling remained stable against the US dollar on Tuesday as inflows ensured stable supply in the market

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Mean
US DOLLAR	129.2400
EURO	152.2189
STG POUND	176.0120
SA RAND	7.4544
KES / TSHS	19.1117
KES / USHS	27.1201
AEDIRHAM	35.1903
JPY (100)	87.9333
CHINESE YUAN	18.1629
IND RUPEE	1.4671

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
CAR&GENERAL	39.25	6.95
UCHUMI	0.35	6.06
PORTLAND CEMENT	58.50	4.46
SANLAM	9.46	3.50
SKL	8.18	3.28

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
HOME AFRIKA	1.51	9.04
SAMEER	14.15	5.35
STANCHART BANK	291.25	4.90
LONGHORN	2.82	4.08
UMEME	8.62	4.01



TIP OF THE DAY  
MITIGATE LONELINESS ON YOUR TEAM

Loneliness isn’t just a personal struggle—it’s a workplace challenge that quietly erodes trust, creativity, and performance.

As a leader, you can counteract it by embedding connection directly into how your team works. Here’s where to start.

**Build team cohesion through shared identity.** Create shared narratives and simple rituals that reinforce belonging—for example, quarterly “culture calibrations” where teams reflect on what’s working and what’s not. When people feel part of something bigger, they stay committed and connected.

**Design collaboration to build trust.** Treat relationship-building as a core part of work. Use buddy systems, structured introductions, and intentional rotations to strengthen ties and accelerate integration.

**Model humanity to build resilience.** Open team meetings with quick check-ins, ask energy-related questions in 1:1s, and occasionally share your own challenges. These small signals build psychological safety and reduce isolation.

**Operationalize belonging through systems.** Bake connection into reviews, onboarding, and cultural rituals. Regular “stay interviews” make inclusion a repeatable habit, not an aspiration.

**Set the tone by acknowledging your own need for connection.** Audit your time, seek peer support, and name moments of disconnection. Vulnerability at the top gives others permission to connect more authentically.

## NEWS BUSINESS

## CONCERN

# Oil dealers fault cooking gas import approval disparities

*Kebs and its pre-shipment licensed firms have not been reading from same script*

MARTIN MWITA  
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FIRMS keen on importing cooking gas under the planned Open Tender System are concerned that gaps in standards approvals between Kebs and its licensed global inspection firms is creating confusion in the market.

The latest is the rejection and later approval of a five-million-kilogramme gas shipment imported by Kilifi-based Tanzanian firm—Lake Gas. This is despite the shipment having been approved by a Kenya Bureau of Standards appointed agent—SGS and issued with a Pre-export verification of Conformity (PVoC).

Clearing and shipment documents seen by the Star show the product estimated at \$2.9 million (Sh381.5 million) from Saudi Arabia was issued with a PVoC dated September 9, 2025, with tests having been conducted by SGS Dubai on behalf of the exporter - Energia Trading International SA at Jeddah Anchorage.

According to the latest KS EAS 1105:2025 Kenya Standard—Liquefied Petroleum Gas, products for domestic “Shall not contain more than 40 per cent propane when tested.

The cargo was first rejected upon arrival at the Kipevu Oi Terminal in Mombasa over alleged “safety concerns”, before the standards body making a u-turn to declare the product fit for the Kenyan market.

“Samples were drawn from Tank 4 and Tank 2 on 09/09/2025 from the consignment imported by yourselves. The samples were tested against specification requirements KS EAS 1105:2025 KENYA STANDARD. The samples complied with the require-



An LPG tanker heads into the Port of Mombasa /HANDOUT

ments of the Standard in the parameters tested,” Kebs’ inspection manager for Coast region, Hassan Abdikheir, said in a letter dated September 11, to Lake Gas management.

“Consequently, the consignment in Tank 4 and Tank 2 is hereby released by Kebs and you are free to offer the product for sale in the local market,” he added.

This was a contradiction from an earlier decision even as Kebs management disowned an earlier letter that had declared 4,075.525 tonnes of butane and 926.473 tonnes of propane unsafe over excess levels of propane and insufficient butane.

“Kenya Bureau of Standards assures the general public that the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in the market is safe for use. Contrary to reports circulating online indicating that the Bureau has rejected consignment from Lake Gas Limited, Kebs wishes to inform the public that the said rejection letter did not originate from Kebs,” it said.

It however noted that a consignment of LPG from Lake Gas Limited was recently subjected to sampling,

testing and certification.

“Kebs therefore wishes to assure the public that the LPG from Lake Gas Limited meets the quality standards and is safe for use,” management said.

Sector players however termed the move by Kebs as “contradicting and frustrating” to OMCs.

Supplycor, an independent entity incorporated by the OMCs in Kenya to coordinate activities along the fuel supply chain, wants Kebs to “put its house in order”. A section of OMCs point to a ploy to frustrate other market players whose dominance is said to have been threatened by the incoming Open Tender System.

“We cannot have a Kebs licenses inspection company conduct all the necessary tests, give the approval for

shipment then all of a sudden the cargo is not fit and later approved, this is creating confusion in the industry,” a top Supplycor director who is also a CEO of a leading OMC told the Star, in anonymity.

This is the second time Lake Gas is facing hiccups with LPG imports since commissioning its over Sh10.4 billion LPG terminal in Vipingo earlier this year.

In June, the facility which is being expanded with an additional 15,000 tonnes of LPG handling capacity, received 11,475 tonnes of LPG from Nigeria aboard MT Barumk Gas.

“The current regime has been pushing towards clean energy and we believe this infrastructure has come at the right time to help the country achieve cleaner energy,” Lake Gas Limited general manager Morris Mutiso said.

Entry of the Tanzanian firm and other planned entries into the LPG market is said to have rattled a number of players among them Mombasa-based African Gas and Oil Limited (AGOL), which has for years handled over 90 per cent of the cooking gas imported for Kenya.

Lake Gas is targeting both the handling of bulk LPG imports and the retail market with its facility, the second largest in the country after AGOL’s.

Kenya Pipeline Company and a number of private firms, including Tanzania’s Taifa Gas, are also in the process of setting up terminals for handling imports of LPG, amid a steady growth in its use.

Consumption last year was at about 414,861 metric tonnes up from 360,594 metric tonnes in 2023, latest industry data shows.

## THE DATA

## 414,861

Metric tonnes of LPG consumed last year

## INITIATIVE

## State starts youth training in World Bank-backed NYOTA programme

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MORE than 5,000 youths are currently undergoing a business development skills training, equipping them with the necessary skills to start and run their own enterprises.

This is part of the National Youth Opportunities Towards Advancement (NYOTA)—a five-year government project with the overall goal of increasing employment, enhancing earnings and promoting savings for vulnerable youth nationwide. It is supported by the World Bank. The initial training targets youths in four counties of Bungoma, Busia, Kakamega and Vihiga, before expanding to other regions with about 1.4 million applications for the NYOTA programme from across the country.

Beneficiaries will get a start-up capital of Sh50,000 towards their business upon successful completion

of the training. According to the State Department of MSME Development which is implementing the programme through the Micro and Small Enterprises Authority (MSEA), the start-up capital will be issued in two batches of Sh25,000.

Sh3,000 in each of the batches will be deposited in the Haba Haba saving scheme that is being run by National Social Security Fund (NSSF). At least 100,000 youth aged between 18 to 29 years, and up to 35 years for Persons Living with Disability, will benefit from the business grant in three cohorts.

The first cohort will comprise 54,000 beneficiaries while the second and third cohorts will benefit 30,000 and 16,000 beneficiaries respectively. Cooperatives and MSMEs Development CS Wycliffe Oparanya on Monday, during the project update in Nairobi, said his ministry



Micro and Small Enterprise Authority CEO Henry Rithaa, Cooperatives, MSMEs Development CS Wycliffe Oparanya and PS Susan Mang’eni /HANDOUT

expects to roll-out training rapidly across the other seven clusters. “After completing classroom training in each cluster, the phased disbursement of the business start-up capital to the trained beneficiaries will commence to enable them launch their businesses. Subsequently, they will receive hands-on support from business

development experts to incubate their ideas,” said Oparanya.

He said official launch of NYOTA Project will coincide with the commencement of disbursing start-up capital to the trained beneficiaries in cluster 1 and will be presided over by President William Ruto in a few weeks.

## CULTURE CHANGE

By Chris Harrison

Good enough



PERFECTION has a powerful allure. Leaders and organisations often set out to create flawless strategies, impeccable processes and grand declarations of excellence.

The trouble is, perfection is unattainable and the pursuit of it can quietly undermine the very outcomes an organisation hopes to achieve. I see this most clearly in the way companies use language. Corporate statements are often loaded with absolute promises: “We will deliver unmatched levels of service to our valued customers” or “We will ensure world-class standards in everything we do.” These phrases may sound impressive in the boardroom, but they rarely survive contact with the real world. By the time these ideals cascade down through layers of management, they can produce strange results. I have heard relatively junior staff repeat such claims with absolute conviction, as though their daily tasks could, on their own, “ensure” perfect service for every customer. This gap between lofty words and practical realities is where strategy and execution often part company.

People on the ground know that life and work are messy. Systems fail, colleagues make mistakes and customers themselves are not always reasonable. The daily effort of looking after people is full of nuance and compromise. When staff are forced to cling to exaggerated promises, they can feel either disheartened by their inability to live up to them or detached from a vision that never feels relevant. The irony is that customers rarely ask for perfection. What they truly value is reliability, responsiveness, and being treated with genuine respect. Promising “unmatched levels of service” is less credible than simply committing to “look after the people who give us their business.” The latter sets a standard that is both human and achievable - and far more likely to be delivered consistently.

In my work on organisational culture, I encourage leaders to embrace the discipline of being “good enough.” Not in the sense of lowering ambition, but of aiming squarely at what customers actually need, in the context of the marketplace they operate in. Markets are dynamic, competitors are active, and customer expectations are constantly evolving. The measure of success is not perfection, but fitness for purpose. When leaders model this pragmatism, cultures become more grounded. Staff are freed from the burden of impossible absolutes and can focus instead on delivering tangible value. The organisation builds credibility by keeping promises it can realistically honour, rather than eroding trust with empty superlatives. Ultimately, good enough is not a compromise. It is the sweet spot where strategy and execution meet. Where customer needs are addressed consistently, and where culture is built on trust rather than illusion.

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# RARE GENETIC DISORDER THAT HELPS CANCER RUN IN FAMILIES

*Condition affecting only 1,000 families worldwide dramatically raises the risk of cancers*



Former Citizen TV sports anchor Elly Abong'o, who succumbed to colon cancer in 2010 /HANDOUT

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In May 2010, Elly Abong'o, a well-known media personality in the sports world, succumbed to colon cancer. The former Citizen TV sports news anchor who also worked for British Broadcasting Corporation's Swahili (BBC's) and Radio Simba then, left behind a three-year old girl who had innocently and helplessly watched her father fight the ailment.

As the disease developed, she noticed that she could no longer take the long walks with her father. Play time became limited as Elly tried to bravely combat the disease, confident that he would emerge triumphant. Sadly, he died, leaving his young family behind. Unfortunately, he also left a gene in his offspring that put his daughter Fridah Lakita at risk of developing cancer.

Seven years after his death, Lakita was diagnosed with a bone cancer known as osteosarcoma, which resulted in the loss of her right leg.

Her mother, Joyce Abong'o, says the girl began experiencing pain on her knee in 2017.

"I would massage her to ease the pain but on one night in September 2017, the pain became intense," she says.

"We sought medical attention and a scan revealed she had a tumour."

Although her first round of treatment was successful, the cancer relapsed and she is currently undergoing treatment in India, where she got amputated in 2018.

Doctors believe the condition was as a result of Li-Fraumeni syndrome (LFS), a genetic disorder that runs in her family.

"Elly was orphaned at a tender age and his mother, brother and sister, who have all died, are suspected to have all died of cancer-related disorders," Joyce says.

Therefore, Elly, and later his daughter, were vulnerable to LFS and associated cancers.

### ABOUT THE DISORDER

Li-Fraumeni syndrome is a rare genetic condition first described in 1969 by Dr Joseph Fraumeni and Dr Frederick Li in 1969 as caused by mutations in the TP53 gene, commonly known as the "guardian of the genome".

It dramatically raises the risk of cancers such as sarcomas, breast cancer, brain tumors and leukemia, frequently affecting children and young adults.

Because of its hereditary nature, entire families can be impacted across generations, making community support essential.

Researchers reveal that everyone

with this condition has a 90 per cent chance of developing a type of cancer before they reach the age of 60.

According to the LFS Association, "Cancers related to this condition may occur at any age, but a characteristic feature of LFS is a high risk for cancer occurring in childhood."

Many of the females who have LFS are at a high risk of developing breast cancer.

Still, Lakita's experience shows that people with LFS can develop other types of cancer, which calls for regular screening.

After chemotherapy, Lakita developed Myelodysplastic Syndromes, a condition that occurs when the cells that form blood in the bone develop abnormalities and the marrow cannot make sufficient healthy new blood cells.

According to the American Cancer Society, "Many of the blood cells formed by these bone marrow cells are defective. As these defective cells build up in the bone marrow, they can crowd out normal blood cells."

Therefore, it is important for cancer patients to undergo regular screening to determine whether they are at risk of developing other cancers due to LFS.

During screening, healthcare providers use genetic testing to diagnose the syndrome. They first examine your medical history as well as that of your family. If LFS is suspected, they consider whether your parents or siblings have been diagnosed with cancer before the age of 45.

They also consider whether your grandparents, uncles, nieces, nephews and even grandchildren have been diagnosed with any type of cancer before they are 45 years old. Screening and early diagnosis allows doctors to

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JUDY MELODY\*

*Losing my hair was hard for me at first, but I quickly realised that it's only hair and that hair grows back*

treat any potential cancers, improving the chances of survival.

Although LFS cannot be treated, it can be managed, with cancer treatments provided the same way that people without the condition receive it.

Treatment may involve standard therapies, such as chemotherapy and radiation. In some cases, such as Lakita's, treatment may involve surgery.

However, people with Li-Fraumeni syndrome are at higher risks of developing cancers after undergoing radiation exposure. Therefore, doctors adjust treatment to minimise radiation therapy.

Once diagnosed with LFS, it is important to undergo regular screening for early detection of cancers that may be triggered by the condition.

