



My 10-day ordeal with hooded men

PG 5 Prof Abdiwahab Sheikh Abdisamad, who was released four days ago, says he was interrogated using speakers mounted in his room on issues of security and regional politics



SPEAKER JUSTIN MUTURI

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Price crisis: House speaks with one voice as Muturi approves petition by legislator and two citizens seeking to abolish current tax regime on petroleum products, committee given 14 days to complete task **PAGE 4**



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Teachers get four months maternity leave in new CBA

CBA leaves the tutors without monetary gain and introduces tougher measures on promotions

by Irene Githinji
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Female teachers will henceforth enjoy maternity leave of 120 days up from the three months they are currently accorded.

A new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) signed between the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) and teachers countrywide, will also see male teachers enjoying more paternity leave days of 21. Men are currently given 14 paternity leave days.

The agreement that covers the 2021 to 2025 period and takes effect from July 1, 2021, however, leaves teachers without any monetary gain and introduces tougher measures to guide promotions.

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) Secretary General Collins Oyu said the new CBA has not factored in the traditional annual salary and allowance increments because of the advisory issued by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

Salary increase

"We agreed to sign the CBA after agreeing with TSC that a review on the basic pay would be undertaken after the commission is given a go-ahead by SRC. We still assure our members that their salaries would be reviewed when the economy improves," Oyu told *People Daily*.

The salaries commission imposed a two-year ban on salary increase for employees in the public service as a result of negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy.

Oyu disclosed that when the economy improves, Knut would still push for its earlier proposal for a salary increment of between 120 and 200 per cent.

But under the new CBA, teachers would be a happy lot after TSC gave in to pressure to consider transfer requests for married couples to appropriate stations and loca-



TSC boss Nancy Macharia (left) and Knut secretary general Collins Oyu during signing of the 2021-25 CBA with the teachers unions recently. FILE

tions subject to factors such as availability of vacancies and the need for suitable replacement.

Such requests would also be pegged on existing staffing norms and proof of marriage, among other factors. This, TSC says, is aimed at achieving family values as enshrined in the Constitution.

However, TSC has stuck to its guns that promotion of teachers shall be pegged on Career Progression Guidelines.

"Promotion of teachers shall be in accordance with the Career Progression Guidelines in force. However, teachers serving in Arid and Semi-Arid Land (ASAL) and hard to staff areas and are holding administrative positions in an acting capacity shall be promoted progressively until they obtain grades commensurate to their respective positions," the circular dated September 10, 2021, states.

DETAILS IN THE DEAL

● Senior primary teachers were moved up, to grade C2, to earn between Sh34,955 and 43,694.

● Principals of national schools were moved to Grade D5 to earn a salary of between Sh131,380 and Sh157,656 per month.

TSC has also promised to implement Teacher Professional Development (TPD) programmes and performance management system in the teaching service.

To this end, every teacher who successfully completes the TPD programme shall be issued with a Teaching Certificate," TSC Chief Executive Nancy Macharia says.

The new CBA was agreed upon on July 13, 2021 and registered by the Employment and Labour Relations Court on August 27, 2021.

Job groups

Details of the new CBA indicate that primary school heads and secondary principals will remain in the same job groups and perks that they were awarded in 2016.

In 2016, all primary school heads of boarding and day schools were automatically moved up to Grade D1, earning between Sh77,840 and Sh93,408.

Primary head teachers with lower student population were elevated to C5, earning between Sh62,272 and Sh77,840.

Primary school deputy head teachers were also moved up to grade C5 and Grade C4, earning between Sh52,308 and 65,385.

The pay was also based on the school categories. Principals of extra-county schools moved to grade D5 as their deputies moved to D3.



HIV fight gets boost as country receives child-friendly ARVs

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Kenya has received child-friendly Antiretroviral (ARVs) drugs from five UN agencies to accelerate treatment of minors living with HIV after almost a year of stock-outs due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The drugs are flavoured with strawberry to make them palatable for children who have previously resented the conventional bitter ARVs.

Receiving the donation, Health Chief Administrative Secretary, Dr Mercy Mwangangi described the latest development as a big win for the country's children.

The five United Nations agencies including UNAIDS; Unicef, UNFPA, and the UN Women donated 47,000 packs of Dolutegravir (DTG) 50mg and 28,000 packs of Dolutegravir 10mg through the Clinton Health Access Initiative.

"Evidence supports using DTG as a preferred first line ARV drug for children and adolescents living with HIV, with approved dosing and people co-infected with TB," said Mwangangi during an event at Nyumbani Children's Home in Karen.

She said Kenya has made tremendous strides in the fight against HIV.

Currently, there are ap-

proximately 1.5 million People Living with HIV in Kenya with 106, 807 being children.

"To accelerate the improvement of treatment outcomes, the program has prioritised the transition of children and adolescents living with HIV to optimized ART regimens, a process that started in 2018," the CAS pointed out.

She said treatment optimisation in children aims at providing child-friendly treatment options, that support viral load suppression and better treatment outcomes.

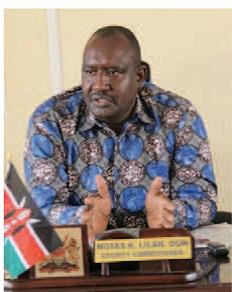
Treatment optimisation

Out of the over 1.2 million living with HIV currently on ARVs, 68,011 are children below 15 years.

Dr Andrew Mulwa, the director Medical Services, Preventive and Promotive Health at the ministry said the government has successfully transitioned children in Kenya from Nevirapine to Efavirenze, then to DTG 50 mg and now to DTG 10 mg.

"Today marks a milestone in the history of HIV care and treatment," he stated.

Mulwa said great progress has been made since 2015 when the Ministry of Health with the support of all stakeholders embarked on the journey to treatment optimisation.



Two dead, eight passengers missing after boat tragedy

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At least two people died after a boat they were travelling in capsized in Lake Victoria in Homa Bay county yesterday.

Authorities said six passengers had been rescued and rushed to the Homa Bay Teaching and Referral Hospital for

treatment.

The ill-fated passenger boat named Ador Nyar Kakello which was destined for Ndhuru beach in Suba North constituency, which is about 12 kilometres away overturned about 500 metres after it had left Homa Bay pier beach at around 4pm.

A coxswain Joash Ochieng' said among the dead was a woman and a

child. He said the incident happened after strong winds and waves that pushed the water hyacinth and marooned the motorboat.

"The boat was hit by strong wind before it overturned. Immediately water weeds engulfed the vessel blocking rescuers," he said.

Confirming the incident, County Commissioner Moses Lilan (pictured)

said a search and rescue mission was going on to trace eight missing passengers. He said the water vessel was reported to have about 16 passengers on board.

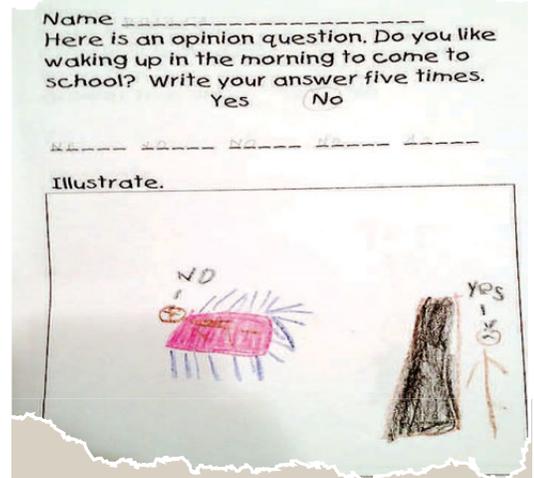
"We cannot immediately establish why it capsized. We will be able to give a conclusive report once the search and rescue mission is finished," Lilan said.

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Perhaps, this is why Magoha wants parents involved in CBC

Kenya is implementing a new education system — the Competency-Based Curriculum — and many parents, most of them products of the outgoing syllabus, have issues with it. While some cite financial and time burden, others say some assignments to pupils are 'outrageous'. Ministry of Education insists parents must embrace their role in children's learning process, including helping in assignments. WhackyWorld wonders, could these be some assignments that kids attempted without parental guidance?



Brutally honest

An accurate depiction of mornings in our household as drawn by a six-year-old.

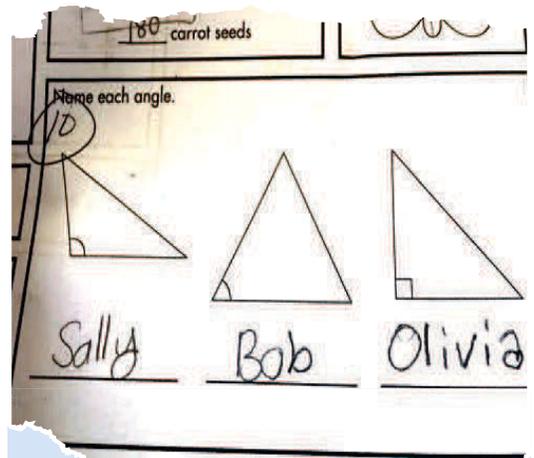
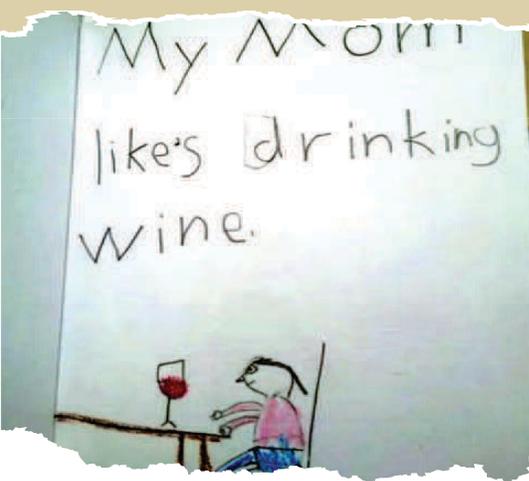


Copy and paste job

To be fair, if this assignment were on a computer instead of a piece of paper, these keyboard shortcuts would have actually worked.

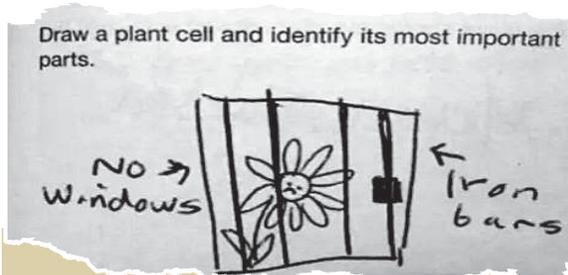
Family Portrait

The assignment was to write a sentence about a family member and draw a picture to accompany it, so this is spot on. There's just something in the mom's eyes, though.... Maybe she's just jazzed about the benefits of wine!



Naming conventions

It's no obtuse, acute and right, but Sally, Bob and Olivia are pretty good names for these angles.



Alternative biology

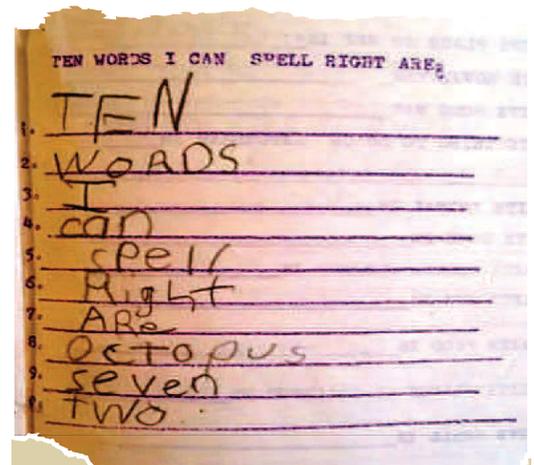
Drawing a plant in jail is a creative way to get around not remembering what cytoplasm is.

Not entirely wrong

You'd really have to meet Ray's cats to say for sure if they were odd or even.

5. Ray has an odd number of cats. He also has an even number of dogs. Complete the sentence.

Ray has odd cats and even dogs.



Going Places

This kid's not afraid to take help wherever they can get it.

MPs in scheme to bring down petroleum costs

Legislators want to change the law to strike out taxes that they had passed two years ago

by Anthony Mwangi
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Parliament yesterday kick-started the process to lower the spiralling fuel prices that could see MPs amend the law to lower taxes on petrol.

National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi approved a petition filed by an MP and two citizens seeking to abolish the current tax regime on fuel.

In the petition, Matungulu MP Stephen Mule and citizens Antony Manyara and John Wangai are calling for "urgent repeal of Section 13 of the Finance Act, 2018 in order to address the drastic increase in prices of petroleum and petroleum products by abolishing the current 8 per cent Value Added Tax."

The petitioners decried the passage of section 13 of the Finance Act, 2018 which amended section 5(2) of the Value Added Tax, 2013 that introduced a Value Added Tax of 8 per cent on petroleum and petroleum products that were previously exempted from the tax.

The petitioners argue the taxation rate was pegged at the taxable value of petroleum and petroleum products exclusive of excise duty, fees and other charges.

They say that all taxpayers and consumers of petroleum and petroleum products have been adversely affected by the law they term as draconian.

"The Petitioners seek the intervention of this House to consider repealing Section 13 of the Finance Act, 2018 in order to address the sharp increase in prices of petroleum and petroleum products through abolition of the currently prescribed 8% Value Added Tax," Muturi told members.

This, he said, was in view of its overreaching and substantial impact on taxpayers and consumers of the said products, which the petitioners have listed as petroleum oils,

bituminous minerals, motor vehicle fuel, spirits, kerosene-based jet fuel, illuminating kerosene, and natural gas in gaseous state.

Muturi said he had received similar petitions and requests for Adjournment Motions from Dagoretti North MP Simba Arati and Nominated MP Wilson Sossion, seeking adjournment of the House so as to deliberate on the matter.

"I have determined that the best avenue for resolving the issue at hand is not a Motion but rather legislation, and it is on the same basis that I declined to approve Statements and Questions from several other Members on the matter," Muturi said.

The Speaker committed the petitions to the Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning for consideration and directed that the matter be heard and determined in the next two weeks.

Other reasons

In addressing the concerns and prayers of the Petitioners, Muturi told the committee to table its report within 14 days in view of the urgency of the matter and in consideration of the effects it has on the populace, notwithstanding the sixty-day period under Standing Orders.

The committee chaired by Gladys Wanga was directed to attach a draft Bill to the report, for the Speaker's approval for publication, proposing legislative interventions as sought by the Petitioners.

Wanga's committee was also tasked to undertake inquiry to confirm whether there are other reasons, beyond taxation, leading to the drastic rise in the cost of petroleum and petroleum products with a view to proposing administrative and legislative measures for addressing the causes.

MPs blamed overtaxing on the current fuel prices and called on the committee to expedite the inquiry and rule that the taxes be reviewed.

Bonchari MP Pavel Oimeke said for the issue of fuel prices to be addressed, the powers given to the Treasury Cabinet Secretary must be reviewed as they gave him authority



The National Assembly wants to amend law on taxation of fuel. FILE

to review taxes at will.

"The process as it is currently is wrong. The CS has been given too much power to regulate the prices," said Oimeke who served as the Director General of the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority.

He said the framework of levies and taxes was wrong as it gives immense powers to the CS. For instance, the CS decided two years ago to raise the Petroleum Development Levy from 40 cents to Sh5.40.

"The committee needs to look into the framework and specifics that make the prices go up every now and then," Oimeke said.

Finance Bill

Garrisa Township MP Aden Duale said it was sad that taxes on petrol had shot up to Sh78 per litre.

"We must rise to the occasion as lawmakers, this is our time to show direction by reviewing the taxation regime which has caused the unbearable fuel prices," Duale said.

Interestingly, Duale, who was Leader of Majority when the tax was retained in the Finance Bill, was at the forefront rallying MPs to pass the law so that Treasury would not suffer a budget deficit.

He is quoted: "I want to speak to both the Yes and No camps that we handle the matter in the interests of Kenyans. It is good for the House to know that at 16 per cent the Treasury was to collect Sh35 billion and it was

already factored into the budget."

Backed by Leader of Minority John Mbadi, Duale led a walkout from the House occasioning a lack of quorum ensuring the No side could not carry the day.

Yesterday, Leader of Majority Amos Kimunya asked the committee to consider the gaps which come up as a result of reviewed taxation.

For instance, VAT on fuel, which is projected to generate Sh29 billion and has already been budgeted by Parliament, will have to be filled so as to affect the implementation of some of the planned programmes.

"With the change in VAT the committee must look into other items that can be taxed to fill the gap left by the removal of the Sh29 billion," Kimunya said.

According to Kimunya, the rise in the price of fuel was inevitable following some unprecedented changes in the market like an increase in the price per barrel which fell to almost Sh9 per barrel last year to now \$73.

"The decline in our exchange rate from 101 to 111 has caused the landing cost before imposing duties to stand at Sh86," Kimunya said. However, according to the latest Epra report the landed cost of Super petrol on August 21 was Sh60.35, Diesel Sh53.88 and that of Kerosene was Sh54.44. The taxes they attracted was Sh58.81, Sh46.46 and Sh41.14 respectively. The extra costs were margins for the sellers.

Ministers skip Senate date to explain pump prices

by Hillary Mageka
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Petroleum Cabinet Secretary John Munyes and his Energy counterpart Charles Keter yesterday failed to appear before senators to respond questions about the sharp increase in fuel prices.

Speaker Kenneth Lusaka had last Thursday directed the Senate's Energy Committee to issue summons to the two CS to explain the escalation of fuel and electricity costs.

In his response to the summons, Keter said fuel prices did not fall under his ministry, citing Executive Order No. 1 of 2018 and Executive Order No. 1 of 2020.

He said the Petroleum docket was the right ministry to the address the matter.

Munyes requested the committee to reschedule the meeting to September 29 because he is currently out of the country.

But the senators were not satisfied with the CS's reasons for the no show.

"This is a serious matter and the two Cabinet Secretaries are answerable to Kenyans and therefore they're in total contravention of the Constitution in not appearing to give whatever explanation there may be," said Nyeri Senator Ephraim Maina, who chairs the committee, told the House.

Other senators criticised the pair for skipping the hearings with members of the committee.

"Where does the CS Energy get the audacity to say this matter does not concern him? We know both the high fuel and electricity costs are related. This country is hurting," said Senator Moses Wetangula, a friend of the Committee, adding that Munyes ought to have cut short his visit to respond to the summons.

Narok Senator Ledama Olekina blamed Parliament for its role in passing legislation for higher petroleum taxes.

"Kenyans are angry at the Executive but they should be angry with us as we are the ones who pass legislation. We as Senate, for instance, passed the Petroleum Act which resulted in the petroleum development levy," he said.

Court bars Kibwana from settling 600 squatters on Nguu Ranch

by Nancy Gitonga
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Makueni Governor Prof. Kivutha Kibwana and senior lands officers have been stopped from evicting over 1,500 residents of Nguu Ranch in order to settle squatters.

While issuing the orders, Makueni High Court judge Charles Mbogo said the squatters had no claim over the land which they have issued titles by the government.