**SERIAL CANCERS**

Research shows that people with the syndrome may develop more than one cancer.

One cancer survivor, Judy Melody\* (not her real name), says she developed adrenal cancer as an infant.

At 24 years of age, she was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer.

"I had a lot of scans, tests, lost my hair and ultimately had a double mastectomy," she says.

"Losing my hair was hard for me at first, but I quickly realised that it's only hair and that hair grows back."

Later still, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer, melanoma and sarcoma. It was only after the diagnosis of melanoma that doctors suspected and confirmed the existence of Li-Fraumeni syndrome.

Melody understands that cancer will be a permanent part of her life. Yet, her story is evidence that no one should lose hope due to a cancer diagnosis.

"Learning I had Li-Fraumeni actually put me at ease. I finally understood why I kept getting cancer," she says.

"With this genetic information, my doctors know to monitor me very closely, which I am thankful for. Even though I know I'll face cancer throughout my life, I won't let cancer and Li-Fraumeni syndrome define who I am. Instead, they empower me."

The syndrome and the development of cancer leave a gaping hole in the family's pockets and becomes a barrier to seeking financial prospects.

Joyce worked as a film journalist in the mainstream media, and she had to resign to give all her attention to her late husband after he was diagnosed with colon cancer then.

Her daughter's condition has further drained the family's financial resources. Surgery and treatment for Lakita was very expensive during the first round. Since then, they have been travelling to India every year for checkups, and Lakita had her prosthesis surgically fixed.

Joyce has to pay heavy fees for travelling and medical expenses since the checkups and reviews have to be done annually.

Since Lakita is physically developing like other girls her age, her prosthetic leg has to be checked and adjusted to suit her stage of physical development.

Lakita is not the only LFS patient Kenya. Lack of awareness and the unavailability of the LFS TP53 gene testing for diagnosis in the country are challenges that accost many Kenyans with LFS symptoms.

For example, Lakita and her moth-

**Fridah Lakita when she had her right leg amputated while undergoing treatment for bone cancer in India in 2018 /HANDOUT**



er have to settle in India (during treatment period) since they cannot travel as frequently as required for checkups, treatment and management of the condition.

Myths about LFS also pose significant challenges to patients. "Many Africans believe LFS is a form of curse of some sort and they likely are not educated or there has not been con-

sistent awareness to educated people about LFS," Joyce says.

"There is a lot of stigmatisation for many patients if they happen to experience LFS disorders or cancer within the family set-up, thereby causing a lot of trauma to the families."

**FINDING SOLIDARITY**

As LFS is a rare condition, it is not easy to find people with similar experiences with whom to share the challenges and pains of the journey.

Fortunately, there have been dedicated efforts to bring people with LFS from all over the world together.

The Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Association (LFSA) US Chapter holds international events that bring together people with the condition from all over the world.

The association's president, Jean Perry, says LFSA was born out of the realisation that young people living with LFS needed a dedicated space of their own.

"I recognised an unmet need: the youth," Perry said. "From that moment, we knew we had to create a space just for them."

The result was the creation of biennial youth workshops that balance community building and rigorous science.

This year's event, titled 'The International LFSA Youth Workshop 2025', was held in Boston, Massachusetts in the United States last month.

It brought together young people, families and health experts, who

engaged in storytelling, science and support for three days.

Among the young people invited to the workshop was Lakita. Unfortunately, she could not travel to the United States since she was in India, seeking treatment.

For the attendees, the experience was immersive. They attended DNA workshops with the guidance of genetic counselors and went on lab tours with doctors, including Dr Kornelia Polyak.

They visited the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Cancer and Blood Disorders Centre at the Boston Children's Hospital.

They also shared their experiences of life with LFS and learned about the condition in small mentoring groups.

"Meeting people like me is the biggest thing I will take home," one attendee said.

Parents like Joyce who attended the workshops had their own sessions tailored to help them learn about managing the condition in their children.

Further, they talked about the unique challenges of helping children with LFS transition to adulthood under the guidance of Dr Brandy DeRosa and DFCI senior genetic counselor Kathy Schneider.

"It was the most caring, warm and welcoming experience. It felt like a family reunion, even though it was our first time," one parent said.

The LFSA Africa Chapter is led by Kenyan scientist Samuel Omolo, PhD researcher at the Pan African Institute of Genomic Sciences.

He has been coordinating with the LFSA US Chapter on how to accelerate awareness and advocacy of this rare hereditary disorder.

"At the moment, I have been studying this rare syndrome and genetic predisposition in Africa to understand the inheritance patterns, founder gene, prevalence rate in Africa and how to increase advocacy by involving like-minded researchers from different African countries," Omolo says.

He adds that the biannual LFSA Youth Workshop organised by LFSA US Chapter has been of great help in offering more information to LFS families and researchers for awareness purposes not only in the US but also other countries around the globe.

It is estimated that about 1,000 families the world over have LFS, meaning that geographical distance is a major barrier to community support.

People like Lakita usually have to rely on a small circle of family and friends for emotional and financial support as they fight cancer.

Therefore, workshops that bring them together go a long way in showing them that they are not battling the condition alone.

More importantly, they have the opportunity to gain up-to-date knowledge on the management of the condition from experts.

"Every workshop is not just about information, it is about transformation. Our youth are not only patients, they are future scientists, doctors and advocates. They are the reason we continue to push forward," LFSA president Jean Perry says.

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**Lakita's mother Joyce Abong'o when she and Lakita attended the LFSA Youth Workshop in USA in 2023 /HANDOUT**

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### Let's support Duale in fight against cartels

**A**DEN Duale, the pugnacious Health Cabinet Secretary, announced at the weekend that he is preparing the right arsenal to obliterate the cartels in the ministry, salivating at the billions they can steal by providing shoddy services, overpriced and expired drugs and machines.

Duale takes no prisoners, that's his public persona, and it is our hope that he means it when he says he has the backing of MPs, doctors and the public in his courageous mission to chop off the hydra-headed monster of corruption that permeates every nook and cranny of the ministry.

The well-meaning minister will be aware that two ministers before him have been reshuffled in less than three years.

The minister's weekend war cry in Vihiga must be taken to mean the cartels are so powerful that the ministry has no capacity to keep them off the gravy train.

We also hope that his crusade to stop over-invoicing of cooked-up patient figures will bear fruit because it seems those profiting must be up the food chain where even Duale seems powerless to rein them in.

In the war on corruption, Duale desperately needs the media in his corner because the sharper the light, the more the criminals and their representatives retreat to find easier prey.

**Quote of the day:** "Those who promise us paradise on earth never produced anything but a hell." —Austrian-British philosopher Karl Popper died on September 17, 1994

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## PRESIDENT RUTO AT 3: BALANCING PROGRESS, POLITICS AND PROTEST

By Fredrick Okango

*The challenge now is to turn statistical gains into real household relief, to build political inclusivity while safeguarding accountability*



**A**S President William Ruto marks three years in office, Kenya faces a crucial moment of reflection.

Elected in 2022 on a populist platform centred around the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda, his presidency has been characterised by bold reforms, difficult adjustments and widespread public debate. The question is whether the promise of bottom-up change can finally be realised at the grassroots level.

The Ruto administration has made gains on the macroeconomic front. Inflation, which stood at 9.6 per cent in October 2022, has dropped to 4.1 per cent, one of the lowest in Africa. The shilling has strengthened from Sh162 to Sh129 against the dollar, while foreign exchange reserves have doubled to \$10.8 billion, covering four months of imports. The Central Bank Rate has also eased from 13 per cent to 9.75 per cent, signalling renewed investor confidence.

Yet, behind the numbers lies a tougher story. Fuel prices have risen by 22 per cent, electricity tariffs by nearly 50 per cent and basic foods such as sugar and beans by 61 per cent and 30 per cent. For many households, these increases overshadow the macroeconomic gains. Poverty remains stubbornly high, with 40 per cent of Kenyans below the poverty line. As one Nairobi trader summed it up: "This has been the most difficult year, worse than Covid."

The government has rolled out several ambitious social programmes with mixed

outcomes. The Hustler Fund has disbursed more than Sh39 billion to small traders and informal workers, but defaults exceeding \$20 million (Sh2.6 billion) and waning confidence—just 10 per cent of Kenyans viewed it as successful by June 2023—highlight gaps in design and delivery.

Other initiatives have made more visible progress. The Affordable Housing Programme has launched more than 100,000 units, creating jobs and stimulating construction. The Social Health Authority, through Taifa Care, has enrolled 23.7 million Kenyans and processed claims worth Sh49 billion, replacing the NHIF with a more inclusive, digital-first model. In education, more than 76,000 teachers have been hired and thousands of classrooms built for junior secondary schools.

If there is one area where reforms are most visible, it is agriculture. Fertiliser prices have dropped from Sh6,500 to Sh2,500, with distribution expanded from 1.4 million to 8.6 million bags. More than six million farmers are now

digitally registered and milk prices have increased from Sh37 to Sh50 per litre. Food production has grown by 50 per cent as a result of these interventions. Farmers, however, still complain about rising seed prices, reminding us that even strong reforms face pressure points.

Despite progress, Ruto's tenure has not been without turbulence. The doubling of VAT on fuel and other tax measures sparked nationwide protests in 2024, tragically leading to at least 39 deaths. These demonstrations, led largely by young people, birthed the slogan wantam—one term—a powerful symbol of frustration with governance and economic strain.

The President responded by withdrawing the Finance Bill, 2024, cutting non-essential budgets and pledging reforms in state agencies. These moves demonstrated political sensitivity to public pressure. However, allegations of police brutality, including high-profile cases, continue to erode trust and fuel opposition narratives.

Even in the face of discon-

tent, opportunities remain for Ruto to consolidate his legacy. Internationally, Kenya has emerged as a leader in climate action, hosting the Africa Climate Summit 2023 and pushing the Nairobi Declaration. With nearly 80 per cent of its energy from renewables, Kenya is positioned to drive Africa's green transition. Programmes such as ClimateWorX, which employs 200,000 youth in ecological restoration, showcase this potential.

Diplomatically, Ruto's call for reforms in global financial systems and debt relief for Africa has resonated widely, strengthening Kenya's global profile. Domestically, his evolving partnership with opposition leader Raila Odinga has opened space for political stability. Both speakers of Parliament have endorsed this rapprochement as an example of leadership that rises above rivalry. But history warns that elite bargains only endure when they deliver tangible benefits to ordinary citizens.

The challenge now is to turn statistical gains into real household relief, to build political inclusivity while safeguarding accountability and to match Kenya's climate leadership with sustainable jobs at home. The paradox of his presidency is that while he has steadied the numbers, he must now steady the lives of Kenyans. His legacy will depend on whether the bottom-up promise is not only spoken from the top but also felt at the very bottom.

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# MAKE AUDITOR'S REPORTS SELF-EXECUTING

**K**ENYA'S persistent struggle with public accountability has reached a critical juncture, where the Office of the Auditor General's reports, despite their meticulous revelations of financial malpractices, often vanish into oblivion after being tabled in Parliament. This cycle of exposure without enforcement breeds widespread despondency among citizens, who watch billions in public funds squandered without consequence.

*By Lawi Sultan*

*An examination of parliamentary Hansard records shows a systemic failure spanning over a decade with reports received, debated and recommended for action, only to languish in implementation limbo*



Senator Okiya Omtatah's August 12, 2025, appearance on a popular radio station laid bare the depth of this dysfunction. During his time on the Public Accounts Committee, 148 reports recommending action were forwarded to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, only to receive no updates, a failure he attributed to the EACC's severe capacity constraints, including limited manpower, civilian leadership and absence in counties like Busia.

The public lamentations of the Cabinet Secretary for the Treasury, John Mbadi, with regard to resistance from government teams' usage of the newly established e-government procurement system are a stark pointer to where the problem lies.

Yet, a deeper examination of parliamentary Hansard records since 2010 underscores that this is no isolated incident but a systemic failure spanning over a decade, with OAG reports consistently received, debated and recommended for action, only to languish in implementation limbo.

To shatter this impasse, Kenya must render OAG reports self-ex-

ecuting, empowering the Auditor General with a robust Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism and imposing severe sanctions for non-compliance, thereby restoring public trust through swift, independent enforcement.

Parliament's Hansard chronicles a disheartening pattern since the 2010 constitution bolstered the OAG's independence and mandate. In the early years from 2010 to 2015, reports on entities like the Kenya Dairy Board for the financial year 2011-12 and the Integrated Financial Management Information System spanning 2010-2014 were tabled and committed to the PAC, yielding recommendations for systemic audits, the EACC probes into mismanagement and capacity building through consultancies. Yet, implementation faltered.

Hansard debates on February 11, 2015, lamented reports "gathering dust", with EACC delays on irregularities dating back to 2006-07 persisting unresolved, exacerbated by OAG staff shortages and production lags of up to four years.

This era saw the enactment of

the 2015 Public Audit Act as a partial remedy, enhancing the OAG's powers, but recurring issues like corruption normalisation, un-surrendered imprest and unsupported expenditures continued unabated.

As devolution took root from 2016 to 2020, the volume of reports surged, particularly on county finances, with the 2014-15 national government audit examined by the PAC and debated on November 29, 2018, alongside revisited IFMIS critiques.

Recommendations intensified. Surcharges for staggering pending bills amounting to Sh632 billion, recovery of Sh3.25 billion in imprest and EACC investigations into Sh392 million in unsupported payments, coupled with calls for lifestyle audits of officials and procurement reforms. Senate County Public Accounts Committee sessions, such as those on December 4, 2024, echoed these for counties.

However, Hansard reveals partial resolutions at best—some imprest recovered—but overarching backlogs endured, with EACC probes stalled, IFMIS flaws unaddressed despite funding, and

political interference hindering access to information. By July 15, 2020, parliamentarians decried the non-implementation of many recommendations, noting a deterrent effect from OAG scrutiny yet persistent pending bills and unimplemented reforms since 2010.

The trend has only worsened in recent years, from 2021 to 2025, as evidenced by PAC reports on 2020-21 tabled on February 22, 2024, and 2021-22 on June 30, 2025, alongside CPAC county audits.

Recommendations evolved to demand binding directives for fund recovery, surcharges under Article 226(5), and referrals to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations or Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to bypass the EACC, with urgent audits of payables within three months and scrutiny of revenue shortfalls.

Debates on March 13, 2025, highlighted non-compliance with 2010-2015 recommendations, while May 2, 2023, sessions noted delayed corrections post-OAG reports.

The Public Audit Act (2015) must be revised to authorise

**HANSARD'S DECADE-LONG NARRATIVE OF RECEIVED REPORTS, UNHEEDED RECOMMENDATIONS AND STALLED ENFORCEMENT SINCE 2010 EXPOSES A SYSTEM THAT EXPOSES CORRUPTION BUT FAILS TO ERADICATE IT, PERPETUATING DESPONDENCY**

binding OAG directives, including automatic surcharges, suspensions and referrals for fraud or misappropriation. Central to this is integrating an M&E unit within the OAG to track compliance timelines—30 days for investigations, 60 for fund recovery—via a public dashboard publishing quarterly reports.

Non-compliance would incur severe sanctions such as fines for misappropriated funds, dismissal or debarment from public office, criminal escalation to the DCI/ODPP, and asset seizure. Safeguards, such as an independent tribunal for reviews, ensure due process without diluting enforcement. This bypasses the EACC's documented failures, evidenced in the Hansard's stalled probes.

Ultimately, Hansard's decade-long narrative of received reports, unheeded recommendations and stalled enforcement since 2010 exposes a system that exposes corruption but fails to eradicate it, perpetuating despondency.

Self-executing OAG reports, fortified by M&E and sanctions, would transform audits into actionable justice. By empowering the Auditor General to enforce with authority, Kenya can break the cycle, ensuring public funds serve the people and restoring faith in governance before another report fades into irrelevance.

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# Ukraine's fight is the world's fight

*By Yurii Tokar*

*Ukraine is not only about war. Even now, we build, we innovate, we connect. We are ready to work with Kenya in agriculture, education, technology and security*



**D**EAR Kenyan friends, Ukraine is not just a country at war. It is a country that systematically refuses to die.

Our story goes back more than a thousand years. In the 9th century, the state of Kyivan Rus' rose on the banks of the Dnipro River – a powerful centre of trade, science and culture.

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We fought wars, raised our national flag and for a short time established our own republic. But surrounded by stronger powers, Ukraine was crushed, divided and occupied. Yet even then, the dream of freedom never died.

Finally, in 1991, after centuries of struggle, Ukraine reclaimed its independence peacefully, through a nationwide vote. More than 90 per cent of our people said "yes" to freedom.

But independence is never given once and for all. Today we fight again – against Russia's invasion, in the largest war in Europe

since World War II. Our frontline stretches more than 1,000 kilometres. It is not just trenches and tanks – it is a shield for the whole of Europe. On that frontline, ordinary Ukrainians – teachers, farmers, engineers turned soldiers – stand against one of the biggest armies on earth.

The enemy wages war not only with weapons but with terror. Thousands of Ukrainian children have been abducted, taken to Russia to erase their identity. Prisoners of war face brutal torture. Cities are bombed daily and civilians killed in their homes, schools and markets.

And the world has heard many times – "there will be peace talks", "there will be negotiations", "there will be compromise". But every time such promises were made, the opposite happened. The terror only grew. The bombs became heavier. The violence became more ruthless.

This is why Ukraine cannot be told to "just sit at the table." Peace without justice is not peace—it is surrender.

And yet – Ukraine stands. In the last 100 days, Russia

launched a massive new offensive. Missiles, drones, artillery, endless waves of troops. They swore they would break us. But we fight back. We endure.

Every day on the frontline, Ukrainians prove one truth—freedom is never free. It must be defended.

Kenyans understand this wisdom. You, too, fought for your independence. That is why Ukraine's struggle resonates here in Africa.

We are grateful to Kenya for

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standing with us – for your voice at the United Nations, for defending the Charter, for showing that aggression must never be rewarded. But Ukraine is not only about war. Even now, we build, we innovate, we connect. We are ready to work with Kenya in agriculture, education, technology and security.

From Odesa on the Black Sea to Mombasa on the Indian Ocean, our ports are gateways of friendship. Even during war, Ukrainians drink Kenyan coffee – strong, rich, unforgettable. That taste is like the bond we want to build – energising, resilient, lasting.

Ukraine's story is one of resistance—from Kyivan Rus', to the Cossacks, to the 20th century wars for independence, and now today. Each generation stood up. Each generation carried the dream forward.

And today, together with Kenya, we believe that freedom will overcome the evil again. And again. And again.

Because you know that dignity and national identity can never be defeated, incorporated into any empire.

Nowadays, Africa is rising. And so is Ukraine.

Asanteni sana. Mungu ibariki Kenya. Glory to Ukraine.

*Ambassador of Ukraine to Kenya*

# ★ letters

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## Beyond policy, more needed to rescue the health system

DESPITE advancements in technology, budgeting and planning, Kenya still faces multiple hurdles in the pursuit of health targets and the attainment of recommended public health achievements against a ballooning population of adversely affected citizens.

With high poverty rates at 39.8 per cent (KNBS 2022) living below the international poverty line, an additional 20 per cent live in extreme food, water and economic poverty. A well-serving health system should be one of the government's priorities to ease the burden on about one million citizens who fall into poverty every year due to exorbitant out-of-pocket expenditures on health.

The instability of the national health scheme brings these about. Records estimate that, out of about 26 million Kenyans registered for the scheme, only about 4.5 million actively contribute to the health insurance. Much can be derived from this alone, pointing to a higher economic burden due to unemployment, poverty and mistrust in government systems.

Experts have also hinted that the instability of the scheme has made expenses soar higher than what is collected and that fraudsters and corrupt officials have taken advantage of the loopholes.

Additionally, most health seekers share in the pain of multiple challenges: lack of or insufficient medical health personnel, com-

modity or drug stockout in public health pharmacies or government chemists, as well as the lack of necessary equipment, while others in rural and hard-to-reach areas face challenges in accessing Level 3, 4 and 5 health facilities.

Without a reliable health system, citizens are left grappling with the option to survive through a system marred by counterfeit drugs, widespread quacks, illicit cash requests, and a dwindling research-based health improvement system. Those who can temporarily afford the costs out of their pockets are pushed into poverty due to expensive medication and services.

To meet the national health targets and expectations, the Government of Kenya, through the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Departments of Planning and Finance, needs to honour financial and policy commitments. These include the regional Abuja Declaration of 2001, the commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, and the manifestos shared by the current political regime.

Research into indigenous health can also promote health around the country. Above all, good governance free from corruption at all levels of the healthcare system would sort more than half of the health needs required to improve the national health system.

*Nelson Onyimbi  
Health policy advocate, Naya Kenya*



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## PICTURE OF THE DAY



Naivas chief of administration Charles Mukuha, LG Electronics East Africa president Donghun Lee and Opalnet Limited chief finance officer Harsha Nandina present an LG UHD 55" TV to Opalnet's Griffin Ayika, who was honored as the Man of the Match during the LG/Opalnet vs Naivas football tournament at Sameer Business Park /HANDOUT

## LETTER OF THE DAY

### Mob justice: Symptom of failed system

**A**cross Kenya, the rise in mob justice is becoming alarmingly normalised. In estates, villages and towns, suspects are subjected to brutal beatings or lynching by angry crowds.

While many see this as a form of immediate justice, it is in reality a symptom of deeper institutional failure.

Citizens no longer believe that reporting crimes to the police will result in meaningful action.

Many recount stories of suspects being released hours after arrest, of cases that never go to court or investigations that stall indefinitely.

This perceived inaction breeds frustration and in that vacuum, communities are taking the law into their own hands. But mob justice is not a solution.

It bypasses due process, violates human rights and often punishes the wrong individuals. Worse still, it feeds a cycle of violence that erodes the rule of law.

A country that replaces courtrooms with street mobs is treading on dangerous ground.

The blame lies not with citizens, but with a system that has failed to deliver justice promptly and transparently.

The Kenya Police Service, Direc-

torate of Criminal Investigations and Judiciary must restore public confidence.

This means fast-tracking cases, improving investigations and ensuring visible accountability.

However, civic education is essential. Citizens must be reminded that justice is a process not a public spectacle and that long-term safety lies in strengthening not sidestepping the legal system.

Mob justice is not justice. It is a desperate cry for help from communities that feel abandoned.

If Kenya is to remain a society governed by law, then our institutions must rise to the occasion. The alternative is chaos dressed as justice.

*Ayub Njuguna  
Nakuru*



Yes. Education is a very important component in leadership. Having educated leaders is not the same as having illiterate ones. Their scope of reasoning, making decisions and coming up with policies is completely different. But at the end of the day, it boils down to integrity and the ability to deliver tangible results to the people you lead.

*Dubat Amey  
Resident, Garissa*



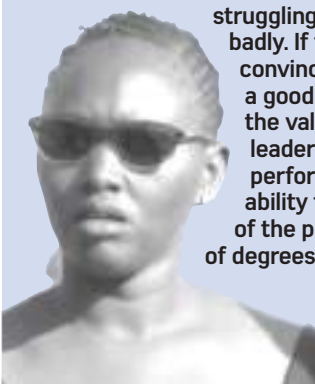
Yes and no. To some extent, when one is educated to a certain level, it helps on many fronts. Most make good leaders. Our president is one such. Going by how he is transforming this country, I think I have to say having an educated leader is always a plus. However, we have also seen leaders with degrees who have not done well as far as leading is concerned.

*Yustu Faraha  
Resident, Garissa*

## Do degrees define a good leader?

### ★ new voices

**★STAR COMMENT** No. A good leader is one who listens, acts and delivers. It doesn't make sense to have



a leader with PhDs when his people are struggling and the economy is doing badly. If that happens, how will you convince me that degrees define a good leader? While I appreciate the value of education, I believe leadership is defined more by performance, character and the ability to connect with the needs of the people than by the number of degrees one holds.

*Gladys Munani  
Resident, Garissa*



Yes. Degrees and education are important for any leader or aspiring leader. That comes in handy when it comes to making the right decisions and taking the country to the next step. However, degrees don't automatically translate to good leadership. We've had highly educated leaders who failed to improve the lives of ordinary Kenyans.

*Hassan Abdirahman  
Resident, Garissa*



No. Leadership is not just about academic degrees. It's about integrity, empathy and the ability to deliver tangible results to the people. While education is important, it doesn't automatically translate to good leadership. Some not so educated leaders have ended up making the best leaders while those we deem to be highly educated have ended up being disastrous.

*Mohamed Ibrahim  
Resident, Garissa*

# ★ society...

Who's in and who's out  
In the local hotspots

## MUDAVADI'S SON TIES THE KNOT IN TRADITIONAL FETE



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**Moses Mudavadi** and **Qillian Saiya** recently held a colourful traditional wedding at the bride's home in Malava, Kakamega county.

Moses is the son of Prime CS **Musalia Mudavadi**. They were joined by their parents, friends and relatives.



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1. William Mudavadi arrives at his bride's home in Malava 2. Qillian's mother Naomi Shiyonga embraces Moses's mother Tessie Mudavadi 3. Parents of the newlywed Musalia Mudavadi, William Saiya, Tessie Mudavadi and Naomi Shiyonga joined by friends 4. Qillian Saiya at her home in Malava for the traditional wedding ceremony 5. Qillian Saiya dances with her mother Naomi Shiyonga 6. William Saiya and Tessie Mudavadi dance with Qillian Saiya (C) 7. Musalia Mudavadi is all smiles 8. Moses Mudavadi and Qillian Saiya joined by their parents Musalia Mudavadi and William Saiya /HANDOUT

## HERITAGE CELEBRATED AT COLOURFUL PAGEANT

THE Miss Heritage International Kenya event was held at the National Museums of Kenya on Sunday, showcasing cultural preservation, environmental sustainability and social change.

**Tracy Mulongo** for Trans Nzoia county was declared winner and was followed by first runner-up **Caren Chelagat** from Mombasa county and second runner-up **Vanessa Handas** from Nairobi county.

Also in attendance were Patient of Heritage national director **Cynthia Kimathi**, Mr Heritage International **Warren Peter** and managing director **Samuel Mwaura**.



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1. Samuel Mwaura 2. Cynthia Kimathi 3. Miss Heritage International Kenya 2024-25 Nicole Otieno 4. Cynthia Kimathi and Warren Peter 5. Tracy Mulongo models the National Costume category 6. Winner Tracy Mulongo 7. First runner-up Caren Jelagat, winner Tracy Mulongo and second runner-up Vanessa Handas /MOSES MWANGI

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## SLUM UPGRADE

## Registration drive for affordable homes in Mukuru targets 2,000

FELIX ASOHA

REGISTRATION for the second phase of the Mukuru Affordable Housing Project concluded yesterday, four months after the project's initial launch.

The exercise, which began on Monday, targeted nearly 2,000 eligible residents from informal settlements in Nairobi South ward.

Ruth Wekesa, an official at the Affordable Housing board, said the process is focused on earlier applicants from South B and Imara Daima.

"Today, we are dealing with those who have undergone the enumeration process that was conducted by the Slum Upgrading Department.

We are putting them into the system and helping them to apply for studio units located at New Mukuru Estate," Wekesa said.

The next phase, beginning in January, will include one- and two-bedroom units.

MCA Waithera Chege said this is part of the government's plan to ensure more residents benefit from affordable housing.

"In this second phase, we are targeting at least 2,000 residents. If you look at Mariguini, that project started way back and as of today, we have managed to register over 600 people," she noted.

Beneficiaries said the project has given them hope of moving from informal



Ruth Wekesa, Affordable Housing board official, and Nairobi South MCA Waithera Chege during the registration /HANDOUT

settlements into dignified homes.

"My application has gone through because the process has been simplified. I needed to produce my KRA PIN, KRA compliance certificate and a six-month M-Pesa statement. I have

registered for a bed-sitter," one applicant said. The registration drive has allowed residents to raise concerns directly with housing officials.

New applicants will be considered from today.

## IRREGULAR TRANSFER

## Lawyer sues KFS after agency takes over Nairobi's City Park

Visitors report harassment, intimidation and physical assault at the hands of rangers

GORDON OSEN  
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THE Kenya Forest Service has again come under fire from Nairobi residents over its expanding role in the management of urban green spaces.

The state agency, already grappling with mounting criticism over recent changes at Karura Forest, has now been dragged to court after a Nairobi-based lawyer challenged its control of the iconic City Park.