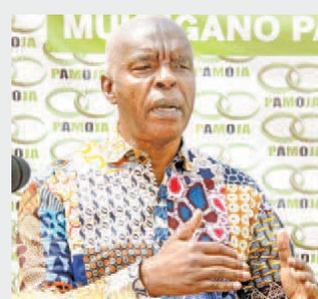
"I find merit in the petitioner's application. I hereby issue conservatory orders in favour of the petitioners pending the hearing and determination of the case," ruled Justice Mbogo.

The court also stopped the government, its agents and employees from entering and trespassing into the property to settle squatters.

"It is, therefore, the petitioner's conviction that should this court fail to intervene, not only will their proprietary rights be infringed, but they will also suffer irreparable loss and damage," the judge noted.

He also stopped the government from issuing title deeds and settling the over 600 squatters at the Nguu Ranch pending determination of a suit filed by aggrieved petitioners.

Justice Mbogo ruled that a suit filed by lawyer Nzioki Muthini for over 60 petitioners had established there were glaring irregulari-



ties identified in the settling of the squatters whose genuineness had been questioned.

The petitioners accuse Kibwana (pictured) and government officials of bringing people who were not originally meant to benefit from the Nguu Ranch and issuing them title deeds.

The judge noted that some squatters had descended on land occupied by persons who claim to have been living on it since 1965.

Areas where squatters have invaded include Manooni, Mulima Dam and Katelembu within Nguu Ranch. The over 40,000-acre land on which the squatters are being settled is occupied by over 1,500 people.

My 10 days ordeal at the hands of hooded captors

Muslim scholar says he was grilled on connections with Somalia, terrorism and regional security

by Zaddock Angira
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The Kenyan-Somali scholar, who was abducted from Nairobi city centre on September 8, was grilled by agents who concealed their identities.

Prof Abdiwahab Sheikh Abdisamad, who could not identify the abductors, said through a relative that he was also disarmed of his pistol loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition, which was returned to him upon his release by the captors in Nairobi South C estate on Sunday evening.

Just like Mombasa businessman Abdulhakim Salim Sagar, who was abducted on August 18 and released last Sunday, Abdisamad was given Sh2,000 for bus fare after more than 10 days in captivity.

Controversial scholar

The controversial scholar was abducted from Tubman Road near City Market as he walked to a hotel to meet a friend.

He was then taken to a safe house in an area he could not recognise where his abductors talked to him through speakers mounted in the house.

According to Abdisamad relatives, the agents wore balaclavas all the time they engaged him and gave him his medicine on time, fed him on time, provided a room for his prayers and provided him with warm shower.

The men appeared to know so much about him and at one point even showed him photos he had taken during a trip to Somalia.

The scholar, who is the Executive Director of the Institute for Horn of Africa Strategic Studies and an analyst at Southlink Consultants, said he could not recognise his abductors.

Abdisamad told his relatives that his abductors were interested in his activities and connections in Somalia and regional security.

"The abductors kept asking him questions on Kenyan security issues, terrorism

and the maritime case pending at an international court and his connection.

Kenya has been in long running maritime boundary dispute with Somalia at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

In March, Kenya said it will not take in the hearings and accused the ICJ of bias in the case, which concerns a 62,000 sq miles (160,000 sq km) triangle in the Indian Ocean. The area is thought to be rich in oil and gas. ICJ will deliver the long awaited verdict on October 12.

At one point, his abductors tabled three passports from Kenya, Somalia and Turkey and asked him to choose one. He chose the Kenyan one.

He did not explain what happened with the rest and why the passports were produced. "I think they wanted to test his loyalty. He is a Kenyan from Wajir county," said the relative.



Muslim scholar Abdiwahab Sheikh Abdisamad. FILE

someone to his house in Nairobi South C estate.

On reaching the agreed destination, the abductors handed Abdisamad Sh2,000 and told him to pay the rider, dropped him to the ground from the car and removed his blindfold before driving off.

Abdisamad's abduction was a part of a wave of recent abductions in the country that alarmed Muslims and the wider public.

Leaders from Mombasa county condemned the manner in which the businessman was abducted and called on security officials to come clean on the matter.

HIGHLIGHTS

● **Broad daylight:** Kenyan-Somali scholar Abdiwahab Sheikh Abdisamad was abducted by four armed men in broad daylight at the City Centre on September 8 as he walked to a hotel to meet a friend.

● **Security issues:** The abductors kept asking him questions on security, terrorism and the maritime case pending at an international court and his connection.

Remained blindfolded

He added he is yet to decide if he will seek legal redress over the issue.

A few days after he was abducted, he was issued with a phone and allowed to talk to his family and assure them that he was well and safe wherever he was.

"Until now, he cannot remember where he was but he suspects it was out of Nairobi. On Sunday, his kidnappers summoned a bodaboda rider and asked him to come to a place near the local mosque to deliver

Salaries commission under fire for overturning dock workers pay deal

by Anthony Mwangi
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The Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC) yesterday came under heavy criticism for overturning a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for dock workers.

The purported changes being proposed by the commission have since delayed salary increment of Kenya Port Authority (KPA) workers who were to enjoy a 10 per cent pay rise, which was to be backdated to January last year.

A parliamentary committee heard yesterday that the commission decided to put on hold the implementation of the new CBA after it was approached by the Commission.

Appearing before the Labour Committee, SRC chairperson Lynn Meng'ich said that KPA management had requested that the 10 per cent increment be reduced to five per cent and be spread out to four years instead of two.

KPA and Dock Workers Union (DWU) agreed on a 10 per cent salary rise a month ago, but the law demands that the deal must be approved by the SRC to register.

Mvita MP Abdulsamud Nassir had petitioned the committee to direct that the SRC registers the agreement for it to be implemented.



Salaries and Remuneration Commission chair Lynn Meng'ich when she appeared before the National Assembly Labour Committee in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

"Thousands of workers who are to benefit from this pay rise are crying for their rights, SRC cannot assume the powers of other agencies to delay the implementation of the deal," Nassir told the committee. Meng'ich said KPA had made the request to delay the registration of the CBA citing cash flow problems.

"We have not delayed any-

thing as it has been claimed, we are acting on a request made by the KPA to review the implementation module," Meng'ich said.

Dock Workers Union General Secretary Simon Sang said the 4,400 members sought to be paid their 16-month arrears. Sang accused the commission of overstepping its mandate, saying SRC is an advisory body not to Joint Industrial Council (JIC) compromising KPA and the Union but an advisory body only to the employer (KPA) in this case.

Committee chairman Wachira Kabinga (Mwea) said the commission had been given enough time to address the matter adding that members will not make further delays but will proceed to report to Parliament the progress made.

In the new CBA, the basic salary for the highest-paid dock worker stands at Sh106,534, up from Sh102,436 per month, while the lowest-paid worker will take home Sh46,144, up from the current Sh44,369.

Sang told the committee that there was no procedure for reopening any further negotiations between KPA and the Union, adding that the only solution to the matter was the full implementation of the CBA.

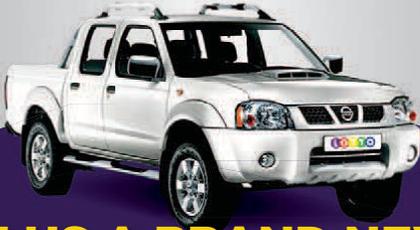


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You don't have your own ideas, DP tells opponents

Deputy President insists that his politics revolve around issues affecting majority of Kenyans

by Noah Cheploen and Christine Musa
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Deputy President William Ruto has defended his "Hustler Nation" slogan, saying his rivals were feeling the pinch because they are not used to having a national campaign revolving around the ordinary mwananchi.

Addressing residents of Emali in Makueni county yesterday during a stop-over, Ruto urged Kenyans to shun leaders pushing for constitutional changes - to create for themselves plum positions - at the expense of revival of the economy.

Noting that his opponents were feeling the heat because of his "Bottom-Up Economic Model," Ruto said he was determined to ensure issues affecting citizens become the centre of political conversation.

Consequently, he said his rivals had ganged up against him, arguing that they were uncomfortable with his people-centred approach. "I am from Amboseli where we had deliberations with your leaders on specific economic strategy for this area," he said. "There are some people who are obsessed with changing the Constitution to create big positions like Prime Minister for themselves."

His remarks were an apparent dig at Opposition chief Raila Odinga, who has been pushing for constitutional amendments that would have seen creation of the position of Prime Minister with two deputies under the Building Bridges Initiative.

"They are obsessed with discussions on power sharing but we are telling them that this time around, before we change the Constitution, we must change the economy first," the Deputy President said amid cheers.

Deputy President said he will not be intimidated by the ganging-up currently being witnessed, emphasising that he is going to push his "Hustler Nation" campaign to the end. "Are you ready for a hustler government next year?" he asked locals.

"They have ganged-up against me but I have also prepared well to face them," he added. The DP has for the past three days been aggressively rallying the Maasai and



Deputy President William Ruto addresses residents of Sultan Hamud in Makueni county after a two-day meeting at the Oltukai Lodge in Amboseli, Kajiado. DPPS

Kamba vote by holding closed-door meeting with leaders from the two communities in Kajiado. Speaking in Kajiado South, the DP, while addressing a political rally accused Raila of hijacking the Jubilee agenda.

Earlier meeting

"Jubilee party has been hijacked by David Murathe and Raphael Tuju, who have in turn sold the party to Raila. I am happy that God stopped the BBI process that was aimed at oppressing Kenyans," said Ruto.

At an earlier meeting, his allies from Ukambani maintained that the provision of water is key for their survival in the Bottom-Up Economic Approach.

Delegates attending a two-day South Eastern Region Economic Forum with Ruto in Oloitoktok said scarcity of water had affected the area's economic potential.

"Region has excellent soils and warm

weather suitable for a wide range of agricultural production. It is noted that scarcity of water is the single most critical constraint," they said.

Without the provision of water, the delegation told the DP, the Bottom-Up Economic Model would suffer.

But Ruto said the model was pro-poor and considered not only empowering ordinary citizens through finances but also provision of social services like water, health and education.

"We understand and appreciate the challenge of water provision in the country and more so in regions badly affected by drought. This is part of our plan to uplift the common man," Ruto said

He noted that there were several ongoing large-scale water investments such as Thwake and Umaa dams and others that once completed will irrigate up to 300,000 acres of land.

"However, this is just over five per cent of the region's 5.5 million acres of arable land. Unlocking the potential of this land requires that we map all potential sources for both irrigation and domestic use," said Jonathan Mueke, the former Nairobi County Deputy Governor.

He said consultations will be intensified with all stakeholders to ensure available resources are harnessed with a view to identifying the interventions that will bring the region's perennial water problem to an end.

ECONOMIC PRIORITY

● Machakos Town MP Victor Munyaka said they have identified raising agricultural productivity as the region's top economic priority, and water as the key enabler of socio-economic transformation.

● He added that the provision of ample water for irrigation in Machakos, Makueni and Kitui counties will lead to increased production of fruits, which are key drivers of economic growth and jobs generation.

BRIEFLY



636 new administrators to implement State projects

The government has deployed 636 newly appointed assistant county commissioners cadets throughout the country with a view to expanding its national network.

Their mandate will include overseeing implementation of national government development projects, countering terrorism as well as mitigating disasters, managing assets, inventory, planning and security. Officers are also expected to undertake peace-building initiatives, coordinate and organise government functions as well as allocate adminis-

trative duties, including general office tasks to staff working under them.

In a circular by Interior Principal Secretary Karanja Kibicho to regional commissioners, he directs the officers to ensure mentoring of cadets to ensure a seamless entry into the administrative docket.

"Officers need to be mentored by competent and experienced officers, who will offer guidance and support into their roles," said Kibicho. Regions that have received huge numbers of the administrators include Rift Valley, Coast and Nyanza.

- Roy Lumbe

Blow to Sonko after judge blocks bid to transfer case

Former Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko yesterday suffered a setback after Chief Magistrate Douglas Ogoti declined to transfer his Sh10 million corruption case. When the matter came up for directions, Ogoti said even though he has been transferred, he will still continue handling the case. "There is a discussion on how to handle cases before this court. It has been decided that this case will proceed. I direct we take further hearing dates," Ogoti ruled. Sonko had on Wednesday last week suffered a blow after the High Court dismissed his attempt to have Ogoti removed from handling the case over allegations of bias.



Earlier this year, Ogoti had declined to recuse himself, saying Sonko had not tabled compelling reasons to warrant his recusal. Following the move, Sonko petitioned the High Court seeking orders compelling Ogoti barred from handling the case, which Justice James Wakiaga dismissed for lack of merit. Case will be mentioned on October 1 for fixing of hearing dates.

- Nancy Gitonga

Mudavadi says it's not possible to amend Constitution before 2022

by Dennis Lumiti
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Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi has ruled out the possibility of amending the Constitution before August 2022 polls.

Mudavadi said time limits and the current political climate were not conducive for any engagements that would introduce changes to the 2010 Constitution. He said the country was already focused on the next elections after which the next government can midwife any changes that are desired in the Constitution. "The political climate and limited time can not allow the country to introduce

amendments to the Constitution. This can only be possible after the next polls," he said.

The ANC leader noted that even the presidency that is supposed to spearhead the process is divided.

Speaking on a local TV station on Monday night, the former deputy Prime Minister said it was now upon the government to fully support the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission to enable it have the capacity to conduct credible elections. He further decried the infighting between President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto.

He noted that the duo was elected as a presidential package and that



their failure to work together was dangerous to the country. He specifically lashed out at Ruto, whom he accused of sabotaging, disrespecting and insubordinating the presidency.

Public exchanges

"There are tensions and moments of disrespect and insubordination in the presidency. This is clear through a series of public exchanges between the country's two top leaders. That is dangerous to the country," he said.

Mudavadi pointed out that the current frictions between the President and his deputy should be a lesson to others eyeing the top seat. "You can not legislate behaviour.

This is an attribute that is entirely personal. It is just common sense that Uhuru and Ruto were elected as one presidential package and none can run away from any failures by the Jubilee administration," he said.

"In fact they shared government slots on a 50-50 basis. How can one now claim he had been short-changed and wants a new term as president? Some things call for personal etiquette and should not necessarily be in law," he added.

He said a deputy president has his or her roles clearly defined in the Constitution and that Ruto should not run away from blame if he fails to execute his responsibilities.

Lawyer's lover wants girl body exhumed

Woman wants her daughter's body at counsel's farm in Gatundu produced for autopsy, reburial

by Bernice Mbugua
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A woman has moved to court seeking to have the body of a child she sired with city lawyer Harrison Kinyanjui exhumed.

Tabbyrose Wanja Wamwitha wants the body exhumed for purposes of conducting an autopsy by a public pathologist and reburying it in a place where she can access.

Through lawyer Danstan Omari, Wamwitha accuses her former partner of practicing and participating in harmful religious practices.

She claims the daughter, Princess Rossie Harrison died suddenly on October 14, 2017 at the MP Shah Hospital. The girl was buried at the lawyer's farm in Gatundu, Kiambu.

According to the plaintiff, Kinyanjui was never supportive of the medical condition of the baby who suffered from Down Syndrome and heart complications prior to her death. "The baby had a fever the day before she died and despite insisting on taking the minor to the hospital, the fourth respondent (Kinyanjui) refused," she said in court documents.

She says she took the infant to the hospital the next morning at around 4 am and around 6.30am the infant was pronounced dead.

"The death of my daughter was sudden and mysterious. I felt there was a need to conduct an autopsy before burying her in my land at Mai Mahiu or Lang'ata Cemetery so as to find out the cause of her sudden death and to assuage any suspicions," she states in court documents.

"I later learnt that he booked our daughter's body from MP Shah Mortuary to his parcel of land without consulting me during the period when I was still mourning my daughter's death and was still under emotional pain and agony," she adds.

Secret autopsy

Wamwitha claims that a pathologist best known to Kinyanjui did the autopsy and she was never given the results of the autopsy nor has she ever had access to the said results. "The reason as to why he changed the burial location remains a mystery to me and my family...I have strong reasons to believe that this action was geared to ensure that no autopsy would be carried out as requested in order to determine the true cause of the death of the deceased," she says.



City lawyer Harrison Kinyanjui at the Milimani Law Courts argues his case during a past appearance. FILE

She claims that the burial plans were secretly undertaken without his involvement and the rest of the deceased's siblings and according to the Kikuyu customs and traditions, the baby should not have been buried on his land as at the time they had separated.

"Ever since the burial ceremony I have only visited the grave once on February 1, 2018 as fourth respondent (Kinyanjui) has refused and made it difficult for me to visit my daughter's grave," she says in court documents.

Kinyanjui has opposed the application to exhume the body through lawyer Geoffrey Maina Makome and Wamwitha's elder sister Anne Wangeci Wanja.

Makome in defending Kinyanjui claims the orders sought are in bad faith and that the former lover was aware and participated in every stage of the burial ceremony.

"I know the said Tabbyrose Wamwitha as a disagreeable, abrasive and very aggressive and unreasonable woman, who would have totally wreaked havoc at both Kinyanjui's office and farm were any such burial done secretly," he said.

He stated Kinyanjui was a dedicated and loving father to the infant and he was taking his deceased daughter for medical attention at both Nairobi Hospital and MP Shah. Wanja, a sister to Wamwitha on her part claims it is extremely in bad faith to seek orders to exhume the body.

Judge quashes Namata tribal appointments

by Bernice Mbugua
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Employment and Labour Relations Court yesterday trashed the re-appointment of three members of the Nairobi Metropolitan Area Transport Authority (NAMATA) Board.

Justice Nzioki wa Makau quashed the Gazette Notice dated February 5, published by Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia on grounds the three were from one ethnic community.

Macharia who is also the chairperson of Nairobi Metropolitan area council had re-appointed Mary Waitigieni Chege, Zachariah Karenga Mungai and Ronald Ndirangu Ndegwa for a period of three years.

Justice Nzioki however quashed their re-appointment saying it was unconstitutional, unlawful for the wanton disregard to the national values espoused in the constitution. The judge argued that the three officials were from one ethnic community and did not represent the diverse fabric that is the Kenyan nation. "Their appointment

therefore smacks of evils of old which Kenyans opted to do away with in the new Constitution. The only inevitable outcome is an order quashing the Gazette Notice," he said.

The Judge further noted that their re-appointment failed to meet the Substantive and Procedural, Constitutional and Statutory requirements applicable in Public Service Appointments.

"It is 2021, the constitution has been in existence for the last 11 years, under article 10 of the constitution, it calls on all Kenyans to uphold the national values and principles of governance and more so all State organs and State officers and public officers," he said.

Law Society of Kenya filed the suit arguing the re-appointment of the three were made without following laid out substantive and procedural, constitutional and statutory requirements applicable in public service appointments. Through lawyer Manwa Hosea, LSK argued that the re-appointments did consider regional and ethnic representation.

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WAR ON ILLICIT BREWS

CS warns leaders against use of illicit alcohol to lure voters

Interior minister launches drive to minimise cases of alcohol abuse as the country heads to the polls

by Roy Lumbe, Robert Ochoro and KNA
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The government has launched a nationwide crackdown against illicit liquor in the build-up to next year's General Election.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i said investigations have revealed that there is a serious challenge of alcohol abuse as the country approaches elections.