In a petition filed this week, Charles Mugane accuses KFS, the Nairobi City County government and the Attorney General of irregularly transferring the park's management to the forest service during the tenure of the now-defunct Nairobi Metropolitan Services in 2019.

Mugane argues that City Park, long managed by the county, was quietly handed over to KFS without proper legal procedure, public participation, or parliamentary oversight.

According to court documents, KFS has deployed uniformed forest rangers who collect revenue from traders, restaurants and other commercial activities within the green space.

Mugane claims these funds are being gathered without any framework for transparency or accountability, in direct violation of public finance management laws.

Visitors to the park have reported cases of harassment, intimidation and even physical assault at the hands of the rangers. The lawyer took issue with the county government's "deafening silence" over the matter, accusing the devolved unit of abdicating its constitutional duty to protect public assets and serve the interests of city residents.

Further, the limited stakeholder engagement conducted by KFS did not meet the threshold of public par-



City Park /FILE

ticipation, he said, adding that only a few select individuals were invited to create the illusion of consensus.

Mugane is now seeking orders to bar KFS from managing, accessing, or charging any fees at City Park.

He also wants the agency compelled to disclose any agreements it may have signed with the county government and to provide a full account of all revenues collected from the park since 2019.

Lady Justice Theresa Murigi of the Environment and Land Court has certified the case as urgent and directed the petitioner to serve all respondents within three days.

The matter is slated for hearing on October 2.

As that legal battle unfolds, KFS is dealing with a separate wave of public outrage following its decision to centralise Karura Forest's revenue collection through the government-run e-Citizen platform.

The change has sparked an online petition signed by more than 8,000 people, which claims the move threatens the forest's safety, opens the door to land grabbing and risks unraveling years of successful community-led conservation.

The petition, spearheaded by the Friends of Karura Forest, argues that redirecting all forest-generated income to the national Treasury will erode the strong relationship between the local community and the forest,

weaken transparency and sever the direct link between forest revenue and on-the-ground care.

However, KFS defended the move, saying it is complying with a government directive mandating state agencies to collect revenues via e-Citizen.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

As tensions simmer over both City Park and Karura, a larger debate is unfolding about the rightful custodian of Nairobi's green lungs—and whether forest conservation should be driven by communities, counties, or the central government.



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NO FACTS, EVIDENCE

# CS threatens to sue Thang'wa over claims of land grabbing

Wahome says allegation by senator is false, malicious and intended to bring disrepute

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LANDS CS Alice Wahome has threatened to sue Kiambu Senator Karungo wa Thang'wa for linking her to land grabbing in Ruiru.

Addressing the press on Monday at her office, Wahome said she won't take the claims lying down.

"Karungo wa Thang'wa will meet me in court for scandalising me maliciously without any fact or evidence and I will dare him in court. When you find him, tell him we shall meet in court," Wahome said.

While speaking during a political rally in the company of the Democracy for Citizens' Party leader Rigathi Gachagua on Sunday, Thang'wa claimed the CS was working in cahoots with others to grab land in the area. Wahome said the allegations were made by the senator on September 13 in Ruiru town.

She said the records in possession of her ministry shows that the parcel whose reference number is Ref. No. 1126/76 measures 205.0 hectares (606.6 acres) with a Survey Plan No. 240775 was registered in the name of Kangaita Coffee Estate Ltd on May 20, 2002.

"This property is for a leasehold term of 940 years, six months with effect from February 1, 1962, attracting an annual rent of Sh51,250," Wahome said.

Wahome said the property was a subject matter in succession case H.C. Succ. case No. 1239 of 2008 at Nairobi in the matter of the estate of James Kanyotu.

She revealed that on October 7, 2009, the High Court in the said succession case issued orders restraining any dealings.

The said court order was received



Kiambu Senator Karungo Thang'wa /FILE



Lands CS Alice Wahome /FILE

by the ministry under Presentation No. 574 of July 7, 2010, and was duly registered.

In another case Civil Suit No. 461 of 2012. The High Court sitting in the Commercial Division issued orders lifting the orders issued in the Family Division H. Succ. Case No. 1239/2009. This order was received under presentation number 686 of February 11, 2013.

Along with these orders was a transfer transferring the property from Kangaita Coffee Estate Ltd to TrendSetters Investment Ltd, which transfer was also received under presentation number 687 and registered.

On August 21, 2014, Trendsetters

Investment Ltd transferred the Land to Marriot Africa International Ltd under Presentation Number 2631 of August 21, 2014.

Wahome said on March 29, 2015, Marriot surrendered the title to the government in consideration of sub-division and extension of use.

She said that on July 30, 2025 a decree dated July 10, 2025 in ELC Case NO. 4 of 2021 formerly ELC No. 115 of 2019 Thika High Court was issued.

"The ELC Court at Milimani issued orders cancelling and revoking the Transfer to Trendsetters Investment Ltd. Marriot International Ltd and all the resultant subdivisions, thereby re-

storing the land to original ownership by Kangaita Coffee Estate Ltd. This decree was received by the Nairobi Central Land Registry under presentation number 1283 of July 30, 2025. The ministry has complied with the orders of the court and cancelled and revoked the transactions as ordered details which can be read from the Decree and judgment dated, signed and delivered on July 10, 2025."

Documents in possession of the Star shows that the directors for Trendsetters Investments limited include Jophece Yego (secretary), Aman Vyas (director), Ketankumar Raychura Vrajlal (director), Sanjay Kishorkoumar Mashru (director).

OVERSIGHT MISSION

## Ward reps tour Kerugoya hospital to assess services

KNA

DIALYSIS patients at the Kerugoya County Referral Hospital could soon breathe a sigh of relief after the Kirinyaga County Assembly's Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation Committee revealed gaps in the facility's renal unit.

This comes as the devolved unit prepares to receive new dialysis machines, under the National Equipment Service Programme.

The committee, led by the chairperson, Isaiah Mbogo, visited the facility on an oversight mission, aimed at assessing service delivery, the state of equipment, staffing levels, drug availability and accountability in the use of national and county health resources.

The oversight visit comes days after Health executive George Karoki announced that Kirinyaga is set to receive 25 new dialysis machines through NESP.

Of these, 10 will be installed at Kerugoya Referral Hospital, while Sagana, Kimbimbi and Kianyaga hospitals will each get five.

But for now, the situation on the ground remains strained. The committee established that only two dialysis machines are currently operational at Kerugoya's renal unit, after the six earlier supplied under the Managed Equipment Service programme broke down.

Staff shortages have compounded the challenge, forcing the few available health workers to work overtime to meet patient needs.

However, the hospital management, assured the committee that three new dialysis machines are expected before the end of this week, marking the beginning of a transition that will expand capacity and ease pressure on patients.

At the pharmacy, the committee found the hospital had received drugs from Kenya Medical Supplies Authority last Friday, but were still in the process of redistributing them to the three dispensing points.

REDUCE CHEMICAL EXPOSURE

# Consider using drones to spray farms, rice farmers urged



A drone sprays crops at the Agri-tech demo farm in Kirinyaga county /ALICE WAHOMÉ

ALICE WAITHERA

FARMERS from Kirinyaga county have been urged to consider using drones to spray their farms to reduce exposure to farm chemicals.

Mazao Afya, an agro-inputs company, told farmers that drones services have the potential to raise their earnings by reducing the amount of chemicals used and cutting down on labour costs.

Director Peter Karanja said many small-holder farmers have been undertaking agriculture on a subsistence level which keeps them in poverty as they are unable to make enough proceeds to sustain themselves. But he noted that the use of technology has proven to ease agricultural activities and enable farmers to farm profitably.

Speaking in Mwea at Agri-tech farm in Mutithi, Karanja said technology makes it possible for farmers to use exact inputs on their farms, which reduces wastages.

He said a drone can spray an acre of land in 15 minutes, saving valuable time for farmers that they can

engage in other income generating activities. "Before you use a drone, you start by marking the areas where you want to spray and it clearly follows the markings," Karanja said.

He said many farmers have been haphazardly handling farm chemicals and exposing themselves to diseases unknowingly. Last week, residents raised concerns over the high prevalence of diseases that they attributed to farm chemicals.

Many handle the chemicals without protective equipment and complained over respiratory, skin and digestive disorders, with cancer ravaging many households. "With a drone, a farmer will not come into any contact with the chemicals. Drones provide efficient and safe ways of spraying farms so they can continue farming for a long time," Karanja said.

He encouraged farmers to embrace the use of agri-tech that he said boosts their resilience to climate change while easing the intensive labour associated with farming.

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## PHOTO STORY

Makueni Governor Mutula Kilonzo Jr during the launch of Yumbuni borehole water project in Ngu Masumba ward. The project, done in conjunction with Welt Hunger Hilfe, makes it the 14th complete initiative in the county since 2022 /HANDOUT

## INNOVATIVE APPROACH

## Ruto daughter urges investment in youth for a better country

BRIAN OTIENO

THERE is need to invest in young people from their formative ages to bring about positive change in society, Charlene Ruto has said.

Charlene said young people are the engines that make the world tick today and for years to come.

Speaking in Mombasa on Monday, she urged young people to take advantage of the change of education system to turn their dreams into reality to move the country forward.

“You are very blessed and lucky that you had the education system of our country changed during your lifetime. I went through the 8-4-4 system and we said it was a very rigid. “It built us to be who we are today but we always wished it was more practical,” Charlene said when she officially opened the newly revamped Bhadala Comprehensive School.

The school is part of initiatives of the Muslim Bhadala Jamaat community in Mombasa, whose new chairman Imtiaz Sayani has pledged to take the community forward.

Started in 2003, it has more than 300 learners and over 40 teachers, with more upgrades on the way.

Sayani took over the leadership of the community two months ago and has seen it add a new college, the Muslim Bhadala Jamaat College, which will offer courses to students who do not make it to the university. He also bought the school a bus.

“My point to you, young people, is having a dream. Invest in your dream and talent and it will take you very far,” the first daughter, who pledged to help build a library in the school, Charlene said.

Sayani said dedication to education, uplifting of and service to the community have been core pillars of his and President William Ruto family’s legacy.

“This school is not just a building. It is a foundation for the brighter future,” he said. He added that the Bhadala school will produce leaders in different fields, including sports, academia, politics and business.

“This is because we have a mentor in Charlene Ruto, whose love for the young people’s success has seen her inspire a new generation of young leaders.”

Fardin Sameja, the school board’s administrator, said education is the greatest gift any community can give to the future generation. He urged the students to work hard, saying greatness is not achieved overnight, but through discipline, dedication and service to others. The school board secretary Sajid Sameja said the new facilities will ensure better understanding of the competency-based education curriculum, which he said is more practical and suitable to today’s world.

Sajid added that the Muslim Bhadala Jamaat community is dedicated to the wellbeing of the young people, whom he challenged to increase their knowledge and understanding of the current world in order to come up with innovative solutions to problems.

## LANDMASS INFESTED

# Kenya losing Sh18bn to livestock diseases – CS

Agriculture CS says country among 38 African nations affected by tsetse fly

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AGRICULTURE Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe has challenged scientists to find ways to eradicate trypanosomiasis, saying the diseases together with tsetse fly is costing Kenya more than Sh18 billion every year.

Kagwe said Kenya is among the 38 African countries affected by the tsetse fly, with about 23 per cent of landmass infested.

“This has significant implications for our livestock and agricultural productivity, particularly in the rangelands where over 70 per cent of our livestock population is reared. The estimated annual loss due to tsetse and trypanosomiasis in Kenya is around \$143 million (Sh18.5 billion),” the CS said.

He made the remarks during the opening ceremony of the 37th International Scientific Council for Trypanosomiasis Research and Control Conference in Nairobi.

The theme of the weeklong conference is, ‘Harnessing One Health Technologies and Innovations Towards Eliminating Trypanosomiasis in Africa.’

Kagwe said the impact of the disease is felt across sub-Saharan Africa, and it is crucial that experts work together to combat it as the challenge transcends boundaries, sectors and disciplines. He said Kenya has been actively engaged in efforts to eradicate tsetse flies and trypanosomiasis through the Pan African Tsetse and Trypanosomiasis Eradication Campaign, a continental initiative coordinated by the African Union.

“We have made notable progress, and areas previously plagued by high tsetse and trypanosomiasis challenges can now support profitable agriculture,” he said.

Human African trypanosomiasis, also known as sleeping sickness, is a vector-borne parasitic disease.

It is caused by protozoans of the genus *Trypanosoma*, transmitted

to humans by bites of tsetse flies (*glossina*), which have acquired the parasites from infected humans or animals.

Tsetse flies inhabit sub-Saharan Africa and only certain species transmit the disease. Rural populations, which depend on agriculture, fishing, animal husbandry or hunting, are the most exposed.

Kagwe said Kenya made a significant milestone on June 16, when the World Health Organization validated the country as having eliminated Human African Trypanosomiasis, commonly known as sleeping sickness, as a public health problem.

### (+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Human African trypanosomiasis, also known as sleeping sickness, is a vector-borne parasitic disease. It is caused by protozoans of the genus *Trypanosoma*, transmitted to humans by bites of tsetse flies.

TSETSE FLIES INHABIT SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND ONLY CERTAIN SPECIES TRANSMIT THE DISEASE

## CONSUMERS HURT

## Onion prices surge as traders turn to TZ imports to address shortage

AGATHA NGOTHO

Onions, a staple in Kenyan kitchens, are now costing consumers far more than usual.

In recent weeks, the price at the farm gate and in markets has jumped sharply, leaving shoppers and farmers feeling the pinch.

At the farm gate, prices have risen from around Sh80 to Sh100 per kilo, especially as Tanzanian onions flood the local market.

In retail outlets, onions now sell for between Sh120 and Sh150 per kilo, a steep rise from Sh60–Sh80 just two months ago.

A trader at Wakulima market in Nairobi told the Star that they are getting most of their onions from Tanzania. He said that while farmers are selling at about Sh65 per kilo, once transport and other costs are added, the onions reach Nairobi at Sh100 to Sh120 per kilo.

He said consumers prefer imported onions because they are well-dried and can be stored for close to six months without rotting. This is unlike local onions from Kieni or Naivasha, which tend to have higher moisture content and spoil faster.

“Quality is now a central concern

in purchase decisions,” the trader said.

According to the Central Bank of Kenya’s agriculture sector surveys, prices of many vegetable items, including onions, have continued to increase in early 2025 compared to late 2024.

Farmgate onion prices have risen to a high of Sh140 per kg in some areas for certain varieties due to supply constraints.

In some cases, local onions are selling at Sh80 at farm gate, but once logistics are factored in, the trader pays about Sh95–Sh100 per kilo in Nairobi.



A trader at Marikiti market unpacks onions from a lorry /FILE

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PHOTO STORY

Emmanuel Kabaki, Brookside Dairy's procurement general manager, Daniel Mungai of Home Biogas and Elijah Keter, Brookside North Rift regional manager, award Paul Rono, chairman of Mau Dairy Co-operative of Kericho, a biogas unit he won during a raffle at the University of Eldoret Agribusiness Trade Fair /HANDOUT

TABLETS DONATION

## Trans Nzoia gets boost in fight against rising NCDs

MATHEWS NDANYI

TRANS Nzoia county has stepped up the fight against non-communicable diseases through a new partnership with two key players in the health sector.

The department of health and sanitation received a major technological boost following a donation of tablets to help improve data collection and storage. The tablets donated by the World Diabetes Foundation in partnership with Medtronic Labs will also transform data collection and patient monitoring in county health facilities.

Chief officer for health and sanitation Dr Judith Simiyu hailed the initiative as a milestone for the health sector in the region

"This partnership is a big step forward. With these tablets, our facilities will be able to collect patient data in real time, which will help us plan better, especially when budgeting for medicines," she said.

The tablets will capture data for patients battling diabetes and high blood pressure. County director of health and sanitation Dr Isaac Kisiangani said the move will improve evidence-based decision-making in efforts to deal with NCDs.

DRIVER INJURED

# Supermarket staffer killed in Baringo banditry attack

Gang fires on vehicle ferrying goods to Loruk, driver and loader robbed of Sh52,000

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GUNMEN shot and killed a supermarket worker as he and his colleagues transported goods to shops in Loruk in Baringo county.

The shooting happened on Monday evening as the crew drove in a saloon car from Nginyang towards Nakuru, police said.

The driver of the car was shot and wounded while his loader, identified as Henry Njuguna, was killed.

The survivor and another passenger who escaped unhurt said they had arrived at Loruk junction when they came under attack from four gunmen in the 3pm incident.

The gang opened fire killing Njuguna on the spot while his driver sus-

tained injuries in the thigh. The occupants were robbed of Sh52,000, several packets of sugar and two packs of tissue papers, police said.

The attackers escaped. Police responded to the scene but no arrest was made. The gang had escaped as an operation was launched.

The body of the staffer was moved to the mortuary pending an autopsy and other investigations.

The area is among those under Operation Maliza Uhalifu, which is aimed at dealing with bandits.

The operation has managed to contain crime in the area and other counties amid persistent raids.

The operation is being conducted in Baringo, West Pokot, Turkana, Samburu, Marsabit, Meru and Isiolo counties.

Besides retributive reaction, strategic investment and sustainable development have also taken a prominent place among the government's planned crime control interventions for Kenya's Northern frontier and the Kerio Valley belt.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen said the long-term vision is to empower the communities to actively take part in the war against animal rustling and undertake legitimate nation-building activities.

"The operation is bearing fruit with many criminals already surrendering their guns and opting for other gainful opportunities," Murkomen said on Citizen TV on Monday night.

He announced plans to distribute

subsidised agricultural inputs and extension services to area residents in a bid to revive farming activities as a source of livelihood.

(+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

Interior Cabinet Secretary Kipchumba Murkomen on Monday vowed to wipe out bandits from the North Rift and other areas. He spoke on Citizen TV. The CS has ordered fresh vetting for all National Police Reservists. "We are coming to dismantle not only the criminals themselves but also to bring down the entire chain that has been behind the livestock rustling industry," he said.

NO ARREST

## Charcoal man shot and killed in Samburu forest ambush

CYRUS OMBATI

POLICE are investigating an incident where a charcoal burner was shot and killed in a forest in Loko, Samburu county.

Joseph Long, 39, was on Sunday evening shot in the head as he and others cleared bushes to burn charcoal.

It was not clear why the victim was targeted, police said.

The gunmen escaped from the scene after the shooting even as Long's colleagues scammed for their safety within Leaduma farm.

Locals left the scene with the body and walked with it for kilometers to the mortuary for preservation and further probe.

Police said they were investigating the incident.

The motive and those behind the fatal shooting were not immediately established.

But witnesses told police the gunmen were believed to be cattle rustlers and were about 20 in number. They were looking for livestock to steal in the area, the locals told police.

FUNDS RELEASED

## Work resumes on Sh1.2 billion roads in Eldoret



A contractor works on one of the road projects funded by the World Bank in Eldoret City /MATHEWS NDANYI

MATHEWS NDANYI

THE Sh1.2 billion World Bank-funded construction of roads in Eldoret City under the Second Kenya Informal Settlements Improvement Project has resumed after stalling in some areas for the last four months.

The road projects had stalled in Mwanzo and Shauri due to delayed release of funds but contractors are now back on site to complete the projects. The construction is almost complete in Maili Nne.

The initiative is part of transformation of informal settlements in Eldoret where it covers several areas. The initiative is part of transformation of informal settlements in Eldoret.

A key highlight of the project is the tarmacking of the 4km Maili

Nne road, proving to be a watershed moment for thousands of residents.

Uasin Gishu Governor Jonathan Bii visited the sites on to assess the progress of the project, which is being carried out jointly with both national and county governments.

Governor Bii said the roads in Maili Nne area will not only facilitate transportation but also create new opportunities for businesses and residents.

"This road is more than just tarmac and drainage—it represents a new chapter of social and economic revitalization for Maili Nne. It means mothers can reach hospitals faster, traders can transport their goods efficiently, children can attend school safely, and investors will be more inclined to establish businesses in this area," Bii said.

## NEWS COUNTIES

## VOTERS

# MP urges Garissa residents to register as IEBC resumes drive

*Northeastern region has, over the years, been characterised by voter apathy*

STEPHEN ASTARIKO  
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GARISSA residents have been urged to sign the voter register in large numbers as the IEBC announced continuous listing will resume on September 29.

ODM nominated MP Umulkheir Harun yesterday urged eligible residents of Garissa to sign up and vote after she announced her interest in the Garissa Woman Representative seat.

The electoral commission announced the registration last week.

She urged the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission to prioritise adequate staff and mobile registration units countywide, especially where pastoralist communities are on the move with their livestock.

She spoke in Garissa town after getting the endorsement of the National Association of Retired Police Officers from Garissa.

“This is an important moment for all of us. I urge each and every eligible resident—especially our youth, women, and first-time voters—to seize this opportunity and register as voters,” Harun said.

“Your vote is your voice and your power to shape the future of our county and our country. It is the only tool you can use to vote for the President and me,” the ODM MP said.

The region has, over the years, been characterised by voter apathy. Lack of ID cards has always been the biggest stumbling block, as many eligible voters are unable to register due to lack of the crucial document.



Nominated MP Umulkheir Harun with members of the Association of Retired Police Officers /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

President William Ruto, however, signed a decree scrapping the vetting requirement that had long hindered residents of Northeastern from obtaining IDs. He signed it on February 4 during a working visit to Wajir.

Harun urged residents without IDs to seize the opportunity created by the President’s directive and apply.

Vetting has been arduous, and many say unfair, because of the region’s proximity to Somalia where al Shabaab terrorists are based and to terrorist bases in Lamu’s Boni Forest.

She thanked the retired police, saying their support was very important.

“I want to appeal to you, elders, the same way you have decided to

support me, let us also show the same support to President Ruto because he has done a lot for us as a region since he assumed office,” Harun said.

“Initially, our people had issues acquiring ID cards, but that is now sorted. We also had problems getting passports. But that too has been sorted. All these were human rights issues that I have personally been vocal about.”

She urged Health CS Aden Duale, a Garissa native, not to relent in streamlining the sector and not to be distracted by those opposed to reforms.

“In every case of chaos, there are people who benefit,” the MP said.

“Those are the individuals who benefited from the dysfunctional NHIF and are trying to fight back and stop this beautiful replacement Social Health Authority (SHA) programme from going ahead. Residents should continue registering for SHA because this will help them.”

## (+) INSTANT ANALYSIS

In June, the MP presented her application to the Samawadh Council of Elders, which represents her clan.

## MENTAL WELLNESS

# Sh56m rehab centre to boost fight against drugs and alcohol abuse



Runyenjes Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Wellness and Recovery in Meru county /ALICE WAIHERA

ALICE WAIHERA

THE Meru government is in the process of constructing Sh56 million rehabilitation facility that is expected to give a major boost to the fight against drugs and alcohol abuse.

Runyenje Rehabilitation Centre for Mental Wellness and Recovery will have the capacity to accommodate 33 patients at a time and is set to be completed in eight months.

Health executive Dennis Mugambi said the project will relieve many families affected by addiction.

Earlier this year, the county had announced that the available private rehabilitation centres had been overwhelmed by the high number of addicts seeking treatment.

This is despite the fact that rehabilitation services in private

facilities are expensive and said to cost between Sh150,000 and Sh200,000.

Mugambi said establishing the facility will go a long way in addressing the issue that has been taking a toll on the community.

“Providing easy access to treatment will make it possible for affected youths to be rehabilitated and resume their lives,” he said.

He observed that addiction adversely affects the county’s productivity and the economy as most people affected are in their prime.

Under the facility, residents will also access mental healthcare and counselling services for survivors of gender-based violence cases. “This facility will help rescue our young people from addiction. When they recover, they will be able to work and contribute to the growth of Meru’s economy,” he said.

His gender, youth and sports counterpart Kagwiria Murega said the project is part of the county administration’s efforts to uplift the living standards of residents. She said the centre will provide a turning point for many young people struggling with alcoholism.

## NEEDY LEARNERS

# Osotsi wants Vihiga bursary kitty reinstated

HILTON OTENYO

VIHIGA Senator Godfrey Osotsi has urged the county government to reinstate the bursary scheme to support bright and needy learners.

Osotsi said thousands of needy learners are suffering because of scrapping the bursary scheme by Governor Wilber Ottichilo’s administration, citing difficulties in sustainability of the programme for lack of funds.

Speaking at Ikumba Primary School during the Vuuka FM fans meeting on Monday, the senator said the situation has left vulnerable children unable to access education and should be reconsidered.

He urged MCAs, who are on retreat with the governor in Mombasa, to use the occasion to push for the reintroduction of the bursary scheme.

The bursary kitty was abolished by Ottichilo’s administration in November 2023, arguing the money disbursed as bursaries to be directed towards Early Childhood Development Education and Technical and Vocational Education and Training programmes. “The bursary was scrapped because of lack of adequate funding but now that we have an additional Sh1 billion allocation by the national treasury, part of it should be redirected towards bursaries,” he said.

Osotsi suggested that Sh100 million be set aside to revive the kitty.

He urged MCAs to initiate a supplementary budget to accommodate bursary funding since the additional allocation came after they had approved the budget.

## STONED TO DEATH

# Two lynched over gang attack on mourners in Busia

CYRUS OMBATI

TWO men were stoned to death after they were linked to a gang that had attacked mourners in Marachi, Butula, Busia county.

At least five people were injured in the attack.

The villagers pursued two of them and stoned them to death.

They then dumped the bodies on the Bumala-Butula road as a warning to other gang members who have been terrorising mourners in the area. Police said cases of attacks at night vigils have been rampant in the area.

Police warned residents against mob lynching and demanded suspects be surrendered to authorities for processing and possible prosecution.

Meanwhile, police in Wundanyi, Taita Taveta are investigating the death of Sarah Mwangewa, 62, whose body was found in a bush behind the local county hall.

NEWS COUNTIES

SENSITIVE MATTER

# Leaders reject plan to coronate MP Kaunya as Teso spokesman

*Say position is already occupied by His Royal Highness Emorimor Papa Emolot*

HILTON OTENYO  
@HiltonOtenyo

SOME leaders in Teso North have opposed the planned installation of area MP Oku Kaunya as the spokesperson of the Iteso community in Kenya.

They said the spokesman's position is already occupied by the Iteso Cultural leader, His Royal Highness Emorimor Papa Sande Emolot and the Deputy Prime Minister Fredrick Adung'o, who is domiciled in Kenya.

Addressing the press in Malaba, MCAs Gardy Jakaa, Isaac Wamalwa and Patrick Omanyala said the position is a sensitive matter to Iteso community and cannot be held by a politician.

Omanyala said the move to install Kaunya is driven by politics and a plan to stage a coup against the Iteso Cultural leader His Royal Highness Emorimor Papa Sande

Emolot who is currently in South Africa.

"We don't need another spokesman other than Emorimor. Iteso are together from Katakwa to Katakwi," he said.

Jakaa termed the planned coronation scandalous, wondering which process was used to pick Kaunya.

"The MP has a platform to talk about anything to defend the Iteso community to get jobs or development," he said.

Wamalwa asked Kaunya to resign as an MP if he wants to become spokesperson for the community, adding that the planned installation will split the community.

"He has a right to visit any office to speak on behalf of the community as an MP if he wants," he said.

The Royal Council of Iteso Kingdom/Community had sent out an invitation for the inauguration of Kaunya as the community



Iteso council of elders deputy secretary Livingstone Omasete addresses journalists at Koteko on Monday /HILTON OTENYO

spokesperson in Kenya. "The Royal Council of Iteso Kingdom/Community humbly requests your esteemed presence at the coronation and inauguration event of Edward Oku Kaunya as the Iteso people

spokesman in the whole of Kenya to be held on September 20, 2025 at Amagoro Primary grounds in Teso North from 9 am," the invitation reads.

"Your presence will be a great

honour as we celebrate this historic occasion of leadership, unity and heritage. Join us as we mark the beginning of a new era of service, progress and commitment," it read further.

The occasion will be graced by His Royal Highness and attended by National Assembly speaker, Moses Wetang'ula, governors, MPs, MCAs, Eminent persons, Teso elders and Teso delegations drawn from Teso North, South, Nambale, Matayos, Samia, Bungoma, Trans Nzoia and Turkana leaders and John Munyee among others.

Principal Secretary in the office of the president Arthur Osiya who is eyeing the Busia governor seat in 2027, said cultural leadership is not within Kaunya's mandate.