According to the CS, several leaders were using cheap and illicit liquor to entice the masses to vote for them saying the same was negatively affecting the society.

He said the intensified campaign, that will run for an initial 30 days, will target the proliferation of cheap and illegal liquor whose supply and consumption tend to rise sharply towards the elections.

"Some people think it is time to provide cheap liquor to enable campaigns. In some cases, this trend is chronic. This Rapid Results Initiative (RRI) couldn't have come at a better time," said Matiang'i.

Addressing Regional and County Commissioners who are expected to spearhead the crackdown in their respective areas, he said supply and sale of illegal alcohol, if unchecked, poses serious public health and safety challenges to a system that is already reeling from the effects of Covid pandemic.

Lax administrators

The CS, who spoke at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi yesterday, also urged the administrators to lead by example and warned those struggling with alcohol and substance addiction that they would be sacked.

"We must be candid enough to admit we have a problem from within. If you're drunk and wobbling in public barazas, how will you implement the RRI? How can you enforce the law when you are supposed to be in a rehab centre?" he asked.

Interior PS Karanja Kibicho said the government will put a stop to the cyclic nature of deaths from consumption of illicit alcohol witnessed during the election season by dedicating enough resources to counter the menace.

"Around 30,000 Kenyans died from consumption of illegal alcohol or got blind around the last two general elections. This year, we have already lost some Kenyans to illicit alcohol in Nakuru. We will support this initiative with all it takes because we are already seeing attempts to make cheap liquor available," said Dr Kibicho.

The crackdown has been extended to counties with multi-agency teams kick-starting the operations in their respective jurisdictions.

In Kisii, County Commissioner Allan Macharia said the operation will involve the county security team, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs), National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse (Nacada) and the Anti-counterfeit Agency saying the same will be carried out in a humane and legal manner.

"We have realised that we have a lot of products in our markets that are either counterfeit or sub-standard. This initiative will ensure that we remove the products in our county. The operation will take place in



all sub-counties, starting today," he said, adding that liquor dealers and residents should not panic but rather collaborate with the police to make the operation successful.

A similar operation was done in Kitui county with Mwingi Central Deputy County Commissioner Solomon Chesut withdrawing licenses for four wines and spirits outlets in the town suspected to have been issued fraudulently.

During the inspection, the multi-agency officers also checked for validity of alcoholic products being used by scanning their QR codes on the KRA Soma Label App.

"We will not rest until we eradicate counterfeit alcohol and other illicit activities in this town and the rest of the sub county. The exercise shall, therefore, continue throughout the month at random times, because we have established that the bar owners' tip others once we start the crackdown, thus closing down their business, to evade the search of their premises," Chesut said.

In Kakamega, County Commissioner Pauline Dolla warned government officials against complicity in the fight against illicit brews.

Collaboration crucial

Dolla said that any government administrator, who will be found abetting consumption of illicit brews will face the sack. "All the 13 sub-counties have also formed their multi-agency teams and we are going to work as a team to curb proliferation and consumption of illicit brews up to the lowest level," she added.

In Kajiado, County Commissioner, Joshua Nkanatha said the consumption of illegal brews was on the increase especially in urban areas and warned those involved in the illicit trade that their days were numbered. "Cooperation between law enforcement officers and members of the public is crucial in the fight against illicit brews," he said.

During the operation, 520 litres of illicit brew, 15kg of bhang, six litres of chang'aa and 30 gaming machines were destroyed.

At the same time, in Murang'a county Commissioner Fredrick Ndunga said the fight will also be directed to chemists which are selling some drugs without doctors' prescription.

He noted some young people have developed a habit of using medical drugs to

Naivasha police boss Samuel Waweru (centre) and area DCI boss Adan Hassan examine some of the second-generation brew recovered from a factory in Naivasha. Five suspects were arrested and fake KRA stickers recovered during the raid in Kayole estate off the Nairobi-Nakuru highway.

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get intoxicated.

"Fake liquor has found its way to shelves and for the next 30 days, we will ensure only quality alcohol is being sold in all outlets in the county," said the Commissioner.

In Baringo, two liquor operators were arrested at Eldama Ravine after a sting operation by a multi-agency team found them non-compliant with liquor regulations.

Compliance with law

Speaking after the operation that closed two wines and spirits shops in the town, Nacada regional manager in-charge of North Rift Eunice Arubia said they were inspecting the liquor premises to check on their compliance with the law.

"We are inspecting liquor stores to check if they conform to set health standards as well as county liquor laws," she said.

Elsewhere, Eastern Regional Commissioner, Isaiah Nakoru said they will visit all the 69 sub-counties in the region, inspecting bars and business premises, with a view to ridding the area of the menace of illicit liquor and trade, that not only poses danger to the lives of people, but also the economy.

In Vihiga, County Commissioner Ochillo Oyugi put on notice people who were selling sub-standard and counterfeit illicit and contraband alcoholic products that their days are numbered.

"Now that we are nearing the electioneering period this RRI is timely; it will help reduce election and post-election violence because most youths will be enlightened," said Oyugi.

A similar exercise was witnessed in Homa Bay with County Commissioner Moses Lilan, revealing that the area is at risk of having counterfeit drinks as it borders Uganda and Tanzania, where possibility of smuggling the drinks is very high.

"Our operations will be led by intelligence gathering and coordinated approaches to maximise the time that we have, as well as to secure the greatest benefits out of this programme," he noted.

In Trans Nzoia, County Commissioner Samson Ojwang, accompanied by County Police Commander, Jacinta Wesonga and County Criminal Investigations Officer Francis Kihara, officially flagged-off the 30-day operation in Kwana sub-county.

During the operation, a total of 16,720 litres of Kangara, 150 litres of Chang'aa and 1,100 litres of busaa, were impounded at Folkland and Namanjalala villages.



KRA seizes goods worth Sh16 million in Western

by Noven Owiti
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Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has seized counterfeit goods worth Sh16 million over the last six months in Western Kenya, a top official said yesterday.

KRA Western Kenya regional coordinator Pamela Ahago (pictured) said the counterfeits were recovered in recent operations particularly conducted at the Isebania area in Migori county and Bumala in Busia county.

She said the agency is concerned about infiltration of counterfeit goods in the Western region, and called for concerted efforts to deal with the vice.

Ahago decried attacks of KRA officers by suspected smugglers while in the line of duty at Isebania and Bumala areas, and urged the police to reinforce their security.

"We are concerned about the counterfeits that come through our borders and those which come from the manufacturers. We have established that these products are not fit for human consumption hence the need to confiscate them," she said during the launch of the Rapid Results Initiative against contraband goods in Nyanza region.

Officers warned

Nyanza Regional Commissioner Magu Mutindika said the multi-agency team led crackdown aims to wipe out counterfeit products to ensure safety of the residents.

Mutindika stated that in the operation that runs for the next 35 days, they will be working with technical teams including National Authority for the Campaign Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse, KRA, Kenya Bureau of Standards and Anti-counterfeit Agency to eliminate contraband goods.

The crackdown, he said, seeks to establish the origin of the products and their manufacturers.

The regional chief regretted that most products which find their way into the country do not meet the required standards, thereby putting lives of Kenyans at risk. He said such products in some instances have ended up causing health and social problems in the society.

"Our focus is on substandard and counterfeit alcoholic drinks. Over time, there has been a lot of accumulation of some products which are not fit for human consumption and this RRI crackdown seeks to eliminate such," Mutindika said.

He warned against complicity among officers during the exercise.

Grade 4 evaluation was fair, says Kneec

Chief executive explains scores that learners got a true reflection of their respective capacities

by Irene Githinji
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The government has defended the results of the Grade Four assessment released early this year.

The Kenya National Examinations Council (Kneec) chief executive David Njeng'ere said the scores that learners got are a true reflection of their respective capacities.

He said Kneec would only come in to check when it feels there is a skew in grading because even within criterion referenced system, there will still be a curve since all learners cannot perform the same.

"The challenge of some teachers being tempted to massage the numbers is there and that is why Kneec exists to make sure that when those tendencies arise, we have a mechanism of stepping in," said Njeng'ere, during a media stakeholders forum organised by Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).

He explained that the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), Kneec and KICD has been gradually training teachers on implementation of Competency Based Assessment (CBA) and are competent to do the job satisfactorily.

"There is need for us to trust our teachers. It is true that the temptations might be there but teachers should be trusted and

you know, sometimes it is the parents who put pressure on teachers so let us try not to demonise teachers," said Njeng'ere.

He said the 40 per cent score at the end of Grade 6 will be used to help with selection as learners move to the next level but the 60 per cent will be purely criterion referenced thus Kneec must find a middle ground.

The 60 per cent scores of the final mark to transit to junior secondary will be obtained across Grades 4, 5 and 6 respectively, with each contributing 20 per cent.

"We had to create a hybrid between norm referenced and criteria referenced scoring so that the 60 per cent is purely criterion referenced and that is why no one is coming to moderate, it is teachers who give the curve," he explained.

Assessment tools

He also said that assessment tools will not be recycled. "Assessment tools are not the same, for instance we have done two years for Grade Three and the tools to be used this year are different from the ones used in 2019 and last year, they will be getting fresh tools every year from Kneec," he said.

He said Junior Secondary is general and has a broad curriculum to allow children test their abilities in different areas so that they are given a chance, without the fear of an exam coming, to try what they are good in.

"They have been given three years to test themselves in all areas so that at the end of Grade 9, the learners, the school and parent will be able to tell where the children are inclined," he said.



IN BRIEF

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Kneec chief executive David Njeng'ere addresses the press at a past function.
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Since there are no pathways in Junior Secondary School, Njeng'ere said that maybe the challenge of 'massaging grades' will be cured once the first cohort gets to Senior Secondary School.

"It will be obvious that grades were massaged earlier on if learners end up in Senior Secondary School in a track that is offering say pure science. If grades were massaged earlier and in the class they are all doing pure sciences, wouldn't it be obvious that a learner does not belong there? So within a short time, this will start to cure itself because it happened with malpractices of KCSE and university," explained Njeng'ere.

Digital literacy

At the same time, the Kneec CEO said CBC learners will exit school with seven core competencies, which include digital literacy.

"My view is that you cannot suspend such a critical competence. When we say that we will do away with it completely until everyone has access, what will be the effect on those children? In my opinion, those children we are pointing out and saying that they cannot access are the ones who need it most because they will remain behind compared to those who can access it," he explained.

He said digital literacy can still be achieved because all public primary schools, with just a few exceptions, have devices.

"The government has provided devices, which have capacity to take photos, can record and store so children do not have to be made to do things at home. They can take the photos with the devices at school and use them there. Schools also have LCD projectors supplied by government," he said.

He added: "Every public primary school has a storage device of two terabyte, which can take a long time to fill."

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Kenya has made tremendous strides in the fight against HIV. Treatment optimisation in children aims at providing child-friendly treatment options that support viral load suppression.
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INTERIOR CABINETS MEMBER MATIANG'I

FKF actions spell doom for football

National soccer team Harambee Stars faces a monumental task in the 2022 Qatar World Cup qualifying matches. Kenya has drawn two matches against neighbouring Uganda and Rwanda at home and away, respectively, which means the team has an uphill task to win the reverse fixtures as well as the two-legged matches against continental giants Mali to have a glimmer of hope of qualifying for the global showcase.

Early this week, the penchant by Football Kenya Federation (FKF) of changing national team coaches was revisited when it brought on board Turkish national Engin Firat to replace Jacob "Ghost" Mulee.

Already, the appointment has left mouths agape given the short time frame before Stars engage their opponents in the remaining qualifying matches. It is no brainer that this was hardly the right time for the federation to head-hunt for a new coach, who will hardly have enough time to traverse the country's football terrain to get the best material for the national team. The arrival of the new coach means so many things, the main one being introduction of new tactics that might confuse players who were already in sync with the Mulee philosophy and style.

Also, the federation's failure to consult widely over the national team's composition including the technical bench has been heavily criticised and there is a general feeling the federation has been treating Stars like a village outfit, which will be counterproductive and especially this time when the boys are facing tough World Cup qualifications matches.

Whom did the federation consult before making the latest decision, and what credentials were considered before handing the coaching job to the expatriate? This is a pertinent question that needs to be addressed and worse, the federation settled on a man who has lately coached Moldova, a team ranked 22 places behind Kenya in Fifa rankings. During his tenure there, he was in the dugout for 11 matches, losing nine and winning none!

Obviously, his CV will not inspire any ambitious team. Since Mulee had thrown in the towel, an experienced local coach was better placed to handle the next fixtures to be played on October 7 and 10.

The federation should have known better and hired a coach familiar with the playing unit and has been around long enough to know who to include in the national team. Such decisions by the federation in the pretext of building a national team makes it football's worst enemy.



Empowering women economically must be deliberate

The novelty and productivity that women bring into business is being lauded for having reverberating effects on all economies. However, this can only be realised across all aspects of society if we achieve gender equality.

The latest Global Gender Gap Report paints a grim picture on this front. Specifically, it shall take 267.6 years to close the current global gender gap in economic participation and opportunity.

This striking number is a result of two conflicting trends. One, albeit at a slower pace, the proportion of women among skilled professionals continues to increase. There is also progress towards wage equality. But overall income disparities still exist and there are a few women in leadership positions.

The report ranks Kenya position 84 on economic participation and opportunity. This has been attributed to our performance on labour force participation (26), estimated earned income (38), wage equality in similar roles (61), legislators, senior officials, and managers (107) and professional and technical workers (148). This calls for the need to include more women in senior roles

Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) acknowledges the role of women in driving industrial transformation for job creation and inclusive economic growth. This is why KAM continues to advocate for an inclusive manufacturing sector, through the establishment of policies that encourage women to be key players in value and supply chains.

To realise this, KAM conducted a study to



PHYLLIS WAKIAGA

Proceeds from the sale of their products are used to support children with epilepsy

understand women's representation in the sector, address the challenges they face and seal gaps that inhibit their participation. The first ever *Women in Manufacturing Report in Kenya* not only highlights challenges facing women industrialists but it also provides recommendations to address the same. It provides an essential foundation to champion for an enabling environment that encourages increased participation of women in industry.

Two findings stand out: First, the manufacturing sector is predominantly male-owned and staffed across all its 14 manufacturing sub-sectors, except for the chemical and allied subsector, that accounts for 50 per cent female. Second, most women-owned manufacturing businesses are Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and operate in the informal sector (93 per cent of businesses in the informal sector are women-owned).

These enterprises experience a high cost of production, high cost of transport and high cost of capital outlay. Despite the significant role of the informal sector in the economy, many of these businesses remain unable to

grow into medium-sized enterprises. To address this, KAM kicked off county-focused drive to increase the participation of women in industry and its value chain, at the beginning of the month. Conversations such as skilling, reskill, upskilling and access to finances took centre stage whilst engaging women from North Rift region.

What stood out was the zeal by the women to produce goods for their region whilst promoting socio-economic development. For instance, Creation Hive; a social enterprise based in Eldoret, uses recycled materials, to make various bags, notebooks and jewellery. There is also the Epileptic Foundation of Kenya that makes items, using beads. Proceeds from the sale of their products are used to support children with epilepsy across the country.

These two are among the many organisations across the country that strive to promote socio-economic development in the community they serve. Imagine the ripple effects they would have, if they have a conducive environment for women-owned businesses to thrive.

We urge the government to provide an enabling environment for them to thrive. This includes providing targeted financial and tax education and exemptions for women-led and women-owned manufacturing companies. It is also paramount that the government puts deliberate efforts to review specific laws that affect the manufacturing sector through a gender lens and creating guidelines for gender-responsive implementation is required.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

NSSF defied Covid-19 to register impressive growth

The National Social Security Fund (NSSF) has achieved a net growth of 72 per cent translated from an increase of Sh165.5 billion in June 2015 to Sh285 billion in June 2021 giving it a 12 per cent growth per year in the last six years.

This has been achieved despite harsh economic conditions, a case court that stalled the full implementation of the NSSF Act 2013 and the outbreak of the Covid-19.

Media reports claiming that the Fund spends Sh64 for every Sh100 collected is incorrect. NSSF's expenses are based on and compared with the income generated and not members' contributions.

The NSSF Act 2013 allowed the Fund to spend 2 per cent of net assets and not total members' contributions. The Fund has managed to spend 2.45 per cent of its net assets despite the court case which has restrained the Fund from collecting the enhanced contributions envisaged in the same Act that places the 2 per cent expenditure limit.

Guided by the Retirement Benefits Authority regulations, NSSF currently invests in government securities worth Sh154 billion, Sh28 billion in Safaricom and Sh27 billion tier 1 and 2 banks.

NSSF is a landlord to more than 50 government Ministries, Departments and Agencies. The Fund is a



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The Fund is a major supporter of this economy going by its strategic investments

major supporter of this economy going by its strategic investments spread across all sectors.

Reported losses by NSSF at the Nairobi Securities Exchange in some entities has been "paper loss" which happens to all investors in stocks depending on economic performance.

Investment decisions of the Fund are made by top managers as guided by the RBA Regulations.

Living by the spirit of "mobilizing local resources for national development" all NSSF members should be proud that through the Fund, they have been able to live to our National Anthem 'Pamoja tuajenge Nchi yetu'.

The Fund ensures openness, accountability and transparency to its stakeholders by ensuring the Auditor General audits its accounts and the Fund is also required by law to annually publish its accounts in the Kenya Gazette and in the local dailies.

NSSF is one of the public entities that is required by law to publish its accounts. That should give confidence to members and Kenyans in general. Members are at liberty at all times to check the status of their

contributions at their convenience by using USSD code *303#. Members can also register and check their statements from the comfort of their phones using the same USSD code. The Fund's services can easily be accessed at any of our 49 branches and all Huduma Centres. Members can also log-in to the NSSF online self-service (eservice.nssfkenya.co.ke) to access all their desired services.

On the recovery of member contribution arrears and penalties, the Fund has ensured that all outstanding contribution debts are followed up through formal demands as per the Fund Compliance Process.

Additional effort and strategy has been deployed to recover contribution arrears and penalties owed by employers. This include installment undertaking arrangements, filing of court cases through the Office of Director of Public Prosecutions and engagement with government institutions to recover contribution arrears and penalties owed by defunct local authorities.

Government institutions steering the debt recovery process include

the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the Council of Governors, and the Intergovernmental Relations Technical Committee.

The unremitted member contribution by some employers is actually not unaccounted for money by NSSF as implied in the Auditor General's report. These are known monies in form of member contributions owed to the collector (NSSF) and are being pursued vigorously by the Fund to be credited to member-accounts. The penalties that come with such owed monies cater for the cost of collection of the contributions by the Fund and delayed interest on member accounts deriving from the missed investment opportunity.

NSSF has also opened its door to Kenyans in the informal sector. The launch of the Hababaha informal sector savings programme in 2019 demonstrates that the informal sector is the biggest creator of jobs and shouldn't be left behind especially in the critical endeavour like saving. The Fund has come up with products targeted at this critical sector.

All employers who engage at least one worker are also required to register themselves and their employees with NSSF.