Osiya through his official Facebook page said there is need to distinguish between Iteso traditional cultural institutions and modern political structures.

"These two serve complementary but separate roles—one preserving our identity and the other shaping our development. The sacred responsibility lies with His Royal Highness, King Emorimor Paul Sande Emolot—our paramount chief and cultural leader across Kenya, Uganda, and the diaspora," he said.

He said King Emolot has upheld traditions, resolved disputes, promoted education and unified people since his installation in 2022.

HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION

## Jaramogi Oginga hospital gets formal status elevation

FAITH MATETE

JARAMOGI Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital has officially been elevated to a Category Five parastatal, the highest classification of public institutions in Kenya.

This places it in the same league as Kenyatta National Hospital, Kenya Revenue Authority and top public universities.

Health Principal Secretary Dr Ouma Oluga, who toured the Kisumu-based facility, said the new status grants JOOTRH greater autonomy, financial independence, and a stronger governance framework that will enable it to attract resources and forge strategic partnerships.

"Through His Excellency the President, JOOTRH has been categorised as a C5 parastatal. This is the highest level and allows the hospital to operate independently, engage in part-

nerships and expand into research and training, just like other premier institutions," Oluga said.

The PS said JOOTRH is unique among the seven national referral hospitals, being the only facility transitioned from county management.

All other national referral hospitals, such as Kenyatta National and Moi Teaching and Referral, were built directly by the national government.

"This categorisation not only assures staff of national government absorption but also gives visibility on payments and human resource structures under national mechanisms," he said.

The hospital's former CEO, Dr Richard Lesiyampe, was redeployed to Kenyatta National Hospital, with Joshua Clinton Okise currently serving as acting CEO until a new board is established at the end of the month.



Health PS Dr Ouma Oluga and officials at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kisumu /FAITH MATETE

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REG NO	MAKE	YARD
KDQ052B	MITSUBISHI PAJERO	Mombasa yard
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KDP893L	NISSAN ELGRAND	Nairobi yard
KDR164Q	PASSO	Nairobi yard

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- Sale subject to reserve price
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### PUBLIC AUCTION

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**1. ON THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 A.M AT OUR NAIROBI OFFICE.**  
**2. ON FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 11:00 A.M AT PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE.**

**CIVIL CASE NO.E4161 OF 2020. MILCAH MBUTU MUNGAI V/S JOHN OKWORO MOSE.**

REG	MAKE	LOCATION
KCJ 911F	VOLKS WAGEN GOLF	AUTO GALLERY STORAGE YARD
KBZ 211J	ISUZU BUS COACH	PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

1. All interested purchasers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves.
2. Viewing can be done through arrangement with ourselves.
3. Bidders to pay a refundable deposit of ksh 50,000.00 to obtain bidding number prior to the Auction.
4. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
5. Sale is subject to reserve price.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)  
CHANGE OF USER**

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**UNDER DISTRESS FOR REIT**

**SLEEQ CUSTOMS AUTO GARAGE -Vs- MIKE TAMBASA**

KDH 805R TOYOTA PROBOX 2015 WHITE.

**CONDITION FOR SALE**

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

1. Under instructions by our principals, the financiers, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned Motor Vehicles on **Wednesday, 24th September, 2025 at 10:30 AM.**

**I) FINANCIERS VS JOSEPH KIMANI WANJIRU**

REGISTRATION	MAKE	COLOUR	YARD
KCB 305U	NISSAN SKYLINE	NAVY BLUE	AUCKLAND STORAGE YARD

**II) FINANCIERS VS OSCAR IHA WANJE**

REGISTRATION	MAKE	COLOUR	YARD
KDP 344K	TOYOTA PRADO	WHITE	AUCKLAND STORAGE YARD

**III) FINANCIERS VS TOM TIRIONGO KIPKEMOI**

REGISTRATION	MAKE	COLOUR	YARD
KCN 881A	TOYOTA PRADO	GREY	AUCKLAND STORAGE YARD

**IV) FINANCIERS VS ANASTACIAH LILIAN NYAMBURA**

REGISTRATION	MAKE	YARD
KDB 736K	NISSAN X-TRAIL	AUCKLAND STORAGE YARD

**CONDITIONS OF SALE.**

1. Viewing can be done through arrangements with us during working hours.
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UNDER INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM OUR PRINCIPALS THE FINANCIER, WE SHALL SELL THE UNDER MENTIONED MOTOR VEHICLES BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025, AT TATLA YARD MOMBASA STARTING FROM 10:30AM.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION**

NO.	NAME	MV REG.	MAKE	YARD
1	ABEDNEGO MUTINDA MUIA	KDR 954 B	TOYOTA VITZ	TATLA YARD

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**  
Cash at the fall of the hammer

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**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.**  
**ON 24th WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 10:00 AM**

**VISION ROOT AUCTIONEERS=Vs= SAMUEL NGOYO MWASHUMBE**  
MV REG NO: KDG 442J  
TOYOTA PASSO  
CHASSIS: KGC30-0209869

**CONDITION OF SALE**

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer

## LYSAJOY AUCTIONEERS

### PUBLIC AUCTION

Under Instructions from our Principal, we shall sell by Public Auction the under-mentioned good on **Friday 26th September 2025 in Transafrika Motors Limited at 11:00am in Jomvu-Miritini Road, Mombasa.**

**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION**

**1. FINANCIER VERSUS RIDWAN ABDIRIZAK SIRAT**

MAKE	REG. NO	Y.O.M	COLOUR	TO BE VIEWED AT
FAW PRIME MOVER	KDR 971G	2024	WHITE	TRANSAFRIKA MOTORS LIMITED, MOMBASA

**CONDITIONS FOR SALE**

- a) Cash at the fall of the hammer
- b) Bidders to view and verify details on normal working hours with prior arrangement.
- c) Sale subject to reasonable reserve price
- d) The auctioneer has the right to reject any bid without giving any reason

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### PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principal we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles on **WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 10Am, at our office NURICK BUSINESS CENTRE.**

REG. NO	MODEL	VIEWING AT
KAG 608J	TOYOTA HILUX	KIFEDHA YARD
KBE 056G	SUBARU LEGACY	KIFEDHA YARD
KDN 201A	NISSAN HARDBODY	SK DHAHABU YARD
KCT 630X	CHEVROLET CAPTIVA	STARTRUCK YARD

**CONDITIONS OF SALE**

1. Viewing to be done at the YARD to verify details as these are not warranted by the Auctioneer or our client.
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**IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION.**  
**ON 24th WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2025 FROM 10:00 AM**

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MV REG NO: KDD 054A  
TOYOTA PROBOX  
CHS NO - NCP150-0321955

**ITHIOPIA AUCTIONEERS= Vs= COLLINS OLUOCH OGWENO**  
MV REG NO: NO. KDP 975K  
MAZDA AXELA  
CHASSIS:  
BM5FS-306684

**CONDITION OF SALE.**

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**SCCC/E2936 OF 2024 AT MILIMANI**  
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**FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(xi)**  
**THE PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED AMALGAMATION AND CHANGE OF USE**

The registered owner(s) of property **RUIRU EAST BLOCK I/7281 and RUIRU EAST BLOCK I/7282** located in Gatongora Ward, Ruiru Sub County, Kiambu County intends to amalgamate and change use from agricultural to residential (Multi Dwelling Flat) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu.

Individuals, Institutions or members of public with comments and/or objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14(fourteen) days of this notice to:  
**The CECM-Lands, Housing & Urban Development**  
**County Government of Kiambu.**  
**P.O Box, 2344-00900, Kiambu.**  
**Name of Registered Planner: Stephen Ngari, Reg. No.0144**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

**CHANGE OF USE**

The owner(s) of **L.R No. SUNA WEST/WASWETA II/6431** located around Nyailinga area, Suna West Sub-County, Migori County proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Clean Energy Production)** subject to approval by the County Government of Migori. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

**THE CECM, LANDS, HOUSING AND PHYSICAL PLANNING COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF MIGORI**  
**P.O BOX 195-40400 SUNA-MIGORI.**  
**Physical Planner: Onesmus Musyoki RPP NO. 0229.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED AMALGANATION & CHANGE OF USER**

Notice is hereby given that the registered owner of Plot No. **JUJA/KALIMONI BLOCK 31/451 & Plot No. JUJA/KALIMONI BLOCK 31/446** located in Juja Farm, Juja Sub-County has applied for permission to amalgamate and change their use from **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING TO LIGHT INDUSTRY (WOODWORK WORKSHOP)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Members of the public, etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should serve notice of such in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

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

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r.3)(3)(xi)


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

**CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owner of plot No. **Mwerua/Kagio/12294**, located in Mutithi ward, Mwea-west subcounty in Kirinyaga county, proposes to **Change the use of land from Agricultural land use to Commercial Cum Residential (multi-dwelling units) land use** subject to approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, Institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:


**The CECM Lands, Physical Planning and Urban Development,**  
**Kirinyaga County Government,**  
**P.O. Box 260-10304, Kutus.**

**Name of Registered Planner: Onesimus Musyoki Reg No. 0229.**

  
**NATIONAL LIBERAL PARTY**

**Statement of Comprehensive Income For the period ended 30th June 2023**

	Note	2023 Kshs	2022 Kshs
Revenue	3.	1,016,064	1,006,004
Direct cost	4.	-	-
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss)</b>		<b>1,016,064</b>	<b>1,006,004</b>
Administrative expenses	5.	(1,115,843)	(1,087,119)
Deficit before Tax		(99,779)	(81,115)
<b>Net deficit for the period</b>		<b>(99,779)</b>	<b>(81,115)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share Capital	6.	-	-
Retained Earnings		(301,155)	(227,935)
<b>Members' Funds</b>		<b>(301,155)</b>	<b>(227,935)</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property & equipment	7.	76,063	95,950
		<b>76,063</b>	<b>95,950</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	8.	94,500	88,051
Trade and other receivables	9.	1,007,010	1,016,064
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	10.	133,400	187,600
Directors current account		1,345,329	1,240,400
		1,478,729	1,428,000
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>(377,219)</b>	<b>(323,885)</b>
		<b>(301,156)</b>	<b>(227,935)</b>
<b>Secretary General</b>			

  
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Administrative expenses	5.	(1,080,231)	(1,115,843)
Deficit before Tax		(73,221)	(99,779)
<b>Net deficit for the period</b>		<b>(73,221)</b>	<b>(99,779)</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share Capital	6.	-	-
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**SHIRIKISHO PARTY OF KENYA**  
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 Email: shirikisho27@shirikishopartykenya.org / shirikisho27@gmail.com  
 www.shirikishopartykenya.org

**HAKI, UWEZO MASHINANI**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Shirikisho Party of Kenya wish to inform it's Members and Members of Public at large that they can access Party Source of Fund for the Year 2024/25.

Log into the Party Website.  
[www.shirikishopartykenya.org](http://www.shirikishopartykenya.org)

  
**SETECH REAL ESTATE CO. LIMITED**  
 P.O. BOX 51191-00100, NAIROBI,  
 KENYA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**


**INVITATION TO ATTEND A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BARAZA FOR THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON PLOT L.R. NO. 337/856, ALONG THE NAIROBI-MOMBASA HIGHWAY, ATHIRIVER AREA, MAVOKO SUB COUNTY, MACHAKOS COUNTY.**

The registered owner of **Plot L.R. No. 337/856** located along the Nairobi-Mombasa, Athiriver area, Mavoko Sub County, Machakos County proposes to construct a residential development

The Environment Management and Coordination Act, CAP 387 requires the proponent to carry out an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) study and submit an ESIA report to NEMA for issuance of an EIA License before commencing construction works.

Pursuant to the provision of section 58(7) of the Environment Management and Coordination Act, 1999 and Regulation 17 of the EIA/EA Regulations, 2003, all neighbours and project affected persons are hereby invited to attend a public participation Baraza scheduled for **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 starting at 2.00 p.m. at the proposed project site.**

The public participation baraza shall be chaired by **the office of the Chief, Mavoko location.**

Signature  
  
**Joseph Mutuku**  
 Position: Project Coordinator  
 For and on behalf of  
**Setech Real Estate Co. Limited.**

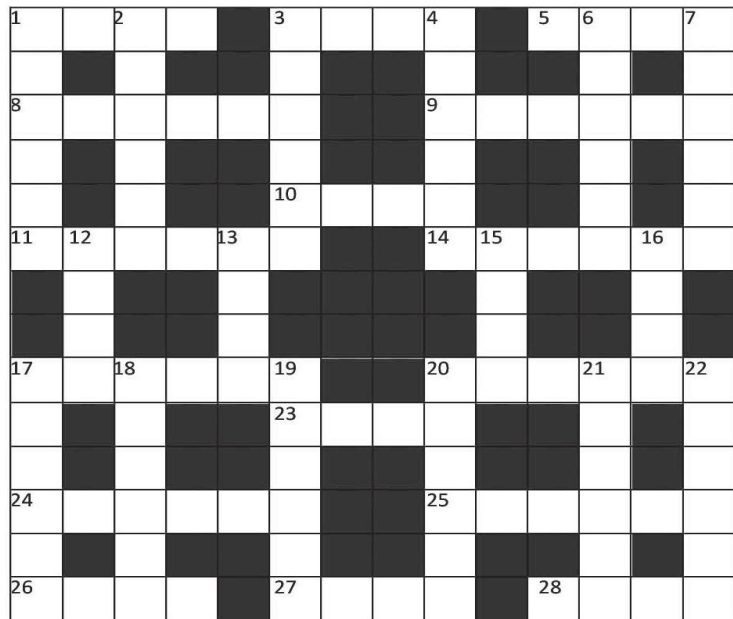


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# COFFEE BREAK

## CROSSWORD / PUZZLE



### DOWN

1. Chemical element with symbol Nd (6)
2. The physics of light (6)
3. Former Cabinet secretary for Education (6)
4. Constituency in Trans-Nzoia County (6)
6. Constituency in Vihiga County (6)
7. Chemical element with symbol Ce (6)
12. Former Governor for Marsabit County (4)
13. Mother of Apollo (4)
15. Chemical element with symbol Nb (4)
16. Atop (4)
17. The unit of gas pressure (6)
18. Surpass (6)
19. Usual (6)
20. Constituency in Kakamega (6)
21. Late Governor for Nyamira County (6)
22. Create with the imagination (6)

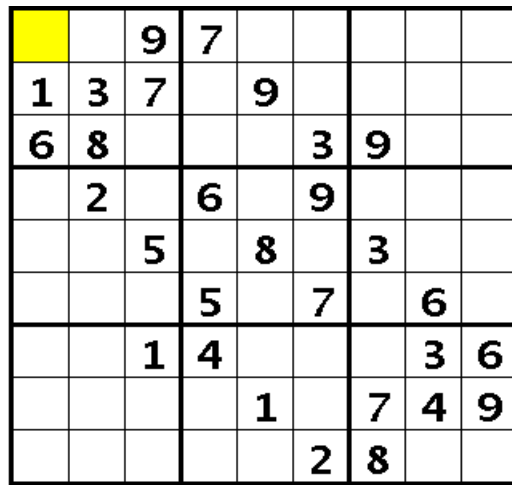
### ACROSS

1. Chemical element with symbol Ne (4)
3. The amount of matter that a body

contains (4)

5. Stylish (4)
8. Choosing (6)
9. What is the name of the second series in the spectrum of hydrogen (6)
10. Thermal energy (4)
11. Former senator for Kitui County (6)
14. Chemical element with symbol In (6)
17. Elementary particle found in the nucleus (6)
20. Constituency in Makueni County (6)
23. Former Senator for Kisumu County (4)
24. Chemical element with symbol Cm (6)
25. What is the unit of measuring electrical current (6)
26. Glass device used for focusing light (4)
27. What is the Latin name for the constellation the lyre (4)
28. The unit of potential difference (6)

## SUDOKU / SIMPLE



Fill the grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the sub-grids that compose the grid all contain all of the numbers from 1 to 9 one time.

### Yesterday solutions



## WORD SEARCH

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

Find and mark all the words hidden inside the box. The words may be placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

- AIRBAG
- ALL I NEED
- BLACK STAR
- BLOW OUT
- BODYSNATCHERS
- BONES
- CREEP
- ELECTIONEERING
- FAUST ARP
- FITTER HAPPIER
- HIGH AND DRY
- HUNTING BEARS
- IN LIMBO
- JUST
- KARMA POLICE
- KID A
- KNIVES OUT
- LET DOWN
- LUCKY
- LURGEE
- MORNING BELL
- MY IRON LUNG
- NICE DREAM
- NO SURPRISES
- NUDE
- OPTIMISTIC
- PARANOID
- ANDROID
- PLANET TELEX
- PROVE YOUR-SELF
- PYRAMID SONG
- RECKONER
- RIPCORD
- SULK
- THE BENDS
- THE TOURIST
- TREEFINGERS
- VEGETABLE
- VIDEOTAPE

## ALL IN THE STARS



### VIRGO

August 23 – September 23

You may be given responsibilities beyond your usual job. Take care to do this special assignment well. If you do, other advancements are likely to follow.

### LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

It may be hard to wind down and switch into relaxation. Games that occupy your mind will aid in a positive transition.

### SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

Work will be more fun if you pretend that you are playing a role. Your active imagination can take it from there.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

Your work isn't the only thing receiving admiring glances. Your partner appreciates you, too!

### CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

Sometimes uninterrupted quiet is the best cure of all. You could use a bit of this yourself.

### AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

Don't brag about your accomplishments. It would only exacerbate the situation. Be patient. Avoid confrontation.

### PISCES

February 20 – March 20

The day is likely to begin on a somber note but will improve if you get to the issue that is affecting you both.

### ARIES

March 21 – April 20

You may want to invest in something solid and potentially profitable. It just needs a organizing to have every eventuality into account.

### TAURUS

April 21 – May 21

The person you have set your sights on may not be the most talkative, but they have many other qualities that you like.

### GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

Why not take on a new project? Normally this would send you over the edge, but today you feel you could take on anything.

### CANCER

June 22 – July 22

You have a date with the past. Go to a place that brings back old memories, and you will soon be talking non-stop.

### LEO

July 23 – August 22

You're ready to make a new place for yourself in the world. Go ahead and get started!

## Chef breaks world record for largest jollof rice dish

BBC/ Nigerian chef Hilda Baci has broken the world record for cooking the largest ever pot of jollof rice in Lagos last week.

Guinness World Records confirmed the achievement on social media, saying Baci's concoction of the popular West African dish weighed in at a staggering 8,780kg.

After nine hours of cooking, the effort was almost thrown into jeopardy after the giant pot used to make the dish broke as it was being hoisted onto a crane to be weighed – thankfully, none of the rice was spilled.

Baci celebrated the triumph by thanking her team and supporters: "This moment isn't just mine... it belongs to all of us."

Despite the massive pot buckling twice during its weigh-in, a member of Baci's team told the BBC last week they were collecting evidence from different cameras to send to GWR so it could be officially recognised.

Baci paid tribute to the "tireless team" that made the achievement possible and shared a video of her reacting to the news on social media. "This Guinness World Record was built on unity, love, and collective strength," she wrote. "We made history together, for Nigeria, for Africa, and for everyone who believes in the power of food to bring us closer – this win is yours too."

Baci's recipe for the crowning jollof dish included 4,000kg of rice, 500 cartons of tomato paste, 600kg of onions and 168kg of goat meat – all poured into a custom-made pot that can hold 23,000 litres.



## TELEVISION LINEUP – WEDNESDAY



- 5:00AM MORNING DECREE
- 5:30AM TV47 FITNESS
- 6:00AM MORNING CAFÉ
- 10:00AM TV47 MATUKIO
- 2:00PM BAZE 47
- 3:00PM THE 77 PERCENT – RPT
- 3:30PM AKILI KIDS (ENGLISH)
- 4:00PM TV47 NEWS NOW
- 4:15PM LET'S GO BEIJING
- 4:30PM KIKI AND NUNA
- 5:00PM BEATPLUG
- 6:00PM LA MUJER DE JUDAS
- 7:00PM UPEO WA TV47
- 7:30PM DR.OF WENEKE TONIGHT
- 9:00PM THE INSIGHT WITH DEBARL INEA
- 12:00AM BEATPLUG MIX
- 1:00AM ECO AFRICA RPT
- 2:00AM WILD KINGDOM
- 4:00AM MORNING DEVOTION

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Tauseef Khan and Karan Patel with President William Ruto at the launch of the 2025 Safari Rally/ FILE

# KARAN'S LAST PUSH

Two-time ARC champion keen to end frustrating season on a high

BY TEDDY MULEI

TWO-TIME African Rally Champion Karan Patel and co-driver Tauseef Khan are gearing up for one last push in the 2025 African Rally Championship (ARC), hoping to end a frustrating season on a high when they hit the gravel in Tanzania this weekend.

Though out of the running for the overall title, the Kenyan duo are determined to salvage pride after enduring a season marred by misfortune and mechanical gremlins.

Their troubles began early at the WRC Safari Rally in March, where engine failure forced them to retire prematurely — a gut-wrenching setback on home soil.

They bounced back in May with a dominant display at the Pearl of Africa Uganda Rally, where they clinched top honours in 1:51:28.9. Uganda's Yasin Nasser trailed over

12 minutes behind in second with a time of 2:04:21.6, while Kenya's Nikhil Sachania, making headlines as a paraplegic driver, secured third in 2:07:48.4.

But the resurgence proved short-lived. At the Mountain Gorilla Rally in Rwanda, the pair's Ford Fiesta suffered a violent crash in SS3 Namba 1. The damage was extensive, necessitating a full shell replacement and sidelining the team for weeks.

That event was won by Samman Vohra and Drew Sturrock, who clocked a blistering 1:48:59.1. Sachania and his co-driver Deep Patel again showed consistency with a second-place finish in 2:03:39.7.

Mechanical delays and shipping snags kept Karan and Tauseef out of the Burundi Rally, further denting their campaign. After four punishing rounds, they sit sixth in the standings with 35 points.

Yet despite the string of setbacks,

Tauseef remains undeterred. "It's been a rollercoaster, no doubt," he said. "But there's no better place to rewrite the script than Tanzania. We're only aiming for the top step of the podium. Nothing less."

The Tanzanian rally holds emotional significance for the team — it was there, in 2023, that they clinched their first ARC title. "Tanzania's special. It's where we became champions. We're going back with that same hunger," Tauseef added.

Karan was equally upbeat, praising the team's tireless work in rebuilding their rally machine.

"The boys have worked magic — the car feels brand new. We've done multiple test runs, and everything's dialed in," he said.

# Copenhagen podium gives Lokedi hope in bid to reclaim New York Marathon crown

BY TEDDY MULEI

BOSTON Marathon champion Sharon Lokedi believes her stunning personal best at the Copenhagen Half Marathon has sharpened her form ahead of her return to the New York City Marathon on November 2.

Lokedi clocked a career-best 1:05:00 in Denmark over the weekend, slicing nearly four minutes off her previous best of 1:08:14 set at the New York Half Marathon in 2022. The performance earned her a strong second-place finish behind Ethiopia's Likina Amebaw, who took the win in a course record time of 1:04:44.

Another Ethiopian, Wede Kefale, rounded out the podium in 1:05:21. Kenya's Joyciline Jepkosgei (1:06:22), Gladys Chepkurui (1:06:24), Phena Yego (1:07:05), and Cintia Chepng'eno (1:07:39) completed a competitive Kenyan presence in the top seven.

"In very rainy and wet conditions, I was able to lower my half marathon personal best from 68:14 to 65:00. I couldn't be more proud," Lokedi posted after the race.

"I put myself in it early and stayed in it. There were moments during the race when I questioned going out at a hot pace, but I'm glad I stuck with it."

Amebaw's searing pace not only shattered the course record — previously held by Margaret Chelimo at 1:05:11 — but also forced Lokedi to dig deep. That tactical gamble, Lokedi believes, has refined her fitness and race strategy heading into the streets of New York.

Lokedi aims to reclaim the New York City Marathon crown she won in 2022, when she stunned a world-class field with a 2:23:23 in her marathon debut. She edged out Israel's Lonah Chemtai Salpeter (2:23:30) and Ethiopia's Gotytom Gebreslase (2:23:39) to claim victory.

Her title defence in 2023 fell short as she finished third in 2:27:33, behind Hellen Obiri (2:27:23) and Letesenbet Gidey (2:27:29). Last year, Lokedi faded to ninth place with a time of 2:27:45, in a race won by Sheila Chepkirui in 2:24:35.

But her 2025 season has so far signalled a strong return to form. Lokedi opened the year with a win at the New York Half Marathon, clocking 1:07:04, before securing a commanding victory at the Boston Marathon, where she ran 2:17:22 — a personal best and one of the fastest times ever by a Kenyan woman.

Obiri (2:17:41) and Ethiopia's Yalemzerf Yehualaw (2:18:06) completed the Boston podium.



Sharon Lokedi / HANDOUT

# Kipng'eno, Kesang lead Kenyan charge at Mountain and Trail World Championships

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA



Patrick Kipng'eno at the 2023 World Mountain and Trail Running Championships in Austria /HANDOUT

TWO-TIME world champion Patrick Kipng'eno will spearhead Kenya's contingent at the third edition of the Mountain and Trail World Championships, set for September 24–28 in Canfranc-Pirineos, Spain.

Kipng'eno, renowned for his dominance in uphill races, will be chasing a third global title after securing gold in Chang Mai (2021) and Innsbruck (2023). His experience and consistency make him a key medal hopeful for Kenya in the high-altitude challenge.

In the women's competition, Philaries Kesang, silver medallist in Innsbruck, returns to the world stage

with renewed determination. After emerging as the breakout star in Austria, Kesang heads to Canfranc with the confidence of an athlete who knows she belongs among the world's elite.

The Canfranc-Pirineos course—dubbed "the most beautiful and mountainous international station in Europe"—offers breathtaking but unforgiving terrain. Over 1,600 athletes from 73 national teams across five continents will take on steep ascents, razor-edge ridges, and technical descents that demand both skill and stamina.

Among the most anticipated events is the 14 km Classic Mountain Race, where World Cup champion

Philemon Kiriago aims to finally clinch the elusive gold after back-to-back silver medals.

"I've narrowly missed gold in the last two editions," Kiriago told The Star from his training base in Ekerubo Gietai, Nyamira County. "In the last race in Austria, I was overtaken right at the finish line by a Ugandan. That loss still hurts to this day."

Kiriago has had a stellar season on the Mountain Running World Cup circuit, where he dominated the classic up-and-down 14 km events, winning five of the nine races he contested. He also finished second in two vertical races and placed third in two others—highlighting his versatility and consistency.





# WORLD ATHLETICS C



## Wiseman stays focused ahead of 400m hurdles semifinals

BY CHRIS MBAISI IN TOKYO

WISEMAN Were is keeping his eyes on the prize as he heads into today's 400m hurdles semi-finals, buoyed by a personal best performance in the opening round of the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Were clocked an impressive 48.27 seconds in the heats, shaving valuable time off his

Wiseman Were /AK/  
KELLY AYODI

previous best and earning a place in the semi-finals as one of the fastest non-automatic qualifiers.

"I'm really encouraged by my performance," Wiseman said after the race. "Running a personal best in Lane Two isn't easy, so I'm taking that as a strong sign. Now the focus is on the semis — and beyond."

Despite finishing fifth in Heat One, Wiseman's time was enough to secure his progression, with only the top four in each heat qualifying automatically, alongside the next fastest four across all heats.

The race was won by Qatar's Abderrahman Samba in 48.03, followed by Britain's Tyri Donovan (48.26) and American Chris Robinson, who was awarded third ahead of Wiseman, also with a time of 48.27.

Wiseman admitted that Lane Two,

typically seen as disadvantageous in the 400m hurdles due to tighter curves and visibility challenges, added an extra layer of difficulty.

"I usually feel more comfortable in the middle lanes," he said. "Lane Two is always tricky in such technical races, so to run my best time there really gives me confidence moving forward."

This is Were's second appearance at the World Championships, having competed in Budapest 2023, where he missed out on a place in the final after finishing sixth in his semi-final with a time of 49.40.

He believes the improvements he has made since then are a testament to his progress. "You can't afford to stay stagnant in this event," he said.

"Just recently, people were running 49 seconds and that was competitive. Now 48 is the new standard. The sport is evolving, and we must evolve with it."