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ODDLY ENOUGH



Tallest teen, dog with longest ears steal show

From the dog with the longest ears to the world's tallest teenager, Guinness World Records reveals its latest record breakers in the 2022 edition of the popular book. The annual publication, out on Thursday, features an array of records and feats, including the fastest walking on hands and the most skips over a person's own hair in 30 seconds. Briton Bethany Lodge, a gymnast since a young age, scored the titles of fastest 100-metre forward rolls — in 42.64 seconds — and the most backwards somersault burpees by a female in 30 seconds — five. American Zion Clark, who was born without legs, took the record for fastest 20 metres walking on hands, achieving the feat in 4.78 seconds. Laetitia Ky from Ivory Coast set the record for most skips over a person's own hair in 30 seconds — 60. The 25-year-old model, actress and artist is known for making sculptures with her locks. "For this new record, Laetitia braided her natural hair and then added extensions to form the 'rope' she would use to skip," Guinness World Records said in a statement. The title of tallest teenager living (male) went to Canadian Olivier Rioux, with a height of 226.9cm. Lou, whose owner is American Paige Olsen, took the record of longest ears on a dog (living). His ears are 34cm long.

— Agencies



TRUTHS: To make most of your life, make God's goals your goals.

Kenya needs policy on VIP security arrangements

The recent altercation between the Deputy President William Ruto and the Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government over the latter's security deployment revealed that Kenya lacks a policy or law on guarding the VVIP and VIP personnel.

This is sad considering the huge number of State and public officers falling in VVIP and VIP categories in a country that the ratio between police officers and the population is wanting. At the ratio of 1:1,150 police-population, Kenya ranks poorly based on the United Nations recommended rate of 1:450.

There is need for a policy or law that should limit and dictate the redeployment of security personnel to guard both the private and public interests of State officers to avoid abuse.

It should also demarcate between the private and public interests as it clearly emerged that Ruto's large number of security officers is attrib-



RAPHAEL OBONYO

Given the shortage of police officers, private security firms can provide the solution

uted to his vast business empire.

Private security, which is currently undergoing some reforms, can be engaged to guard private interests of State and public officers.

The government, however, has a major role to play in fast tracking the ongoing reforms in provision of private security to make it an attractive alternative. Given the shortage of police officers, private security firms appear to be a timely and crucial solution.

Since 2016 when the government enacted a law to regulate private security service providers after a three decades hiatus, the government has accelerated several activities that culminated in the recent kick-off of the vetting of 2,000 registered firms.

This clearly testifies that this sector, which had grown unregulated despite its sensitive role, is emerging to be very vital for the country and demands a policy intervention that can package it for a complementary role.

Kenya Private Security Regulatory Authority says only 10 per cent of firms had met the minimum threshold set by the government. This is despite its enormous size.

By 2019, about 1,000 operating firms, offering a diversified range of services in security, directly employed over 500,000 people, with an estimated annual turnover of over Sh300 billion.

Because of the waning ability by the State to provide the overwhelm-

ing protection demanded by all citizens through the police, who also provide a wide-range of other crucial services, Kenyans have resorted to private firms and vigilante groups to bridge the gap.

This has seen the private sector security emerge as one of the fastest growing service industries in Kenya in recent years.

A Baseline Study on the Private Security Industry in Kenya carried out by the Usalama Reforms Forum in 2019 revealed that the demand of private security services in Kenya is highest in cities. About 53 per cent of the demand was in Nairobi, 23 per cent in Mombasa and 10 per cent Kisumu in 2019.

With a sound policy in place, the government would be able to offer incentives and other support services to help local security firms grow as an alternative measure.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



We're stronger eight years later

@MwangiMuthiora: Despite the police killings witnessed in parts of the country, I would give Uhuru 8/10 on security. Disbanding of killer police squads was necessary, the intelligence is also impressive especially on counter terrorism. #WeAreStronger

Ocean behaviour link to drought

@doraakolo: You might want to know that the current #drought has more to do with the behavior of the Indian Ocean, the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD). A very natural phenomenon, the only difference now is that the occurrence is becoming more frequent due to #ClimateChange

Tribalism not the original sin

@Its_Renson: This situation at Moi University is not all about tribalism. If one VC or staff is incompetent then we should blame the staff/C. Some other universities highlighted have their leaders coming from their ethnic regions and are doing quite well.

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State comes to the rescue of society

by David Musundi
@PeopleDailyKe

The government has bailed out occupants of 631 acres of land at Salama village in Endebsub sub-county in Trans Nzoia, whose title deeds had been withheld by a local bank as security for a defaulted loan.

Title deeds of Salama A and Salama B farms were handed by Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa (pictured) and Rift Valley Regional Commissioner George Natembeya.

Bank released the title deeds to the Salama Multipurpose Cooperative Society in a discharge of charge after the debt they owed was fully paid by the government.

Some 300 families occupy the farms.

"We have done this in line with the government's programme of land titling. We now challenge you to kickstart the process of acquiring individual title deeds for each piece of land," said Wamalwa.

Natembeya called on the officials to have a sitting with the National Land Titling officers to have the title deeds listed to allow surveying to process individual title deeds.

"I now challenge the county commissioner to organise between officials of the two farms and the National Land Titling programme to enable issuance of single title deeds for each land owner," said Natembeya.

BRIEFLY

Four held over death of nurse

Police in Busia have arrested four suspects in connection with the grisly murder of Ann Mung'ayo, a nurse at the Busia County Referral Hospital. Mung'ayo was murdered in cold blood on September 12 by the goons, who reportedly used crude weapons to gain access into her house in Amerikwai near Busia Airstrip. According to area Police Commander John Nyoike, acting on a tip-off, the officers ambushed the suspects' hideout and recovered the deceased identity card. One of the suspects led the officers to his accomplices hideout before they were arrested. Suspects will be arraigned in court once investigations are complete.

-KNA

Limited supply of Covid jab hinders inoculation efforts

Dr Patrick Amoth says the country is unlikely to meet WHO's target of vaccinating 10 per cent of Kenyans by month-end as projected

by George Kebaso
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The government is racing against time to have 10 per cent of Kenyans protected against Covid-19 by the end of this month in line with World Health Organisation (WHO) targets.

However, the Ministry of Health has admitted that it is not possible to meet the target due to several factors including limited vaccine supply.

"Another thing is that there is an interval between dose one and two of AstraZeneca based on WHO advisory of 12 weeks. That negatively affected our ability to reach that target," acting Director-General for Health Dr Patrick Amoth said.

The latest Gates Foundation's Annual Goalkeepers Report warns that those who have been hardest hit by the pandemic will be the slowest to recover. "Lack of equitable access to Covid-19 vaccines is a public health tragedy," the report.

Wealthy countries

"We face the very real risk that in the future, wealthy countries and communities will begin treating Covid as yet another disease of poverty. We cannot put the pandemic behind us until everyone, regardless of where they live, has access to vaccines."

WHO had early this month warned that the target of fully vaccinating 10 per cent of all people in Africa by the end of September will not be achieved unless supplies improve. Only around three per cent of Africa's population is fully vaccinated, compared to around 54 per cent in the US and 65 per cent in the UK.



Health workers from Nairobi Metropolitan Services Starehe sub-county administer Covid-19 jabs at the bus station on September 17. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

NEW PLAN

● **Director-General for Health Dr Patrick Amoth says the government has worked out plans to scale up our vaccine deployment plan.**

● **New strategies include collaboration with countries and using extra outreaches.**

● **He exuded confidence largely due to the adequate supply and sufficient availability of Covid-19 vaccines.**

Kenya, with a cumulative six million combined doses, has seen slightly over three per cent having been fully vaccinated a little below one million people.

There are questions in regard to this low uptake of vaccines despite the fact that five of all the approved vaccines; AstraZeneca, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Sinopharm, are available.

Amoth exuded confidence that even if the country will miss its target this month, it will be able to hit the 10 per cent by mid October, largely due to the adequate supply of vaccines. "Now since we have a significant quantity of vaccines at our disposal, even though we may not be able to reach the target by the end of September, we are confident that by mid October we shall have hit a significant proportion of that target," he said.

Amoth said this is possible based on the strategy the ministry and the Council of Governors have put in place.

"We have worked out plans to scale up our vaccine deployment plan," he revealed.

Amoth said through collaboration with counties and by using extra outreaches, the deployment plan will reach as many people as possible. This is simply because there are adequate doses of AstraZeneca, Moderna, and more doses of Sinopharm and Pfizer expected in the next few weeks.

Amoth pegs the government's hopes on the robust expanded national programme for immunisation, which has worked through the years, and seen the country able to deliver vaccinations for eligible populations in a very short time.

"Just about five to six weeks ago we did a measles rubella vaccination campaign, which is also an injectable vaccine, and we were able to reach 3.5 million people in just a week. We also did polio vaccination seven weeks ago with good success. So we are confident that the plans we have put in place will be to work in our favour," he pointed out.



Terror suspect arraigned

Terror Suspect, Abdikadir Elmi Robleh, at the Kahawa West Law Courts where he was arraigned yesterday. Elmi was arrested by the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit on September 17 at Pangani shopping centre in Nairobi where he was allegedly found in possession of Somali passports, several mobile phones and SIM cards. He has also been linked to offences of financing of terror activities. He will be detained for five days to allow police complete investigations. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

MPs call for speedy completion of court

National Assembly's Parliamentary Accounts Committee (PAC) has called for expeditious completion and occupation of the new Garissa High Court building.

Speaking at the construction site in Garissa, led by area MP Aden Duale, members said delayed use of the building does not give citizens value for the money used.

Duale said PAC will liaise with the Budget Committee and the National Treasury to allocate the remaining resources needed.

"This building is part of the 39 law courts that are funded jointly between the Kenya government and the World Bank. As a committee and the National Treasury, we came to see the status of the project," Duale said. "We can confirm that the handover of this project by the contractor to the

Judiciary is slated for September 25. We are also happy that the Judicial Service Commission and Chief Registrar have bought all the furniture and ICT equipment," he added.

Fasten process

Funyula MP Wilberforce Oundo called on the Judiciary and the contractor to fasten the process so that the building can be occupied. This, he said, would ensure adequate service delivery.

"Our main focus is to ascertain value for money. This project was long overdue and the delayed occupation does not constitute value for money," Oundo said.

Also present was Sirisia MP John Walukhe, Subukia MP, Samuel Gachobe and officials from the Judiciary and the National Treasury.

-KNA



Technical and Vocational Education and Training PS Margaret Mwakima (left) when she toured the Kisumu National Polytechnic, yesterday. PD/VIOLA KOSOME

Tvets decry acute scarcity of tutors

Sector players say shortage hampers efficiency in delivery of technical skills

by Noven Owiti
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Education officials have appealed to the government to deploy more trainers in technical institutions to enhance adequacy of industrial skills.

Sector players decried the shortage of trainers which they said was hampering efficiency in delivery of skills at the technical training colleges. For instance, at the Kisumu National Polytechnic, concerns have been raised over inadequate trainers as a major challenge derailing efforts to deliver requisite technical skills.

Principal Catherine Kelonye said insufficiency of trainers is affecting learning considering that the students' population had risen in recent times.

Kelonye said the institution has 250 trainers, out of which 148 are employed by the Public Service Commission, 98 by its council while five are on internship.

Speaking yesterday, Kelonye added that the situation has forced the management to contract additional trainers to help bridge the gap, despite the financial constraints the institution faces.

"The polytechnic council has employed contract trainers to supplement the number posted by the PSC. Consequently, this has put a strain on resources, especially considering the reduction in government capitation," she said, adding that a number of the trainers have stagnated in their job carders for a long time. Technical and Vocational

Education Training Principal Secretary Dr Margaret Mwakima acknowledged that there was a mismatch between the growing number of students and the teaching staff at the colleges.

She said Tvet institutions have recorded over 450 per cent increment in enrollment between 2013 and 2021, a situation which calls for corresponding additional trainers to support uptake of skills.

Training centres

"Seemingly are experiencing a mismatch in our technical training centres in terms of the growth in student numbers and employment of staff," Mwakima said.

Speaking when she launched a capacity training at the Kisumu National Polytechnic yesterday, the PS reiterated the government's commitment to revamp the institutions to meet the dynamic of job market.

She noted that government was undertaking infrastructural and human resource development in Tvets, saying they are in promoting industrial growth and the Big Four agenda.

She added that most of the technical learning facilities have been expanded and equipped with state-of-the-art equipment to ensure relevant and quality training.

STATE EFFORTS

● Technical and Vocational Training PS Dr Margaret Mwakima said the government has doubled students' capitation funds to enhance access to technical skills.

● She urged youths to join the technical training institutions to be able to contribute positively to the society.

Missing KWS officer's kin express agony

by Roy Lumbe
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A family in Kabachia estate in Nakuru county is in agony over the mysterious disappearance of their kin, a senior Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) officer.

Chief Inspector Francis Oyaro, 45, has been missing for close to a month now. He disappeared while he was on his way to Nakuru. Before his disappearance, Oyaro (pictured) was attached to the Marsabit KWS station.

Oyaro's wife Veronichah Osore says the warden had sought leave that was approved on August 28.

Osore said they were in constant com-



munication, as he left Marsabit for Nakuru after hiking a lift in KWS bus. "I was expecting him home later in the evening, however, that never happened,"

said Osore. Efforts to communicate with senior KWS officers were futile as they maintained Oyaro had been dropped off in Nanyuki. "They said they dropped him off in Nanyuki. I do not know if it is the truth or not," she said.

She tried reaching him later that day to no avail as his phone had been switched off. This prompted her to make a report at the Nakuru Central Police Station under the OB 18/2/9/2021 in the hope that her husband would be found.

Efforts to reach out the Nakuru Town East Sub-County Police Commander Elnena Kabukuru were futile as she neither replied to our messages nor answered our calls.

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ODM to accept fair 2022 General Election outcome

Party secretary Sifuna commits to peace, harmony tranquilly charging the polls must also be devoid of chaos

by Rawlings Otieno and Noah Chepleon
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Opposition Chief Raila Odinga's Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) will accept the outcome of the election on condition it will be free, fair, transparent and credible.

Party's Secretary General Edwin Sifuna while committing the party to fairness, said they will advocate for peace, harmony and tranquilly charging the elections must also be peaceful.

"ODM is committed to a peaceful election in August 2022. We will support any roadmap to a peaceful election. We will accept elections results as long as they are free, fair, transparent and credible," he said.

He also told Kenyans to be wary of the politicians with questionable character and ensure they are all thrown out at the ballot, adding that political parties cannot bar any candidate as long as the court of law has not rendered any verdict on the candidate.

Healthy competition

Addressing participants at the 40th International Day of Peace celebrations in Nairobi South C, where he represented Raila, Sifuna cautioned that politics is but a healthy competition and not enmity, adding no economic model can be applied in the absence of peace.

"Nobody is an enemy, we are only competitors. There can be no economic model that can be applied in the absence of peace. We as a party are for the unity and peace for this country for any economy to work," said Sifuna.

Party leader Raila who was lined to be chief guest was in Molo attending the burial of David Muchai the founder of Mololine Services.

In his speech read by Sifuna, Raila said the Covid-19 pandemic has exposed how unequal Kenya and the whole world remains, explaining that while most of Africa is struggling to get the basic first shot for citizens, the developed world is debating about booster shots.

"This divide needs to be bridged if we are to have sustainable peace and recovery. As we heal from the Covid-19 pandemic, we are inspired to think creatively and collectively about how to help everyone recover better, how to build resilience, and how to transform our world into one that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable and healthier," ODM leader said.

Regrets for Kenya

Raila urged SACCOs, *chamas* and micro-finance institutions to reach out to small and casual businesses and lend people money on terms as favorable as possible, adding that the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) should extend loans to SACCOs and *chamas* for on-lending to their customers.

He called on the government agencies to do better, adding that only a small number of businesses got financial assistance from the government after the first wave. "Government should invest more money on infrastructure for small and casual businesses. Most of those businesses do not have access to electricity and clean water. Big businesses should help small businesses. Let us help small businesses to become more efficient and be able to offer higher quality products and services," said Raila.

Raila said that even as assistance is extended to alleviate immediate suffering, Kenyans must also make sure that coronavirus will not pose a major threat to the health of the people in the coming years.

"We require Covid-19 vaccination. Let us



ODM leader Raila Odinga has a word with Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika during the burial of Mololine Services Ltd vice chair Kibira Muchai in Elburgon, yesterday. PD/RAPHAEL MUNGE

CREDIBLE RESULTS

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fight "vaccine nationalism," he said.

Raila promised Kenyans free education and affordable medical care maintaining he is determined to transform the country.

Speaking during the burial Muchai, Odinga regretted Kenyans are still battling poverty, disease and ignorance more than five decades after independence.

"Hospitals are even detaining bodies, you wonder if they want to eat them."

Aiming a jab at DP William Ruto, the former Premier said together with retired President Mwai Kibaki, they launched flagship projects geared towards transforming the country.

"Another one is now pretending to know a lot and saying Kazi Ni Kazi (Any job can do) but our youth deserve decent jobs. We can transform this country that is why I recently launched my national vision (Azimio La Umoja) in Nakuru," he added.

"I am not looking for supporters but partners," said Odinga, who described the deceased as a hard working citizen whose business acumen should be emulated. Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui called for urgent measures to tackle corruption.

NLC to rule on 44-year dispute over Kiambu land

by Oliver Musembi
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National Land Commission (NLC) has postponed for two weeks its ruling on a 44-year dispute involving a Sh3 billion parcel of land in Kiambu County.

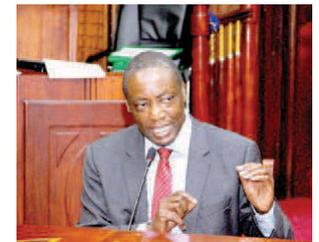
Two land buying firms, Gitamaiyu Trading Co Ltd and Mugumo Nya-kinyua Ltd have been claiming ownership of the 512-acre property situated off the Kiambu-Kamiti Road. The disputes date back to 1977.

Commission chairman Gershomo Otachi (*below*) said his team will make its decision known on October 5 after hearing a petition by members of Gitamaiyu Trading Company who claim to have legal ownership documents.

Two weeks

Otachi and his team, comprising commissioners Gertrude Nguku and Esther Murrigi, had summoned the two parties for an alternative dispute resolution mediation process, but representatives of Mugumo Nyakinyua failed to appear.

"Since 2018 when the previous Commission headed by Mohamed Swazuri issued summons for a mediation, the other party has persistently failed to appear and only members of Gitamaiyu Trading have been attending. As a result, we have resolved to make our ruling on the matter in two weeks," Otachi said.



Senior Mombasa police boss robbed of firearm at gunpoint

by Sophie Njoka
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Detectives in Mombasa are investigating an incident in which armed gunmen on Monday night waylaid a senior police officer, ransacked his car and took away his Jericho pistol.

Mombasa Urban sub-county

police commander George Kingi Bamba, according to a police signal, was driving home when his vehicle was blocked by a tuk tuk in the Kizingo area.

When he alighted to find out what was happening, he was accosted by three gunmen who searched and robbed him before fleeing in the three-wheeler to-

POLICE REPORT

He was in his personal car headed home at around 2220hrs when he was blocked by a tuk tuk with three occupants

wards the Likoni channel.

According to the police signal, the pistol, S/No. 45303132 loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition was stolen from the police boss.

"He was driving in his personal car headed home at around 2220hrs when he was blocked by a tuk tuk carrying three occupants. This forced him to alight from his

car to find out the intention of the occupants. One of the occupants pointed a firearm at him while the two others searched him and in the process robbed him of the pistol," the police report reads.

The report says police could not take the registration number of the three-wheeler, adding that, "No arrest nor recovery has been made."

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Kalasinga denies move to UDA, reaffirms allegiance to Ford-Kenya

by Yusuf Masibo
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Kabuchai MP Majimbo Kalasinga has come out to dispel claims that he has ditched Ford Kenya for United Democratic Alliance (UDA). Speaking in Bungoma town on Monday, Kalasinga (pictured) said his support for Ford Kenya party leader Moses Wetangula is very strong. "My support for Wetangula is unwavering, those thinking that by me attending DP William Ruto's rally was away of ditching Ford Kenya should rethink,"

he said. On Friday, Kalasinga attended Ruto's rally in Chwele market in Bungoma county where he stated his support for Ruto's presidential campaign. "You helped a lot during my campaigns and I cant leave you" the MP told Ruto at Chwele market in his constituency. Majimbo who was elected to the seat in a by-election, has been a strong Ruto ally who recently defected to Ford Kenya. Before his defection, he had led delegations to Ruto's Sugoi home. Majimbo told his critics that he was



loyal to his party boss and that he only welcomed Ruto as the country's second in command. "My party leader is Wetangula and I will never abandon him, Ruto is my boss in the government and it was courteous of me to welcome him so that I lobby support for development projects for my constituents," he said. "I am a Ford Kenya party MP, the Ford Kenya party leader is Moses Wetangula who is also the Bungoma Senator is my boss and I will always respect him," he added. He called on his critics to stop what he described as unhealthy

propaganda that will create bad blood between him and the party leader. "If I win my current seat next year on Ford Kenya party and Ruto wins the Presidency on UDA, if we meet would I have defected to UDA? Let's stop petty politics and work for our people," he stated. Majimbo won the Kabuchai constituency by-election early this year following the death of former MP James Mukwe. Ford Kenya officials castigated the MP for attending the Ruto's function claiming that he had betrayed the party which sponsored him to parliament.



Differences emerge as Chidzuga kin meet over heir

by Munira Mandano
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Divisions have emerged in the family of the late Kwale Woman Representative Zeinab Chidzuga's after her children declared that they will contest the Matuga parliamentary seat. Mwanaisha Chidzuga (above), a former TV journalist and her elder brother Hassan Fundi have differently declared interest in the seat. Though elders had endorsed Mwanaisha for the post, Hassan yesterday maintained that he was his mother's preferred political heir. The former Woman Rep who died more than a month ago, had indicated that she will contest the post. Speaking at their Golini home in Kwale County, the family members led by Hassan Mwawasaa said they had settled on Mwanaisha to inherit her mother's political baton. "Today we are marking 40 days since our mother Zeinab Chidzuga passed away and since she had political ambitions for 2022 we as family members have settled on her daughter Mwanaisha," Mwawasaa said. Mwawasaa said the family made the decision because the deceased's main political agenda was women empowerment. Another elder, Salim Seif Chidzuga, said the journalist had their blessings to run for the Matuga parliamentary seat in the 2022 General-Election. "As family and elders we give our full blessings to Mwanaisha to run for the Matuga constituency seat and we will back her," Salim said. Mwalimu Hassan, said several family meetings had been held after the burial Zeinab at which for Mwanaisha was endorsed. "I thank my family for giving me the chance. I am very ready for the political race. I will be on the ballot in 2022

Close chess game for Wajir's clans negotiated democracy

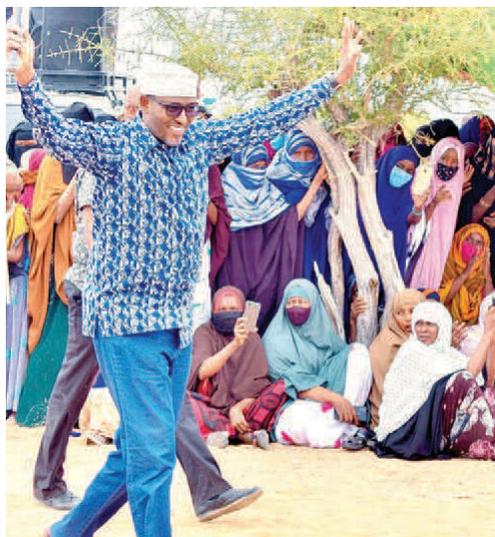
Hopefuls from the Degodia are jostling to be endorsed by elders in anticipation of forming coalitions

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Clan politics and rivalry are taking centre stage in almost all the counties of North Eastern region as each kinship strives to endorse its candidate in what is described as negotiated democracy. In Wajir County, just like Mandera and Garissa, clans play a central role in the endorsement of candidates. In Wajir, politics revolves around the Degodia, Ogaden and Ajuran clans. Various gubernatorial hopefuls from the Degodia are jostling to be endorsed by elders in anticipation of forming coalitions with their Ogaden and Ajuran counterparts. Just like in the past elections the contest is arguably between West and East voting blocs with the latter consisting of Wajir East and Tarbaj Constituencies while the former has Eldas and Wajir West voting blocs. Already, Eldas and Wajir West voting bloc has settled on former Governor Ahmed Abdullahi from Matan sub-clan of Degodia clan to contest for the seat. Abdullahi, now senior economic adviser on World Bank projects to Treasury Cabinet secretary Ukur Yattani and strong ally of Opposition chief Raila Odinga, is expected to run for the seat he lost in 2017 on the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) ticket.

Growing interest

In an interview with *People Daily* on Wednesday, Abdullahi said despite the growing list of candidates expressing interest in the gubernatorial seat, the final endorsement will be done in December 2021. "It does not mean necessarily who will be endorsed by their sub-clan will be alone at the ballot because some contenders don't accept the verdict of the elders, but their nod is not a finality, its democratic process at the ballot that decides," Abdullahi said. Abdullahi, alias 'Jiir' went on: "My record speaks for itself and I believe Wajir county went literally from grace to grass, it was pretty much the showcase for what's good in devolution because we achieved so much in the five years we were in office. Abdullahi has pledged to revive hope and correct the mistakes by his predecessor ex-governor Mohamed Abdi saying



Former Wajir Governor Ahmed Abdullahi waves to the crowd during the launch of Diif sub-county in Wajir South constituency. PD/FILE

that he will fully bring back the dreams of Wajir people and further deliver service delivery to all as per expectations. If elected, he has promised to improve the dilapidated healthcare system, by constructing more health facilities, improved road network, building more boreholes in addition to the 162 drilled his regime constructed. Abdullahi intends to prioritise education which he termed as a powerful weapon that can change a society and breed hope and confidence for the future. As the 2022 contest fast approaches, the Fai community which one of the majority sub-clans among the Degodia of Wajir, is expected to avoid a black clash on its sultanate political process where the candidate they endorsed had to withdraw for ambassador Mohamud who was not the favorite among the Fai elites.

Sub-clan rivalries

In 2013, an alliance of the Degodia, Arujan and Ogaden delivered victory by bagging the governorship, deputy, Senator and women representative seats. The Fai sub-clan snatched the coveted governor's seat from its counterpart, Matan sub-clan. There is growing debate on the candidate the Fai community will pick after former Governor Mohamed Abdi Muhamed of Jubilee party was impeached for incompetence, abuse of office and violation of the constitution. Members of the Fai clan have been con-

vening in various forums in an effort to plan how to field a candidate who will be acceptable to all clans and prevent a possible fallout. Potential names that have been touted from the Fai community include Ugas Sheikh Mohamed who dropped his ambition twice to back Mohamed Abdi in 2013 and 2017. He was on July 12 endorsed to contest for the seat at family meeting that elders said was a culmination of a series of consultations with local leaders. "As a community, we have unanimously agreed to have Ugas Sheik as our sole candidate for the governor seat. Going forward, we will rally our communities to back him. We will also ask him to reach out to other communities residing in the county for support," the elders said in a joint declaration read by Sultan Najib Ugas, Ugas Sheikh Abdi and Ugas Sheikh Abdullahi. According to the elders, the endorsement was done 'in the best interest of the larger Maalim Rerow Gedi community and the people of Wajir County' "I want to sincerely thank the elders and my larger community for giving me one more chance. Now I can go looking for votes from other communities knowing well that I have those from my community under lock and key," Ugas said after the endorsement. "I'm honoured and pleased to announce that today (July 12) in a special family gathering, I was officially endorsed for the Wajir gubernatorial seat in the forth coming general elections," he tweeted. If the Ugas endorsement holds, the Fai will have to forgo the Wajir East constituency seat held by Rashid Amin to forestall a rift with Masare clan. Amin has indicated that he is keen to defend his position and will have to fight out former National Social Security Fund (NSSF) board chairman Aden Daud. On the day Ugas was endorsed by elders, Hassan Wehlye, a governance and anti-corruption expert, who is seeking to make his debut in politics was also endorsed by splinter groups of elders at a ceremony held only stone's throw away in Dasheg, Tarbaj Constituency. The two have not indicated the party on which they will contest the seat. Wehlye termed the coronation event as one that "brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow". Others in the race for Wajir gubernatorial contest include Nairobi South Hospital proprietor Dr Hassan Mohamed and Environment CAS and former Tarbaj MP Mohamed Elmi who is also said to be eyeing the seat though he is yet to declare.



Businesshub

“The management approved payment for hours not worked when staff came to work late

Comesa opens inquiry into Fairview Hotel acquisition

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Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) Competition Commission has commenced the inquiry into the proposed merger between Ukarimu Ltd and Fairview Hotel Ltd amid signs of increased mergers and acquisitions in the hospitality industry.

The complex undertaking will see the South African owners of Nairobi's Fairview Hotel, Town Lodge and City Lodge Two Rivers sell the three hotels to the Actis private equity fund for Sh1 billion. Plans are already in top gear following an indirect acquisi-

tion by Actis and Jamison, through Ukarimu, of the entire issued share capital of Fairview Hotel. Ukarimu Ltd and Faraja Ltd are the real estate funds under Actis.

Ukarimu will acquire shares from the City Lodge Hotels Ltd after Ukarimu was incorporated by Msafiri Ltd, a special purpose vehicle incorporated under the laws of Mauritius, by Actis Hospitality Mauritius Ltd. Prior to the transaction, Jamison will acquire shares in Msafiri.

Coronavirus knocks saw the South African owners of the hotels throw in the towel after the hospitality industry suffered from travel bans which led to cancellation of bookings and

hotel closures. The hotels estimate they shed in excess of Sh2 billion as at the end of 2020 on pandemic shocks.

Target undertaking

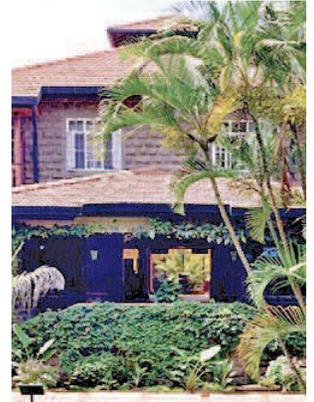
“After receiving a notification in terms of Article 24 of the Regulations regarding the proposed merger involving Actis Hospitality Mauritius Limited (“Actis”) and Jamison Valley Holdings Limited (“Jamison”), through Ukarimu Limited (“Ukarimu”) as the acquiring undertakings and Fairview Hotel Limited as the target undertaking, intends to embark on an inquiry in terms of Article 26 of the Regulations,” said

Comesa in a statement.

In the common market, the Actis group operates in the broader real estate development market and is active in Egypt, Kenya, Mauritius, Rwanda, Tunisia and Uganda.

However, Jamison is a private limited company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. Jamison does not operate in the common market and does not control any entities within the bloc.

Comesa will determine whether or not the proposed transaction is likely to substantially prevent or lessen competition within the market and whether the proposed transaction is contrary to public interest.



Auditor-General reveals resource wastage at port

New report shows instant where salaries amounting to Sh312m was paid to staff for hours not worked

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Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) management last year paid salaries in excess of Sh312 million for hours not worked in wanton waste of resources at the port.

Auditor General Nancy Gathungu revealed the details in a new report on the national government's books of accounts for the year ending June 30, 2020.

Gathungu said the authority's financial statements comprehensive income reflected expenses amounting to Sh19.5 billion, which were unsatisfactory, given that it constituted basic salary of Sh7.5 billion as part of the amount paid as hours clocked.

“Audit review of the records reveals that basic salary was paid based on the hours worked as clocked in the time management system. However, the management approved payment for hours not worked when staff came to work late and when the staff left work before time in calculating basic pay for staff. This resulted in payment of salaries amounting to Sh312 million for hours not worked,” read the report in part.

Time management records provided for audit review indicated 239 employees were absent for a continuous period of more than 10 days each resulting in 78,456 man hours being lost on absenteeism. Employees were however paid their full salaries and allowances totalling to Sh36.8 million, contrary to KPA human resource manual which requires payment of salaries based on actual hours worked. It also calls for stoppage of salary to employees absent for a continuing period of 10 days.

Further, recruitment documents provided for audit review revealed that the authority engages five employees in management positions whose employment terms were revised without the board's approval after the employees

Management

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had accepted the employment offer. The Nancy Gathungu report further said this resulted in payment of salaries and allowances amounting to Sh2,014,362 over the amount set in the employment letters, contrary to minimum entry points for various grades. “Consequently, the propriety and validity of basic salaries of Sh19.5 billion could not be confirmed,” the reports noted.

Overtime allowances

They established that KPA paid overtime allowances amounting to Sh2.4 billion including Sh79.8 million paid in respect to overtime allowances approved and paid in excess of the 30 per cent and 20 per cent for operations and administrative employees

REPORT

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respectively. The authority also included in overtime allowances another Sh384 million relating to third-shift allowances.

“However, review of payroll records indicated that the third-shift allowances paid were calculated at a rate of 3 per cent of basic pay for every day worked resulting to a payment of Sh54 million. This is contrary to the collective bargaining agreement of 2018/2019,” said the AG.

On alienated properties, the report stated that information provided for review indicated that 29 parcels of land belonging to the authority had been invaded by the private individuals and companies.

“The management indicated that third parties had purportedly acquired ownership rights over the properties and undertaken initiated development thereon. However the Authority had filed suits in various courts of law which are still pending for determination,” the report stated.

“Out of the 29 properties, only nine properties valued at Sh755,100,000 were included in the Authority's fixed assets register while 17 properties valued at Sh 732.5 million and three properties of unknown value were not included.”

BRIEFLY

AfDB approves \$50m to boost intra-Africa trade

African Development Bank Group (AfDB) has approved a \$50 million (Sh5.5 billion) trade facility with Standard Chartered Bank to boost intra-Africa trade. The facility, known as unfunded risk participation agreement (RPA) will also be used to promote regional integration and contribute to the reduction of the trade finance gap in line with the implementation aspirations of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

“The parties will share the default risk on a portfolio of eligible trade transactions originated by African Issuing Banks and

indemnified by Standard Chartered Bank,” AfDB said in a statement.

“We are excited about finalising this facility with Standard Chartered Bank as it offers us the flexibility to use our strong AAA-rated risk-bearing capacity to increase access to trade finance and boost intra/extra-African trade on the continent, in support of the AfCFTA,” said Stefan Nalletamby, AfDB's Director for Financial Sector Development. The RPA facility is aligned with AfDB's priority goals, which include light up, power Africa and feed Africa.

— Noel Wandera

Relief as court frees South Sudan ministers' accounts

Kenyan Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Court has cleared South Sudan Minister of Cabinet Affairs Martin Elia Lomuro (pictured) of money allegations levelled against him by the Asset Recovery Agency (ARA).

Lomuro's two bank accounts which contained \$124,000 (Sh13.42 million), one of which reportedly transacted in US Dollars were frozen by ARA in June. The agency, his accounts saw several suspicious transactions and a transfer of half a million US dollars between them, hence the move to freeze. The United States sanctioned Lomuro in December 2019 for his role in perpetuating South Sudan's conflict. “I very much thank the



Kenya High Court for its absolute integrity and for upholding high standards of the rule of law, justice and equality for all regardless of nationality before the law in Kenya,” said Lomuro in a statement yesterday, thanking ARA for acknowledging the authenticity of the sources of his funds. The court further rescinded the order of June 4, 2021 that was obtained to freeze the bank accounts of Lomuro.

— Noel Wandera



Fraud, forged claims surged, report shows

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Fraudulent claims and forgery continue to shed earnings at insurance firms as culprits get more sophisticated, says recent Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) report.

In the three months to June 2021, a total of 16 fraud cases were reported to the Insurance Fraud Investigation Unit (IFIU), in what now explains a surge in claims paid by firms.

These increased general insurance business to Sh32.38 billion during the quarter, compared to Sh28.08 billion reported a year earlier.

Fraudulent motor vehicle (accident) claims, fraudulent medical claims and forged claims have been the largest contributors to the industry fraud cases reported for the longest time.

The quarter under review saw eight fraud cases reported in April, six in May and

During the quarter, medical, motor private and motor commercial had the highest amounts of paid claims at 39.3 per cent, 26.9 per cent and 21.5 per cent

two in June. A similar trend was noticed in the fourth quarter last year where medical, motor private and motor commercial had the highest amounts of paid claims at 37.7 per cent, 26.0 per cent and 22.7 per cent, respectively, of total industry paid claims under general insurance business.

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Fourth quarter

The underwriting performance of the general insurance business equally registered a loss of Sh1.46 billion compared to a profit of Sh62.45 million reported in a similar period last year.

The sector whose penetration level has been on a downward spiral since 2018 is particularly vulnerable to money laundering activities due to the wide range of money transfer processes inherent to the trade, despite insurance companies adopting innovation and modern technology to help curb the vice.

It includes transfer of ownership to withdrawal at maturity, premium overpayment, premium refunds and other ills some of which are not reported.

Life insurance firms are at particular risk because of the massive flows of funds into and out of their businesses.

Insurers post 19pc jump in premiums for Q2, 2021

General insurance business remained the largest contributor to the industry, giving 59.3pc of payments

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Insurance premiums increased by 19 per cent in the second quarter of 2021 to hit Sh144.02 billion from Sh121.04 billion in the second quarter of 2020, latest data from the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) shows.

General insurance business remained the largest contributor to the industry, contributing 59.3 per cent of the total premiums equivalent to Sh85.36 billion, while long-term insurance premiums stood at Sh58.66 billion in the period under review.