Describing the 400m hurdles as "an art that requires precision," Wiseman highlighted the importance of rhythm, timing, and execution.

"This isn't just a race. It's a craft. Every step, every hurdle matters. If you miss your stride early, it can throw off your entire race," explained the 28-year-old.

He remains grounded but hopeful. "I'm taking it one step at a time.

We've cleared the first hurdle; now it's time to focus on the semi-final. The goal is always the final — and from there, anything is possible."

Were opened his 2025 season with a win in the 400m at the first Uganda Trials, clocking 47.04. He followed that up with a second-place finish in his speciality event at the Botswana Golden Grand Prix, where he ran 49.07, before claiming third at the 115th Drake Relays in the US with a time of 49.43.

# FAITH DELIVERS HISTORIC TITLE

*1,500m in safe hands, says Kipyegon as she plots to venture into longer distances*

BY CHRIS MBAISI IN TOKYO

THREE-time Olympic champion Faith Kipyegon believes the women's 1500m is in safe hands if the performance of silver medallist Dorcus Ewoi in the ongoing World Athletics Championships is anything to go by.

Kipyegon clocked 3:52.15 to win the race ahead of Dorcus Ewoi, who clocked a personal best of 3:54.92. Australia's Jessica Hull completed the podium in 3:55.16.

The other Kenyan, Nelly Chepchirchir, also posted a personal best of 3:55.25 to close the top four places.

Kipyegon said she was not aware that Ewoi had won a silver because she had seen Hull on the big screen behind her. "I am now learning here in the mixed zone that Ewoi won silver; I actually didn't know.

Kipyegon said they had run as a team and were happy they delivered gold and silver. Kipyegon, who won her fourth world title, said she will immediately shift her mind to the 5,000m, and she believes that with the rest of the team, they will deliver gold.

Ewoi on her part said all she wanted was to run a personal best, and the silver came as a surprise.

"My coach told me that if I can push hard enough, I will be able to run my personal best, and that is what I was expecting. However, I am just over the moon that I settled for the silver medal. This means a lot for me, and I don't even know if I will sleep tonight," she added.

Ewoi, however, said that despite appearing in one international meeting and even skipping the Kenyan trials, she trained very hard.

Chepchirchir said she is happy to have posted her personal best. She said she has had a good season and there is really nothing to regret. "I may not have medalled, but I have had a fantastic season and I have no regrets. She said she is also happy for Kipyegon and Ewoi, who ensured gold and



Faith Kipyegon (C) celebrates with silver medallist Dorcus Ewoi and bronze medallist Jessica Hall of Australia /AK/KELLY AYODI

silver for Kenya.

Kipyegon is a three-time World champion over the 1,500m, having claimed titles in 2017, 2022 and 2023. Kipyegon is a three-time world champion over the 1,500m, having claimed titles in 2017, 2022 and 2023.

In Budapest 2023, Kipyegon stormed to her third world crown with a commanding 3:54.87 victory, outclassing Ethiopia's Diribe Welteji, who clocked 3:55.69 and Dutch ace Sifan Hassan (3:56.00).

Since launching her 2025 campaign in Xiamen on April 26, Kipyegon has been in imperious form.

She opened her season with a sizzling 2:29.21 in the 1,000m, just shy of Russia's Svetlana Masterkova's 1996 world record of 2:28.98. On June 26 in Paris, she dared to rewrite history at the Nike 'Breaking4' event, attempting to become the first woman to crack the four-minute mile barrier.

She fell short, clocking 4:06.42, but bounced back in emphatic style. At the Prefontaine Classic on July 5, Kipyegon obliterated her own world 1,500m record, stopping the clock at a staggering 3:48.68, the first woman ever to dip under 3:49.

Ewoi is making her first appearance in

Team Kenya at the World Championships. She has recorded a mixed bag of results since kicking off her 2025 campaign. On May 25, she placed third at the Rabat Diamond League, clocking 3:59.25 behind Chepchirchir (3:58.04) and Ethiopia's Worknesh Mesele (3:58.44).

At the Kip Keino classic on May 31, she fizzled out to a seventh-place finish in the 800m (2:03.16) in a race won by national champion Lilian Odira (1:58.31). Ewoi punched her ticket in the 1,500m team to Tokyo after placing third at the trials with a time of 4:04.99.



# HAMPIONSHIPS 2024

## Serem credits steeplechase medal to Kipchoge's influence



*Edmund believes he would have posted better results if he hadn't been boxed*

BY CHRIS MBAISI

EDMUND Serem has hailed the influence of legendary marathoner Eliud Kipchoge after clinching his first-ever senior global medal — a bronze in the men's 3000m steeplechase at the World Championships in Tokyo, Japan. The 20-year-old clocked 8:34.56 in a dramatic final that produced one of the biggest shocks of the meet. New Zealand's Geordie Beamish stunned Olympic champion Soufiane El Bakkali with a lightning-fast sprint in the home straight, snatching gold in 8:33.88. El Bakkali settled for silver in 8:33.95, while Serem held on for third.

Serem said Kipchoge had reached out just before the race. "He called me and said, 'You can do it.' Coming from my mentor, that gave me so much motivation," Serem said. "I believed him. That belief carried me through." Despite the slow early pace, the final became a tactical affair. Serem admitted to being boxed in early — stuck in Lane 2 and unable to find space. "I was boxed and couldn't break free easily. I had to fight from that position, which wasn't ideal, but I stayed focused," he said. Serem, who has emerged as one of Kenya's most promising young steeplechasers, was unfazed by the pace or the pressure. "It didn't matter whether it was going to be fast or slow. I was prepared for anything. I knew I was facing the best — the Olympic champion, world champion, world record holder, and African champion — but I came ready," he said. Competing in his first senior World Championships, Serem admitted to feeling nervous but said the experience was invaluable.

"This was my first race at this level. The crowd, the calibre of athletes — it was overwhelming at first, but I'm proud of how I handled it." The Tokyo bronze is a breakthrough in what has been a consistent and impressive season for Serem across the Diamond League circuit. He made his debut in Xiamen on April 26, clocking 8:08.50 to finish fourth behind Ethiopia's Samuel Firewu (8:05.61), El Bakkali (8:06.66), and Kenya's Simon Koech (8:07.12). He improved in Shanghai, taking second in 8:08.68, just behind Abrahm Sime of Ethiopia (8:07.92). In Rabat, Serem lowered his personal best to 8:07.47, finishing third behind El Bakkali (8:00.70) and Germany's Frederick Ruppert (8:01.49). He stepped off the Diamond League briefly in May to compete at the Kip Keino Classic in Nairobi, thrilling the home crowd with a gutsy win in 8:27.68, holding off Ethiopia's Dinka Fikadun (8:27.97) and Gemechu Godana (8:31.82). Serem returned to the international stage in July with a career-best performance in Monaco, running 8:04.00 — a lifetime best — to place third behind El Bakkali (8:03.18) and Japan's Ryuji Miura, who was awarded the same time. He closed out his Diamond League campaign in Zurich, placing second in 8:09.96 behind Ruppert (8:09.02).

## Wanyonyi leads Kenyan trio to 800m semifinals

BY CHRIS MBAISI

OLYMPIC 800m champion Emmanuel Wanyonyi led Kelvin Loti and Nicholas Kebenei into the two-lap race semi-final as the World Athletics Championships entered Day 4 on Tuesday at the Tokyo National Stadium in Japan. From the heats, the first three across the finish line plus the three fastest losers booked their slots to the semis scheduled for Thursday.

Alex Ng'eno was the first to line up in the 800m in Heat One, failing to punch his ticket after a sixth-place finish, clocking 1:45.37. Spain's David Barroso (1:44.94), Algeria's Djamel Sedjati (1:45.01) and Botswana's Kethobogile Haingura (1:45.02) claimed the automatic slots.

Loti was the first Kenyan to secure his place in the semis after placing second in Heat Two, clocking 1:45.35 behind Spain's Mohamed Attaoui (1:45.23).

In Heat Five, Wanyonyi stamped his authority, finishing in 1:45.05 ahead of Italy's Francesco Pernici (1:45.11) and Ireland's Mark English (1:45.13).

Despite finishing fourth in Heat Seven, Kebenei's time of 1:44.91 guaranteed him a slot in the semis as one of the three fastest losers.

In an interview, Wanyonyi said the heats gave him a glimpse of what to expect in the semis.

"I have tested myself and I believe I am up to the challenge," he said.

He admitted that the weather conditions in Tokyo were crazy, but noted: "It is not just humid for me but for everyone."

Asked if his participation in the recent Diamond League meetings would give him an edge in the event, he said: "The World Championships and the Diamond League are very different ball games."

While the Diamond League is a straight final, one must go through different stages at the world level. He observed that he has raced against most of those in Tokyo and knows what to expect as the championship continues.

Edmund Serem competes in the men's 3000m steeplechase final at the 2025 World Athletics Championships in Tokyo, Japan, on September 15 /XINHUA

Emmanuel Wanyonyi competes in Heat Five of the men's 800m /AK/KELLY AYODI



### ★ WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Men's javelin qualification round group B [2:45pm] Julius Yego	Men's 400m hurdles semi-final [3:30pm] Wiseman Were	Women's steeplechase [3:57pm] Faith Cherotich Doris Lemngole	3,000m final Men's 1,500m final [4:20pm] Timothy Cheruiyot Reynold Cheruiyot
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Karan keen to end frustrating season on a high in Tanzania

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**Focus on "Mr London" as Bayern face Chelsea in Champions League opener**

XINHUA

AS Bayern Munich prepares for their Champions League opener against Chelsea on Wednesday, the spotlight falls on the club's "Mr. London" —



Bayern's Serge Gnabry/XINHUA

Serge Gnabry.

Despite Chelsea's recent signing of striker Nicolas Jackson, much of the pre-match talk has centered on Gnabry, whose record against London clubs is well known. The German international famously scored six goals against Chelsea and Tottenham in the 2019-20 Champions League, earning a reputation as London's tormentor.

Now 30, the 53-cap winger is thriving again, benefiting from Bayern's shortage of attacking options following the departures of Thomas Muller, Kingsley Coman and Leroy Sane.

His value to the six-time European champions has risen significantly, even after years marked by inconsistency.

Since 2020, Gnabry has endured

20 injury lay-offs, missing 65 matches and often facing speculation about his future. With his contract due to expire at the end of this season, his resurgence has prompted debate - some see him pushing for a renewal, while others credit his new role.

Alongside England captain Harry Kane, newcomer Luis Diaz and French prospect Michael Olise, Gnabry has rediscovered his best form.

"I'm in a flow," he said, noting that recurring injuries in recent years had slowed him down. "For a long time, I haven't felt that well and healthy."

The forward credits new coach Vincent Kompany for restoring his confidence by deploying him centrally as a No. 10. Bayern sporting

director Max Eberl praised the change, saying, "He is leaving his footprints as he is skilled enough to deliver exceptional actions in the center."

While Gnabry remains open to a contract extension, he has kept his focus on the campaign ahead. "It's still some time to go. I am open to more, but first let's see how things go over the upcoming months," he said.

**★TENNIS**

**Ndenga, Masika want exposure for wheelchair tennis players**

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

KENYAN wheelchair tennis players Jane Ndenga and Phoebe Masika believe only international exposure can help Kenyans compete at the highest level of the sport.

The duo, who reached the final of the doubles category at the International



Phoebe Masika / HANDOUT

Tennis Federation (ITF) Nairobi Open last week, said the country needs a structured development pathway to elevate Kenya's competitiveness.

"I believe we have the potential to match players from countries like Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, and Nigeria," said Ndenga, who has been in wheelchair tennis for over a decade.

"The Nairobi Open is a good starting point, but we need to play more international tournaments to improve our rankings and performance."

In the doubles final, Ndenga and Masika lost to Rehema Selmani of Tanzania and Awane Najwa of Mauritius, 6-4 6-1.

In the men's doubles category, Itaken Kipelian and Henry Caleb fell in the semifinals, losing 6-2 6-0 to the Egyptian duo of Hassan Emad and Abd Salah.

Tennis Kenya President James Kenani highlighted Kenya's growing stature as an international wheelchair tennis host.

"Not many African countries have the kind of facilities we do," said Kenani. "It's an honour to host such a prestigious event, which brings together top players from Africa and the world."

**FOOTBALL**

**NEW KPL ERA BEGINS**

*Hefty payday awaits topflight winners as Sportpesa returns as title sponsors*

BY CHARLENE MALWA

KENYA'S top-tier football league has entered a new phase of growth and stability following the return of SportPesa as title sponsor.

The deal, signed in Nairobi on Wednesday, sees the competition rebranded as the SportPesa League while injecting much-needed financial muscle into the local game.

The sponsorship deal, worth Sh51 million, will see 60 per cent of the funds channeled directly to clubs.

This is expected to ease long-standing logistical and financial challenges that have plagued teams in recent seasons.

Additionally, the league's prize structure has been revamped, with Sh15 million going to the champions, Sh3 million to the runners-up, and Sh2 million for the third-placed team.

The total prize pool now stands at Sh20 million, up from Sh6 million, signaling what many stakeholders are calling a fresh start for the local game.

Football Kenya Federation president Hussein Mohammed described the deal as a step towards long-term sustainability and competitiveness in Kenyan football.

"The league winner will now receive Sh15 million, and there will be Player of the Month awards culminating in an end-of-season gala," he announced during the official unveiling in Nairobi.

SportPesa CEO Ronald Karauri

said they are committed to strengthening football structures and motivating clubs.

"We had set Sh6 million as the prize money for the Kenyan Premier League, but after sitting down with the FKF President, we are reviewing it to Sh15 million," he said.

Clubs have welcomed the announcement.

Mathare United, recently promoted back to the top flight, sees the deal as a game-changer.

"This is a big plus and a good start for us as Premier League clubs. We were struggling last season to honour fixtures," said club official Jackton Obure.

"Being number one means you have to play in the Champions League, and with a headstart of

Sh15 million, it makes the league very competitive. This is a very expensive affair, and this boost will help us stabilise."

Sofapaka CEO Herbert Kungah termed the move timely as clubs continue to recover from financial hardship.

"The good thing in football is the fan zone and experience. Good marketing means visibility, and fans will be coming back to the stadium," he said.



FKF President Hussein Mohammed and Sportpesa CEO Ronald Karauri /CHARLENE MALWA