According to the data, general insurance business underwriting results reduced significantly from a marginal profit of Sh62.45 million in the second quarter of 2020 to a loss of Sh1.46 billion in quarter two of 2021. This was attributed to high increase in loss ratios due to relaxation of restrictions that had been imposed on travel due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Claims incurred in the general insurance business amounted to Sh32.38 billion during the period under review, a 15 per cent increase from Sh28.08 billion reported in the second quarter of the previous year. "The high premium volume

INCOME GENERATION

Investments in income generating assets grew by 12.9 per cent from Sh618.04 billion reported at the end of Q2, 2020 to Sh698.05 billion in Q2, 2021.

Asset classes with the highest proportion of above 5 per cent were; government securities (67.4 pc), investment property (12.4 pc) and term deposits (8.3 per cent).

classes of general insurance business contributed the largest proportions of incurred claims; medical (38.7 per cent), motor private (29.8 per cent) and motor commercial (22.8 per cent)," states the report.

Motor classes of insurance business, on the other hand, comprised of 52.7 per cent of total claims incurred compared to their contribution of 27.8 per cent of the total premium under general insurance business.

Highest amounts

Claims paid increased by 16.9 per cent to Sh30.60 billion compared to Sh26.17 billion paid in the second quarter of 2020.

Medical, motor private and motor commercial had the highest amounts of paid claims at 39.3 per cent, 26.9 per cent and 21.5 per cent respectively of total industry paid claims under general insurance business. In the period under review,

UAP Insurance maintained the market lead under the general insurance market with 8.6 per cent market share followed by CIC General Insurance and GA Insurance at 8 per cent and 7.7 per cent respectively.

On the other hand, companies in the long-term business made Sh54.57 billion, a 22.9 per cent increase from Sh44.4 billion reported by the end of the second quarter of 2020.

In the long-term business, Britam Life Assurance maintained its lead, with 21.3 per cent market share followed by ICEA LION Life Assurance at 16.2 per cent and Jubilee Insurance with 11.5 per cent market share in the period under review.

According to the report, total net premium income reported by long term reinsurance companies in the second quarter of 2021 declined marginally by 0.9 per cent to Sh1.5 billion compared to Sh1.52 billion reported in a similar period last year.

General reinsurers reported an increase in the net premium income of 13.4 per cent from Sh10.73 billion reported by the end of quarter two of 2020 to Sh12.17 billion this year.

IRA says the industry's asset base grew by 11 per cent to Sh819.65 billion as at the end of the second quarter of 2021 from Sh738.72 billion held as at end of a similar period last year.

The report states that a significant portion of total assets Sh698.05 billion equivalent to 85.2 per cent were held in income generating investments.



Caring for the needy

Angel Centre for Abandoned Children administrator Catherine Njeru (second right) and Day Shift Manager Maureen Mothoni (right) receives a washing machine and other donations from Lotto head of PR Maureen Sia (2nd left) accompanied by Neddy Too during a visit to the Waitaha-based institution.

PD/GERALD ITHANA

Industrialists unveil 'uKAMilifu' plan aimed at reducing poverty

Kenya Association of Manufacturing (KAM) has called for a stable and predictable fiscal environment as the country heads into an electioneering period next year.

Chairman Mucai Kunyihya said Kenya's political ideologies need to be aligned to pertinent issues affecting the country, as opposed to political rhetoric that brings the entire country to a halt every election year.

"Industry, on the other hand, shall be better positioned to create jobs, produce high-quality goods for the market while generating revenue for

the government to provide social amenities. More importantly, we shall engage the community to ensure our social impact benefits all," he said.

Kunyihya was speaking yesterday during the launch of KAM's Environment, Social and Governance arm called uKAMilifu, which will host the association's social impact efforts and initiatives to achieve shared prosperity. KAM director and uKAMilifu patron MaryAnn Musangi said the initiative will renew the lobby group's connection with humanity, inventions and the future. - Noel Wandera

Evergrande: Asia stocks mixed as concerns grow

Asian stocks were mixed yesterday as concerns persisted over Chinese property group Evergrande and its impact on the global markets. Japan's Nikkei 225 index closed 2.2 per cent lower, but Hong Kong's Hang Seng index regained earlier losses to end up 0.5 per cent.

There are concerns that Evergrande - a major Chinese property developer - is struggling to meet interest payments on more than \$300 billion of debts. Regulators have warned it could affect the country's financial system.

Investors fear that this could hit big banks exposed to Evergrande



and companies like it, causing contagion in global markets.

The jitters among the markets also come as the global economy is still recovering from the impact of the coronavirus.

On Monday, the Dow Jones index in the US ended 1.8 per

cent lower. That followed similar falls in Europe, with Germany's Dax index losing 2.3 per cent, and the Cac 40 in France down 1.7 per cent. Major stock exchanges in mainland China were closed on Monday and Tuesday for the annual mid-Autumn festival.

Despite the recent falls, Japan's Nikkei is up by almost 30 per cent compared to a year ago.

"The fear of an Evergrande bankruptcy appears to be leading to concern about China's very own Lehman [Brothers] moment, and a big overspill across the region," said Michael Hewson of CMC Markets. - BBC



Heads together

Energy Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter (right) engages Kenya Electrical Trades and Allied Workers' Union (KETAWU) secretary general Ernest Nadome at Kawi Complex in Nairobi, yesterday. This was after a planned strike by KETAWU members over alleged mismanagement at troubled Kenya Power was called off pending dialogue in the next 30 days. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

Why ports struggled during the pandemic

by Reuben Mwangimu
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Kenya Port Authority acting managing director John Mwangemi has appealed to regional countries to consider deploying systems to streamline movement of cargo and people for effective trade. Speaking at a Mombasa hotel during the East Africa Maritime Awards (EAMA) 2020 ceremony, Mwangemi said unprecedented times like the Covid pandemic require the region to work together for seamless cross border trade.

Digital copies

"Covid has strengthened the case for digitisation in the shipping industry. Accepting digital copies instead of paper originals, pre-arrival processing, electronic payments and customs automation all help speed up international trade," he said.

While referring to struggles in the maritime sector during the pandemic, Mwangemi observed that in the prevailing circumstances, the Port of Mombasa, like most ports, recorded a decline in cargo volumes in the year 2020.

Between January to December 2020 the total cargo throughput recorded at the Port of Mombasa was 34.12 million tonnes against 34.44 million tonnes in 2019, representing a marginal decline of 0.9 per cent.

"Container traffic declined by four per cent registering 1.36 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in 2020 compared to 1.42 million TEUs achieved in 2019. Further, the disruption of supply chains also resulted in a drop of Transshipment traffic by 16.9 per cent," said Mwangemi. But during the period January

— August 2021, a total of 23.9 million tonnes of cargo was recorded against 22.1 million tonnes handled in the corresponding period in 2020. This signified an increase of 1.79 million tonnes or 8.1 per cent.

MWANGEMI

Disruption of economies, broken supply chains, and general disorganisation of the social fabric affected shippers too.

Shelter Afrique repays commercial debts

The financier is now considering going for regional bonds after move

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Shelter Afrique, the Pan-African housing development financier has paid commercial debts owed to eight lenders, giving it the leverage to underwrite new debt. In 2018, the 39-year old company signed a debt restructuring

agreement with the eight lenders - six DFIs and two commercial banks - to restructure its debt with a new five-year tenure to run from June 2019 to June 2024.

It said the \$186 million (Sh18.6 billion), including accrued interest, owed to the various financial institutions was fully repaid three years ahead of schedule.

Andrew Chimphondah, Shelter Afrique Group CEO said despite debt restructuring agreement giving the company a window to make full

loan repayment by June 2024, it successfully repaid all the loans by June 2021.

New structures

"This was possible due to the new structures we put in place to deal with bad debts and loan recoveries as part of our turnaround plan. This now affords us the ability to underwrite new business and debt without constraints and legacy matters," he said in a statement.

For instance, Chimphondah added, based on the Shel-

ter Afrique's current equity capital base of \$155 million (Sh17.09 billion) and a debt-equity ratio of 0 per cent, it can instantly raise new debt of up to \$465 million (Sh51.29 billion). "The company has also repaid a bond floated on the Nairobi Securities Exchange between 2013 and 2018," Chimphondah said.

He also noted that following the development, Shelter Afrique now plans to return to the capital market to raise Sh125 billion (\$1.25 billion) in local-currency bonds by the

end of the year. "With the debts fully retired, we now intend to mobilise a local-currency equivalent of \$500 million each from Nigeria and East Africa, as well as \$250 million from French-speaking African nations. These will be crucial in funding our demand-side pipeline which we are currently developing," Chimphondah said.

Shareholder financing

Chimphondah added that besides the bonds, Shelter Afrique was exploring further

shareholder financing, noting that the company was already in talks with some keen organisations and countries who share a similar commitment to affordable housing in Africa.

"In the past few months, we have raised a significant amount from our current shareholders, admitted a new shareholder (Fonds de Solidarité Africain - FSA), and resolved to open a new class C group of shareholding for non-African entities to widen our shareholding and capital resource bases," he said.

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL
15.00	10.00	Eagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS	13.00	14.00	1,600
415.00	369.00	Kakuzi Pfc Ord 5.00	-	385.25	-
101.00	80.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00AIMS	90.00	-	-
350.00	260.00	The Limuru Tea Co Pfc Ord 20.00AIMS	320.00	-	-
21.25	16.75	Sasini Pfc Ord 1.00	19.90	19.65	1,000
154.75	130.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00AIMS	134.00	140.00	100
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
34.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	31.00	31.00	8,400
BANKING					
11.35	8.60	ABSA Bank Kenya Pfc Ord 0.50	10.50	10.35	120,700
40.00	26.00	BK Group Pfc Ord 0.80	28.00	-	-
69.00	57.50	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	64.00	63.25	700
55.00	39.50	Equity Group Holdings Pfc Ord 0.50	51.75	53.00	122,100
4.10	3.40	HF Group Pfc Ord 5.00	3.93	3.84	6,100
44.95	20.50	IBM Group Pfc Ord 1.00	22.85	22.45	79,400
50.75	40.00	KCB Group Pfc Ord 1.00	47.95	48.35	361,100
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.12	-	-
29.00	24.25	NCBA Group Pfc Ord 5.00	26.95	27.85	30,300
99.00	78.00	Stanbic Holdings Pfc Ord 5.00	91.00	-	-
142.00	127.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	130.50	133.25	75,200
14.00	11.90	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	13.30	13.25	85,700
COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES					
5.10	0.45	Daccons (East Africa) Pfc Ord 5.00AIMS	0.45	-	-
1.10	0.88	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.02	0.97	10,400
4.90	3.80	Express Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00AIMS	4.61	4.40	500
0.00	0.00	Homeboyz Entertainment Pfc Ord 0.50GEMS	4.66	-	-
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.83	-	-
4.53	3.70	Longhorn Publishers Pfc Ord 1.00AIMS	4.30	4.03	2,100
13.80	4.20	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00GEMS	6.78	6.40	134,100
25.50	14.35	Nation Media Group Pfc Ord 2.50	25.05	25.00	395,500
4.80	3.01	Sarasin Africa Pfc Ord 5.00	3.27	3.40	4,200
20.00	15.00	Standard Group Pfc Ord 5.00	17.45	16.05	800
16.25	13.20	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.00	15.00	7,200
0.29	0.22	Uchumi Supermarket Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00	0.23	0.22	74,800
6.24	3.50	WPP Scangroup Pfc Ord 1.00	5.20	5.12	90,600
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Pfc Ord 1.00	5.55	-	-
41.85	34.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	37.20	37.45	4,200
42.80	19.85	Crown Paints Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00	22.00	22.00	3,300
1.62	1.18	E.A. Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.53	1.40	11,800
9.54	7.20	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	8.44	8.40	600
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
5.10	3.90	KenGen Co. Pfc Ord 2.50	4.74	4.80	242,200
1.80	1.29	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Pfc Ord 2.50	1.68	1.68	504,100
5.50	4.50	Kenya Power & Lighting Pfc 4% Pref 20.00	4.53	-	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Pfc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00	-	-
27.50	23.55	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00	25.35	24.85	3,100
7.20	5.44	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	6.60	7.90	8,100
INSURANCE					
8.78	6.40	Britam Holdings Pfc Ord 0.10	8.22	8.24	28,000
3.50	2.01	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.69	2.74	97,400
392.00	276.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	347.00	350.00	2,000
2.80	2.28	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.50	2.50	71,300
10.30	6.60	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	8.12	8.30	900
12.30	9.00	Sarasin Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00	11.50	11.50	5,100
INVESTMENT					
18.00	14.05	Centum Investment Co Pfc Ord 0.50	17.00	17.00	44,700
0.45	0.34	Hem Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00GEMS	0.40	0.40	34,900
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00GEMS	1,500.00	-	-
2.24	1.63	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.00	2.00	10,000
1.66	1.08	Trans-Century Pfc Ord 0.50AIMS	1.40	1.37	9,500
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
10.90	8.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Pfc Ord 4.00	9.12	9.82	6,100
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
75.00	61.25	B.O.C Kenya Pfc Ord 5.00	74.25	-	-
485.00	429.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Pfc Ord 10.00	445.75	449.25	1,800
12.90	10.00	Carbacid Investments Pfc Ord 1.00	11.45	11.85	4,500
194.00	168.75	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 1.00	174.00	175.00	3,207,400
1.45	1.19	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825GEMS	1.35	1.35	6,300
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00AIMS	10.40	-	-
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27	-	-
33.50	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	30.00	32.95	100
TELECOMMUNICATION					
45.25	37.80	Safaricom Pfc Ord 0.05	41.80	42.90	11,426,100
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
7.34	5.90	ILAM FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	7.00	7.00	2,400
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
2100.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1845	1830.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 3.44 points to close at 178.20
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 17.78 points to close at 2039.21
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 60.19 points to close at 3934.00

MARKET WATCH

TREASURY BONDS ISSUE



RESULT IN TWO BE-OPENED FIFTEEN & TWENTY FIVE YEAR TREASURY BONDS ISSUE NO. FXDI/2012/15, FXDI/2012/16

The auction outcome is summarised in the table below:

TENDER	FXDI/2012/15	FXDI/2012/16	FXDI/2012/15
Due Dates	06/09/2023	09/05/2031	09/04/2030
Total Amount Offered (Kshs. M)	-	-	60,000.00
Total bids Received at cost (Kshs. M)	48,805.42	28,312.38	30,966.96
Performance Ratio (%)	93.34	47.62	66.51
Amount Accepted (Kshs. M)	30,891.53	27,200.05	22,648.58
Of which	23,337.83	25,410.42	17,576.27
Competitive bids	-	-	5,064.21
Non-competitive bids	1,763.70	1,789.63	8,620.54
Unfilled Cover Ratio	1.62	1.04	1.75
Market Weighted Average Rate (%)	11.858	12.618	13.598
Weighted Average Rate of Accepted Bids (%)	11.474	12.687	13.681
Price per Kshs 100 at average yield	101.723	102.166	104.313
Coupon Rate (%)	11.000	12.650	13.324
Purpose: Application of funds	-	-	-
Redemptions	-	-	34,395.28
New Issuance/Net Repayment	-	-	55,539.86

FORTHCOMING TREASURY BONDS ISSUES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

The specific features of the Bonds(s), that is the Tender, Amounts, Coupon rates and issue terms will be provided in the prospectus before the issue date.

David Luma
Director, Financial Markets
14 July 2021

CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	7.00%	28/07/2021
Inter-Bank Rate	6.02%	20/09/2021
CBK Discount Window	13.00%	28/07/2021
91-Day T-Bill	6.870%	20/09/2021
REPO	0.00%	17/09/2021
Inflation Rate	6.57%	August, 2021
Lending Rate	12.09%	July, 2021
Savings Rate	2.51%	July, 2021
Deposit Rate	6.34%	July, 2021
KBRR	8.9%	27/07/2016

KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 21/9/2021

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	110.1971	110.0971	110.2971
SW KRONER	12.7212	12.7082	12.7342
STG POUND	151.1159	150.9618	151.2700
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	81.5550	81.4568	81.6531
SAUDI RIYAL	29.3851	29.3576	29.4125
SA RAND	7.4831	7.4725	7.4937
S FRANC	118.8044	118.6902	118.9187
NOR KRONER	12.6997	12.6857	12.7136
KES / USHS	32.1243	32.0498	32.1989
KES / TSHS	21.0442	20.9797	21.1086
KES / RWF	9.2145	9.1645	9.2646
KES / BIF	18.0274	17.8890	18.1658
JPY (100)	100.5907	100.4902	100.6911
IND RUPEE	1.4972	1.4957	1.4987
HONGKONG DOLLAR	14.1552	14.1424	14.1681
EURO	129.3703	129.2365	129.5041
DAN KRONER	17.3914	17.3742	17.4085
CHINESE YUAN	17.0419	17.0244	17.0593
CAN \$	86.3343	86.2424	86.4262
AUSTRALIAN \$	80.1408	80.0626	80.2191
AE DIRHAM	30.0007	29.9706	30.0308

World News

JUSTIN TRUDEAU

You (Canadians) are sending us back to work with a clear mandate to get Canada through this pandemic

Trudeau stays in power but Liberals fall short of majority

Premier Justin Trudeau's early election gamble backfires in Canada but he clings onto power

Toronto, Tuesday

Canadians returned Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to power in hotly contested elections against a rookie conservative leader, but he failed to gain an absolute majority, according to preliminary results early Tuesday.

Trudeau called the snap polls last month, hoping to parlay a smooth Covid-19 vaccine rollout — among the best in the world — into a new mandate to steer the nation's pandemic exit and pass his agenda without opposition support.

But after a bumpy five weeks of campaigning, he appeared set for a repeat of the close 2019 general election, which resulted in the one-time golden boy of Canadian politics clinging to power yet weakened after losing his majority in parliament.

"You (Canadians) are sending us back to work with a clear mandate to get Canada through this pandemic into the brighter days ahead," Trudeau said, flanked by his wife Sophie Gregoire and their children on stage at a victory gala.

"That's exactly what we are ready to do," he said. The Liberals had won or were leading in 158 seats, far short of the 170 needed for a majority, while the opposition Conservatives were heading for 119, according to preliminary results from Elections Canada, with the new parliament set to look little different to the outgoing one.

WINNING ON KNIFE-EDGE

● **Trudeau, fell short of his target of winning the necessary 170 seats to form a majority government.**

● **As at 2 a.m. ET, Elections Canada showed the Liberals winning 157 seats compared to the Conservatives' 122 seats, with nearly 95% of polls across the country reporting.**

● **The remaining seats in the next Parliament will be held by the left-leaning New Democratic Party and the Quebec-based separatist party Bloc Quebecois.**

While thanking his supporters, Trudeau vowed to work for all Canadians.

"Because no matter how you voted ... I hear you, I hear you when you say we can only move forward if no one is left behind," he said.

At 49, Trudeau had faced tougher political bouts and still came out unscathed.

After six years in power, however, his administration is showing signs of fatigue, and it was an uphill battle for him to convince Canadians to stick with his Liberals after falling short of high expectations set in his 2015 landslide win.

Liberals and Conservatives

Entering the final stretch of the contest, Liberals and Conservatives — the two main political parties that have ruled Canada since its 1867 confederation — were virtually tied, with about 31 percent support each in public opinion polls, and four smaller factions nipping at their heels.

Pollster Tim Powers predicted a Liberal minority win.

"But is that a win for him?" he said, noting that Trudeau had hoped for more than just a plurality of seats.

"In the end, this election was ultimately for nothing," University of Winnipeg politics professor Felix Mathieu told AFP, pointing to the projected seat count for each party as being similar to the split in the last parliament, with most incumbents re-elected.

In a concession speech, Conservative leader Erin O'Toole, 48, recalled Trudeau having pulled the plug on the last minority parliament he said was "unworkable."

"But tonight Canadians did not give Trudeau the majority mandate he wanted," he said.



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, flanked by wife Sophie Gregoire-Trudeau and children Ella-Grace and Xavier, delivers his victory speech after general elections at the Fairmount Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Quebec, early yesterday. - AFP

"In fact, Canadians sent him back with another minority at the cost of \$470 million and deeper divisions in our great country."

Meanwhile, in Vancouver New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh congratulated Trudeau and vowed to keep fighting on climate change and a range of social issues. "I want you to know our fight for you will continue," said Singh, whose party is looking at 25 seats.

The campaign saw the contenders spar over climate actions, indigenous reconciliation, affordable housing, mandatory Covid-19 inoculations and vaccine passports.

Anti-vaxxer mobs

At rallies, Trudeau was dogged by what he described as "anti-vaxxer mobs," including one that threw stones at him.

O'Toole, meanwhile, was knocked for his backing of Alberta and two other Tory-led provinces' loosening of public health restrictions too soon, with Covid outbreaks now forcing their overwhelmed hospitals

to fly patients across Canada for care.

He also fumbled over gun control and was warned by Beijing, according to Chinese state media, that his proposed hard line on China — Canada's second-largest trading partner, with whom relations have soured over its detention of two Canadians — would "invite counterstrikes."

Overall, commented Max Cameron, a politics professor at the University of British Columbia, "this hasn't been a polarizing election. There's actually a lot of clustering around the middle."

O'Toole, a relative unknown who became Tory leader only last year, had tracked his party to the political center, forcing the Liberals to compete for votes on the left with the New Democrats and Greens, as well as the separatist Bloc Quebecois.

The Conservatives, however, also saw their support clawed by former foreign minister Maxime Bernier's far-right People's Party.

- AFP

BRIEFLY

Sudan failed coup: Government blame on pro-Bashir remnants

Sudan says that people linked to the ousted President Omar al-Bashir were behind Tuesday's failed coup attempt. A spokesman blamed "forces of darkness" adding that those involved have been arrested. Bashir, who had been in power for three decades, was toppled two years ago. The current administration - involving the military, civilian representatives and protest groups - was then established as part of a power-sharing agreement. The coup plotters had tried

to take over a building housing the state media, AFP news agency reports. Earlier reports from the capital Khartoum and nearby Omdurman described intense military activity, and the main bridge across the River Nile was shut. The road to Khartoum and ports have also been blocked. "We're not going back... there are people trying to turn back the hands of time," said Information Minister Hamza Baloul in a statement read on state TV. - BBC

Taliban names deputy ministers in all-men cabinet

Kabul, Tuesday

The Taliban government has expanded its interim cabinet by naming deputy ministers on Tuesday. But it failed to appoint any women, doubling down on a hardline course despite the international outcry that followed their initial presentation of an all-male cabinet lineup earlier this month.

The international community has warned that it will judge the Taliban by its actions, and that recognition of a Taliban-led government would be linked to the treat-

ment of women and minorities. In its previous rule of Afghanistan in the late 1990s, the Taliban had barred girls and women from schools, work and public life.

Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid defended the latest additions to the cabinet at a news conference on Tuesday, saying it included members of ethnic minorities, such as the Hazaras, and that women might be added later.

Mujahid bristled at international conditions for recognition, saying there was no reason for withholding it.



"It is the responsibility of the United Nations to recognise our government [and] for other countries, including European, Asian and Islamic countries, to have diplomatic relations with us," he said. He also took the time to announce several appointments, including ministers and deputy ministers, to the

Taliban's caretaker government.

The appointments included figures from Panjshir and Baghlan. Panjshir is home to the National Resistance Front, which is the sole large-scale effort to try and keep the Taliban from taking over the entire country.

Baghlan has also seen pockets of resistance in some districts over the last month. By pointing out that three of the new posts would be given to residents of Panjshir, Baghlan and Sar-e-Pul, provinces with considerable Tajik and Uzbek populations. - AFP

Spice ▶ Flavour your day

STYLE 🐦 @Manuel_Ntoyai

DESIGNER PER EXCELLENCE

Jack Muthaura aka Jack Alonie Grimpoz is a fashion designer with Nairobi-based Bujami Collection. He talks with **Manuel Ntoyai** on his journey and experiences in the industry so far

How did you get into the fashion world?

Passion and the love for fashion pushed me to join my friends to start the business. While still in high school, I developed an interest in fashion seeing how local celebrities were following international trends, so I started asking myself how we could customise such. Then after school, while trying to get the business going, we found that social media gave us an advantage as we developed a following, meaning a bigger clientele base.

What element of your job do you enjoy the most?

I am a creative person, so seeing dreams or visions turn into reality is so satisfying. Again, being able to buy into people's ideas and turn them into their desired outcome is also gratifying. But there is also the bitter sweet part of it; the long working hours, short customer notice, shopping for the right fabric and such also makes this work tick for me.

How do you keep up with all the new trends and fashion styles?

I read a lot of fashion magazines, then we also have the internet that is a great resource and source of information. There are also tutorials on YouTube and a few fashion programmes on TV and online that I follow.

What current fashion trend are you into?

As we are headed into a political season, I have been looking at how fashion has influenced or being influenced by politics. We have seen people dress their bodies to pass certain messages such as the wearing of berets, military-like outfits, slogans and graphics on T-shirts and so on. I think it is important that as fashionistas use such opportunities to pass messages of not only peace, but also to make this platform a source of advocating for social justice and a better world to live in. What one wears, how and when they wear it constitutes expressions of degrees of social freedoms and influences. The other part is how fashion is pushing the green agenda globally. For example, a few years ago, German football club Bayern Munich initiated its 'From Threat To

Thread' campaign that saw them release their Champions League kit made from recycled plastic waste. That's the way to go.

What new challenges has Covid-19 brought, especially to designers?

Like any other sector, the fashion industry was not left unharmed by the pandemic. We are experiencing less physical shopping as fashion consumers are lacking opportunities and occasions to dress up. A recent report by McKensley & Company on the State of Fashion in 2021 based on the changes in market capitalisations on global fashion, suggested that the industry's economic profit fell by 93 per cent in 2020 after rising with four per cent in 2019. At the same time, it has made us to reshape, rethink and streamline our business models. While the return on investment on retail continues to decline—in fact, many of us have closed a number of physical shops—we wait to get used to the new normalcy. We also saw more than 100 apparel manufacturers close down temporarily, especially in the Export Processing Zones.

How have digital trends influenced your business?

The pandemic has been a blessing in disguise in some areas though. We have seen an increase in online shopping and our digital strength as a company continues to appreciate. We have seen an increase in virtual shows, which is less time and money consuming.

How do you handle celebrity egos?

Before working with a public figure, it's always important to check on their history. Also, it does not hurt to ask within your business network about it. This helps one to meet their expectations. My contract also helps because we normally ask for a deposit of 75 per cent of the total cost, and if one violates the contract, we can sue them.

What fashion tip would you like to share?

Become a better shopper. Learning how to shop for exactly what you want will help you avoid filling your closet with items you'd never wear. When your wardrobe consists of pieces that you love, styling an outfit will become your second nature.



Jack Muthaura

GET THE LOOK With Faith Kyoumukama

Dapper like this brother

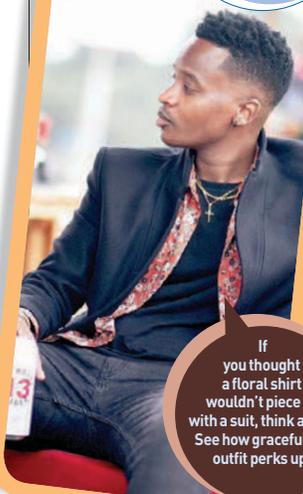
In our stylebook today, we focus on Muriuki Kagiri, an image consultant, wardrobe stylist and the blogger behind the eponymous The Dapper Brother brand. He packs a style that is clean, fresh and yeah, dapper.



A fitting suit is one for the books. Consider getting one for your closet for those random formal dinners.



Feeling blue? Add a track suit to your khaki pants, to add that fresh casual vibes to your looks.



If you thought a floral shirt wouldn't piece up with a suit, think again. See how graceful the outfit perks up.

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



Rapper Bey T hits them lines.

SOCIAL THRIFTING

by Faith Kyomukama

The 2021 edition of Thrift Social went down at the weekend at the Winning Post in Ngong Racecourse, Nairobi. Powered by luxury cognac brand Hennessy, the event saw fans from the art, music and lifestyle scenes come together to enjoy thrilling musical performances from an array of artists. Kenyan music acts Bey T, Xenia Mannaseh, Barak Jacuzzi shared the stage with South African songbird Shekinah, who was the concert's headliner. They all delivered electrifying performances, backed up by a live band.

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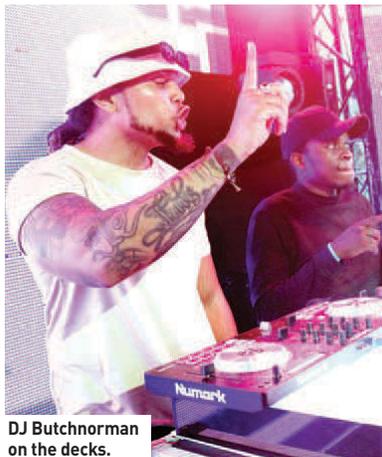
Model Fezal Amhed with sociologist Naima Ibrahim.



Artist Xenia Manasseh rocks the eager crowd.



Neemah Wawudu with model Lillian Kimani.



DJ Butchnorman on the decks.



Rapper Barak Jacuzzi is game!

A progressive talk

by Manuel Ntoyai

Kenyan innovators in partnership with Science Stories Africa (SSA) recently held an event at the Kenya Cultural Centre in Nairobi to talk about the success of their discoveries and the positive impact they've had on people's lives. The public engagement platform seeks to improve public appreciation of science in Africa through the power of story telling. African Agricultural Technology programme officer Verenardo Meeme said such events would help African scientists to not only tell their stories, but also for the public to put a face on the faces behind the innovations. H_art The Band entertained the guests.

PD/GERALD ITHANA



H_art The Band serves the music vibe.



African Agricultural Technology Foundation programme officer Verenardo Meeme.



Ethel Webi of the International Potato Centre.



Adi Dahabo Galgalo, an innovator of a tracking device for pregnant women in Marsabit County.



Anthony Muthungu talks about Alex-Cane, a smart walking cane for the visually impaired.

Ten... Entertainment figures in prison

If convicted with the charges of racketeering, obstruction of justice, child pornography and sex trafficking among others, American R&B crooner R Kelly could spend decades in confinement. However, the *Bad Man* hitmaker wouldn't be the first showbiz celebrity to go down that route.

Mwangi Alberto looks at a few others who are now cooling their heels behind bars



Tay-K

Taylor McIntyre alias Tay-K is an American former rapper, and a convicted murderer. He is best known for his 2017 hit song *The Race*, which was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America in January 2018. In July 2019, McIntyre was found guilty of murder for his involvement in the 2016 home invasion and robbery that left 21-year-old Ethan Walker dead, and was sentenced to 55 years in prison. He will be eligible for parole after no less than 27 and half years behind bars.



Austin Jones

Austin Henry Jones, 29, is a former musician who was active as a YouTuber from 2007 to 2017, prior to his arrest for production of child pornography in 2017 and conviction in 2019. In 2015, he apologised after a video of him teaching an underage girl to twerk surfaced. After accumulating around 540,000 subscribers and over 20 million video views, Jones became more widely known due to his arrest for sexual misconduct involving minors and his possession and production of child pornography. On February 6, 2019, his YouTube channel was terminated, and was sentenced to 10 years in prison on May 3, 2019.

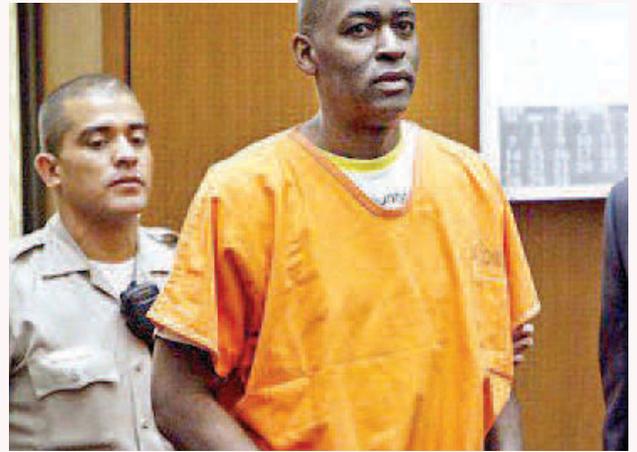
Shannon Richardson

Actor Shannon Richardson is known for her roles in post-apocalyptic horror TV series *Walking Dead*, and supernatural teen drama TV series *The Vampire Diaries*. In May 2013, while going through a divorce, she called the police and falsely accused her husband Nathan Richardson of mailing letters laced with the ricin poison to several politicians who included retired US President Barack Obama. Investigators found evidence that she had mailed the ricin-laced letters herself in an effort to set up her estranged husband. In July 2014, Richardson was sentenced to 18 years in prison, with a projected release date of November 18, 2028.



Suge Knight

The American former music executive and the co-founder and CEO of Death Row Records was a central figure in gangsta rap's catapult to massive commercialisation in the early 90s. On January 29, 2015, Knight crashed his car into two men, killing Terry Carter (his friend and co-founder of Heavyweight Records) and fled the scene in Compton, California. In September 2018, he pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter, and he was sentenced to 28 years in prison. He's not eligible for parole until July 2037.



Michael Jace

American actor and convicted murderer Michael Jace is best known for his role as Julien Lowe in the FX drama *The Shield*. He also played Andre Tibbs in *Cold Case*. On May

20, 2014, he was arrested after he fatally shot his wife April Jace. A jury subsequently convicted him of second-degree murder on May 31, 2016, and on June 10 the same year, he was sentenced to 40 years to life in prison.

Harvey Weinstein

The former Hollywood film producer and co-founder of giant entertainment company, Miramax, was in October 2017 accused by more than a dozen women of sexual harassment, assault, and rape. Many other women in the film industry subsequently reported similar experiences. A criminal investigation was opened against him and a jury convicted Weinstein on February 24, 2020, of two of five criminal charges. On March 11, 2020, he was sentenced to 23 years behind bars.

Baby Gangsta

On November 3, 2009, rapper Christopher Noel Dorsey aka BG or Baby Gangsta was arrested in New Orleans, Louisiana, after police pulled over his car for a routine traffic stop. During a search of the vehicle, police found three guns, two of which were reported stolen. On February 11, 2010, he appeared in court and entered a not guilty plea. On July 18, 2012, he was sentenced to 14 years in a federal prison for gun possession and witness tampering.

C-Murder

In September 2003, American rapper and songwriter Corey Miller alias C-Murder was convicted of the January 12, 2002, beating and fatal shooting of a fan, 16-year-old Steve Thomas at the Platinum Club in Harvey, Louisiana. On August 5, 2009, the murder trial began and on August 14 the same year, C-Murder was handed a life imprisonment.



Vybz Kartel

Jamaican reggae dancehall recording artiste, composer, record producer and entrepreneur Adidja Azim Palmer aka Vybz Kartel was arrested by police for marijuana possession on September 29, 2011. He was later charged with the murder of Jamaican businessman Barrington Burton, conspiracy and illegal possession of a firearm. Though Kartel was granted bail for the Burton murder in March 2012, he remained

in prison in connection with a second murder of Clive Williams. On July 24 the same year, a jury found the *Poor People Land* hit singer not guilty of the charge of murder of Burton. However, he remained in custody pending the second murder case. On March 13, 2014, he was found guilty of Williams' murder. On April 3 the same year, Kartel was sentenced to life in prison. However, he will be eligible for parole in 2046.



Young QC

Actor, dancer and rapper Qaw'mane Wilson aka Young QC didn't show obvious grief at his mother's funeral. Rather, he spent much of the service hanging outside, according to friends and relatives, some of whom found his behaviour at the September 2012 funeral odd. Prosecutors alleged he had a reason for looking suspicious, adding that as Yolanda Holmes' only child and sole beneficiary, QC masterminded a robbery on his 45-year-old mother that led to her death, and then emptied her bank accounts and collected life insurance policies after she was slain. In January 31, 2020, he was sentenced to 99 years in prison, alongside the hitman Eugene Spencer, who received a 100-year sentence.

Relatively Speaking ▶ Inner circle truth



Rising above skin condition

After **Jairus Ongetta** was crowned the first Mr Albinism Kenya in 2016, he never looked back and immersed himself in creating awareness about the condition. His brother **Stephen Ombati** shares more on how he is engrossed in spoken word, fashion and film spoken

by Harriet James
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When Albinism Society of Kenya held its first pageant in 2016, Jairus Ongetta, then a music student at Kenyatta University was crowned Mr Albinism Kenya. Under the theme, "Beauty Beyond Skin," the event, which was organised by the Albinism Society of Kenya was aimed at changing how people living with albinism were perceived in the society.

"Being crowned Mr Albinism was one of his greatest moments ever," narrates his elder brother Stephen Ombati.

"Finally, he felt people living with albinism had achieved a milestone. For a long time, some people never imagined that people like us could excel on platforms such as modeling, or pageantry," he continues.

With the award, Jairus immersed himself in projects focusing on children and albinism.

"My focus is on children so as to bring up a generation that is more confident, who can find strength in what they are good at. Some people living with albinism have been raised by single parents and we desire to empower these children to have an asset they can cling to. With a better self-esteem, we will empower the next generation," says Jairus.

Though the two brothers have albinism

and are both artistes, they have an age gap of three years. Also, while Stephen has interest in writing, Jairus is currently more into spoken word, fashion, film and athletics. He is a lead in Mime Kenya, a group of artists who use dramatic expression through gestures to minister and entertain) and the founder of the event 'The Taste Of My Skin (Toms)', on social media, where he shares about his day to day experiences and his perspectives on societal issues particularly on matters that others can relate to.

"He initially used the platform to create awareness on albinism, but nowadays, he writes on his experiences. He was inspired by the need to share his story and thoughts with the world. We would exchange ideas together and then we discovered that the format for both songs and spoken word is fairly the same. So, we sing when it's music and talk when it's poetry," he adds.

Their childhood was fun, as Stephen describes it. Their mother played a vital role in ensuring that they were disciplined and grew up knowing God. She also ensured that they never felt different from any other children.

Though, they managed to live a normal life, Stephen has recollections on the few times they faced discrimination simply because of their skin. "There were a few times when we faced discrimination from other pupils, the community and teachers who didn't understand albinism and the challenges we face such as visual problems. So, we had

to sit close to the black board to copy notes. This was for a few years before our mum took us to a special school in Siaya. Then there was rise in the myths, stigma and discrimination coupled with ritual killings in a few African countries such as Malawi and Tanzania and that too brought tension even here in Kenya. That's what made us have the passion to create awareness on the subject, that people living with albinism are just like any other person and are just born with no or little pigment in their skin, hair and eyes," he shares.

As for discovering their talents, Jairus knew he was good at music when he was in Class Five at St Oda Primary School in Siaya, where he would participate in music and drama festivals.

They both attended Salvation Army, Thika high school, a special school where Jairus was part of a singing group and participated in nearly all music functions. He was happy to have supportive teachers. "Phoebe Mwaura, a music teacher moulded and nurtured us a lot. There was another teacher, a Mrs Kiarie, who used to go to different secondary schools and she'd request to go with my brother and I on different occasions to perform. That's how Jairus got to perform in different schools and this helped us grow and build our audience," narrates Stephen.

Overcoming challenges

However, the brothers have an issue with special schools. "You see the issue with being in a special school set-up is that you are placed in some sort of a box. You don't encounter much competition and challenges since you mostly interact with people who are challenged in one way or another. But after you are done and go to face life, you realise things are different and it's not like the world cares as much. So preferably, integration in the society for us would have been the better option," Stephen explains.

After secondary school, the two brothers went their separate ways as Jairus, or Jay as he is called, went to Kenyatta University to study music while his brother joined the National Youth Service and later on studied information technology. He had enrolled for a bachelor's in communication and media studies, but then changed as he desired to study an artistic course. At Kenyatta University, Jairus had his first spoken word event.

"There wasn't any restriction, he was lucky that he had a music background from secondary school. He participated in culture week, solo night (singing) and modelling. He was also Mr Special Needs in his first semester. From there he gradually grew in his craft and at some point had a radio show at KU FM," he says.

In addition, life at the university felt normal as for the first time Jairus interacted with other people. It was while at Kenyatta University that he won Mr albinism Kenya. In 2017, he received The Poet Of The Year award at Kenyatta University. In 2019, he was feted as the Standing Strong Champion on Albinism Awareness Day. In the same year, his film dubbed, *Misfit* got a silver dough award at Zanzibar international film festival and another called *Dear Family* won the people's choice category at the Alliance Francaise.

"I'm happy and proud of each and every achievement that Jay has because I know that he works hard. Whatever he sets his mind to do, he accomplishes. In future, we desire to collaborate and tell our story to the world," says Stephen in conclusion.

AT A GLANCE

● **Jairus Ongetta studied music at Kenyatta University.**

● **At Kenyatta University, he was named Mr Special Needs in his first semester. He went ahead to win The Poet Of The Year award in 2017.**

● **His film dubbed, *Misfit* got a silver dough award at Zanzibar international film festival in 2019, and another called *Dear Family* won the people's choice category at the Alliance Francaise.**

● **As he creates awareness on albinism, he focuses on bringing up a generation that is more confident, and those who can find strength in what they are good at.**

Jairus Ongetta has been creating awareness on people living with albinism, through pageantry, spoken word, writing and film. MAIN: With his brother Stephen Ombati. PD/HARRIET JAMES

Eureka ▶ Design, innovate, engineer

App helps commuters identify drivers, riders

After he was mobbed by thugs on a boda boda, **Ronald Kibunja** came up with Safe Citizen to make it easier for users to know who's taking them to their destinations

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Nowadays, travelling has been made easier. However, only a few people who use boda boda and public service vehicles (PSV) truly know the identity of their rider or driver.

Because of these, heinous crimes are happening across the transportation sector and most of them go unreported. The reason being, concealment or lack of access to identification details is the root of crime in all societies.

To ensure all this comes to an end, Ronald Kibunja Gichuhi, 33, chairman and CEO of Jenisis Kenya has come up with a mobile app to make identity verification quicker and easier. "I have developed Safe Citizen, which is creating a way for ordinary citizens to verify and record a person's identity in real-time. This app will empower many people and provide them with an avenue to better protect themselves," he says.

The idea was borne in 2019 after Gichuhi had a close encounter with criminals in the boda boda sector three times. Despite the three incidences, he couldn't report the cases because he lacked any means to acquire and record the identity of his attackers.

"Safe Citizen is an android app created to enhance public safety and security. When taking a boda boda, matatu, or a taxi, you are now able to verify the identity of the rider or driver using this app."

A user only needs to download the app and register. They will receive an identity Quick Response (QR) Code unique to them, and which changes every time it is scanned to further secure the user's profile. Personal information collected from users includes full names, photo, country, county or state, or district (depending on the country), date of birth, email address, phone number, and gender. Every rider and driver on the platform has a Safe Citizen tag with a QR code.

Once a user scans the driver's or rider's QR Code, their identity is displayed. The platform gives a user the ability to save this identity into their profile history. That the driver's or rider's identity is known is believed to discourage any negative action or intent for fear of consequences.

Card alternative

"There are thugs and criminal riders who hide within the boda boda, PSV, and taxi sectors with the aim of taking advantage of unsuspecting passengers. Their plans succeed because their identities remain hidden. But with the app, this will come to an end because once the identity is recorded, it serves as deterrence against any harmful action this person may take," he explains.

Since they were targeting boda bodas and taxis for the pilot project, they recently expanded the platform to the matatu sector. Each vehicle using this platform has a unique code displayed on

two stickers in the vehicle. Passengers use this vehicle identity code to identify the matatu they choose to ride in. Other details made available include vehicle registration, colour, seating capacity, Sacco/association/company, names of the driver, photo, and mobile number. This information can also be saved into your profile history for future reference.

"All vehicles on the Mololine fleet are now using this platform. The best thing about our application is that when travelling in a matatu, you are able to monitor the speed of the vehicle directly on the app. This has been of benefit to many passengers and ensured adherence to highway safety regulations," Ronald says.

During this sensitive period of public health and social distancing, the app is also helping people to avoid contact with potentially contaminated surfaces. Since every user is issued with a QR code unique to their identity, there is no need to write down the identity details of visitors at security checkpoints. The platform provides a premises security checkpoint portal where the identities of all visitors to the building or institution are automatically recorded.

"The app also has the ability to flag underage persons. This function is exceptionally useful to parents and law enforcement. It controls and monitors access to areas or commercial establishments such as pubs and places engaging in alcohol consumption."

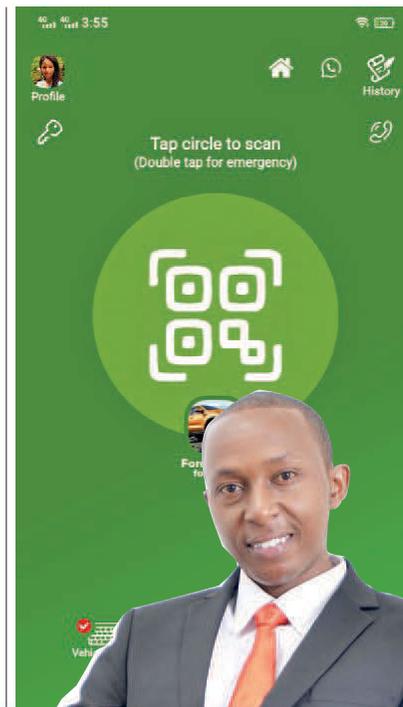
Currently, they have 1,500 registered users and somewhat 800 daily active users. Though growth has been slow, they hope to expand with more outreach resources. They also wish to create a security platform where every citizen has an identity acceptable at every form of security checkin every country around the world.

"I chose to delve into personal identification solutions because just like WhatsApp makes international communication cheap for everyone, I believe that a digital tool can be created to address safety and security issues. Though no technology is perfect, I think it can go a long way to give people a tool that aids their safety without having to rely on law enforcement," Ronald posits.

To ensure that the innovation is not only available to those with smartphones only, they have also developed a card that works exactly the same as the app.

For the card, when a user registers, their identity is assigned a unique QR Code that is installed onto the back of the card. It provides a universal identity like an item barcode at the supermarket.

Once the user visits any premises using the platform for security checks, the card QR Code is scanned to identify the person. The card can also be used by any person with a smartphone with the convenience of not having to take your phone out of your pocket.



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BRIEFLY

WhatsApp begins testing a business directory

WhatsApp is piloting a new business directory in São Paulo, Brazil that lets users find local shops and services with a presence on the app, the service's head Will Cathcart has announced. Screenshots show how WhatsApp will show businesses sorted by categories like "grocery store" and "restaurant," before letting users chat directly with them. Reuters reports that the test will include thousands of businesses in the city.

Although the Facebook-owned messaging service is most famous as a person-to-person messaging service, e-commerce has become an increasingly important part of its offering in recent years. As of last October, WhatsApp reported that over 175 million people globally used the service to message a WhatsApp business account every day.

WhatsApp has offered a stand-alone app for small businesses since 2018, and since then has added features like support for product catalogs and shopping carts. In Brazil and India, it's also started offering in-app payments, letting users make purchases directly from businesses, in addition to sending money to friends and family.

But this e-commerce push created problems for WhatsApp earlier this year when it updated its privacy policy. The changes were widely interpreted as giving WhatsApp the ability to share data from people's personal chats with Facebook, when in fact the changes only applied to chats with businesses, which may see data stored on Facebook servers. The new policy generated an outcry, with WhatsApp competitors Telegram and Signal reporting a surge in new users in response.

Cathcart said WhatsApp is not logging users' location or which businesses they browse when using the new directory feature.

As well as its app for small businesses, WhatsApp also offers a WhatsApp Business API to connect larger businesses with customers. It's notable for being one of the few ways WhatsApp is monetised directly, since it currently doesn't show ads like Facebook and Instagram. Although WhatsApp reportedly backed down from its immediate plans to show in-app ads last year, Facebook's vice president of business messaging Matt Idema told Reuters that "over the long term" he expects ads to be part of WhatsApp's business model "in some form or another."

Although the pilot is limited to one city in Brazil for now, Idema said that India and Indonesia were among the candidates for expansion in the future.

-The Verge



DADDY'S DIARY
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The high cost of education

As a family, through my wife, we had been supporting a bright boy from the village in his secondary school education. He completed his education and got a B+ grade, which was a good performance. The good news is that he was admitted in one of the public universities to pursue a degree of his choice. They are reporting to school this week. So far so good, right?

Hold your horses. You celebrated too early. For starters, you cannot be awarded an education loan by Higher Education Loans Board (HELB), until you have fully registered and joined the university. Most likely, your request will be reviewed from second year onwards. The tuition fee per year is a whole Sh59,000, payable in full during registration. Hostel accommodation is approximately Sh17,000 per semester or Sh34,000 per year. That comes to around Sh93,000 a year.

Healthy identity

Back in the days, we used to cook at the hostels, so we would significantly cut down the costs of living. When I was in college, I would carry maize flour from a local posho mill in the village and a few bucket of beans. Vegetables were easily available around the school at affordable price. That meant that if you got your HELB loan, you would almost not need any money from your parents. Meaning getting HELB was critical and once you qualified, your poor parents won't need to worry. They could give you whatever they can, and you would be okay.

Now back to my earlier case. Annual cost comes to Sh93,000, before factoring daily upkeep, food from canteen as they are no longer allowed to cook, costs related to stationery and associated photocopy costs. That would be close to Sh135,000 to Sh150,000 per year. Many parents won't afford these fees. What this means is that there is a good chance there are many bright students who did well in their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE), but because they cannot be given HELB in their first year, their chances of education will significantly diminish or be completely obliterated. As I indicated earlier, education is slowly becoming the biggest divider between the have and the have nots. Many parents will sell their few assets (if they have any) such as livestock or even land, just to educate their son or daughter and those who have no one to help will forget about higher education for their sons and daughters, sadly.

Family Fusion ▶ All about kin and kith

The pain of growing up without a father

Mercy Wanini-Kabasha, speaks on being a fatherless child and how her life experiences compelled her to share her journey and offer hope to others who have gone through the same fate in life



Mercy Wanini-Kabasha.PD/
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It's not easy talking about how I grew up without a father, especially because it still brings back bad memories," says Mercy Wanini-Kabasha.

Mercy doesn't have any recollection of her father. She came to learn that her mother was married 'technically' but she had to break-up with her dad because she couldn't cope with marriage. "I was actually told that my father's family wanted him to marry someone else. She (my mother) also had issues with my father because she was not allowed to visit her family. The chance to go bury her mother (my grandmother), presented my mum with the opportunity to leave her marital house and never return back to my father. I was barely a year old and I have no memory of him. My mother never re-married after that ordeal," explains the 38-year-old.

Identity issue

Mercy who was born in Itiat, Nyeri has an elder brother. Life was quite rough for the family of three, especially because they were not well off and her mother worked extra hard to put food on the table all by herself.

According to her, growing up without a father is tough. She offers: "I struggled with identity issues because I did not embrace taking up my mum's name as my surname and often found myself



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An individual who grows without father is likely to be psychologically affected

using other male relatives' names. This did not go well with my mother. I also felt bad whenever other children asked me where my father was. Due to the fact that we had no stable income, I ended up living with different relatives. I even learnt to call my uncles 'dad'. Something was clearly missing in me and that void kept growing bigger. Though my mum did everything to educate and provide for us, I still felt that if my dad was around, things would not have been so tough. I saw my mum's health go from bad to worse because she was always under pressure. I felt rejected and I struggled with feelings of anger towards my father. I blamed him for all the problems we were facing. I wondered why he never cared to know if I was dead or alive."

Mercy also found herself looking for validations from the wrong people. "In retrospect, I think if my father was around, I wouldn't have been vulnerable. Over the years, I have suffered low self-esteem and always felt I was not good enough. I would get affected by any bad or negative comment from my peers. I struggled with emotional instability. I was also jealous of other children who were from hinged families. I kept a lot to myself and did not let anyone into my space fearing more rejection," she says.

From time to time, she suffered from hopelessness and did not believe that she was in a position to achieve anything. "During the time I was living with my

relatives, whenever I was asked to do certain chores, I always interpreted it as hatred," she adds.

Though she is now an adult, Mercy still asks, "Why did my father never look for me? Why did he not care? Was it his fault or mum's?" Maybe one day I will get answers to these questions, but only from him if I ever meet him because my mum is no more."

Her mother passed on in February this year. According to Mercy, her mother was a special person to her and her death was a big blow.

She offers: "She played both the roles of a father and a mother. We had a cordial relationship and she sacrificed her happiness for us. Her death closed a big chapter in my life. I remember when she died, I told my husband that I had officially become an orphan."

Her husband, children and her in-laws have become her greatest support system. "They love me unconditionally and have played a big part in helping me move on and heal to some extent. My pastor too has been a great support and a pillar," says the mother of two.

According to her, her story is just one out of the many children who grow up without fathers and she has decided to dedicate her life to see to it that the society is aware of the many issues fatherless children go through. "I began my journey by writing a book about my personal experiences, which is at its final stage of publishing. I have also been speaking in different platforms such as churches and my social media platforms," she says.

Her greatest passion now is to impact many families. "I want to advocate for reconciliation of fathers and their children. My team and I wish to help others going through the pain of fatherlessness. We want to create awareness, inspire, educate and create platforms where those that wish to get help reconnect with their children or fathers can do so without fear. We also want to help parents embrace co-parenting for the children's sake. We are in the process of registering a foundation," says Mercy.

Healthy identity

Claire Omolo, a psychologist and mental health consultant at the Nairobi Parenting Clinic says that the role of a father within a family is an important one. He plays many roles such as influencing a child's values, conferring a healthy identity and providing security, especially emotional security. Fathers also affirm a child's potential.

"An individual who grows without getting these from their fathers either due to absenteeism, separation or divorce is more likely to be psychologically affected," says Omolo.

Some psychological repercussions of growing up without a father include depression, drug addiction, low self-esteem, lack of identity that leads to role confusion, eating disorders among others. "We have heard of women with 'daddy issue'. An individual who was initially abandoned can struggle to build and maintain relationships in future and may live a frustrated life. Lack of identity is associated with hopelessness, which may eventually result to suicidal ideations or even attempts," she explains.

The expert advises single parents to be honest with their children about the reason the other parent could not be a part of them. She opines: "This is to ensure that a child does not grow up blaming themselves."



AT A GLANCE

- Mercy Wanini-Kabasha's mother broke up with her father when she was barely a year old.
- She has struggled with identity issues because she did not embrace being named after her mother and

- often found herself using other male relatives' names for her surname
- Over the years, she suffered low self-esteem and always felt she was not good enough. She would get affected by any bad or

- negative comment from her peers.
- She now talks on reconciliation of father's with their children as well as co-parenting as she feels that fathers are important in their children's lives.

Taboo ▶ Let's talk about it



Are you engaged in emotional incest?

Described as overly depending on your child for your emotional needs instead of an adult, it negatively affects the offspring who might repeat the cycle or engage in other unhealthy behaviour

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That it is a struggle to date a mama's boy is something Terry Atieno, 30, learnt the hard way. To be in an intimate relationship with such a person feels like walking right in to another relationship and becoming the third wheel. And if the man does not set boundaries, the relationship is set for an epic fail.

"I had to eventually opt for separation. I could not compete with my mother-in-law. I loved him and equally understood that his mother had single handedly raised him, and he was an only child. But every time she visited, I felt as if I was being ganged upon. They would hang out for talks way into the night in the guest room where the mum was supposed to sleep. As a matter of fact, he would even fall asleep in the same bed with his mother," she says.

Atieno adds that every time they had a problem, he would run to his mum instead of talking it out with her.

"We had zero privacy and it was constantly terrifying because she already did not like me much. The worst part is when I complained about the behaviour he would say, 'I have no one else to talk to about my issues, but her'. They had intimate talks and it just was too much for a mother-son bond. Toxic triangle I say. I had to take a while to detox from all that and as at now, I would rather date an orphan than a mama's boy," she says.

Most parents might not know this, but relying on your child for your emotional needs might have dire consequences. While it might reflect even more in adulthood, emotional incest is initiated at childhood and follows people through adulthood if a healthy intervention is not found. This is what later

evolves into unhealthy relationships such as the popular mama's boy.

Emotional incest is when a caregiver looks for emotional and psychological support from their child that should be found in a spouse. This could be a young child or an adult child. However, often, the pattern starts when children are young and continues until they are adults.

Psychologist Tracy Nyaguthii says in emotional incest, boundaries are crossed and the caregiver shares inappropriate information with their child. For instance, their sexual lives, marital issues, life stressors and they can be obscene with language.

"Basically, it's a violation of a child's innocence. Emotional incest is a form of abuse. Roles are reversed, the child is treated like an adult and they do not get the emotional and psychological support they need from their caregiver. In this situation the caregiver leans to the child for guidance, affirmation and support," she says.

She adds that emotional incest could be so intrusive to the extent that the caregiver interferes with the child's social life.

Selfish restrictions

"Caregivers do not want them to spend time with their peers; they want them all to themselves. Taking adult roles and having selfish restrictions imposed on a child for the benefit of the caregiver creates a heavy burden on the child that can cause many psychological and behavioural problems. For instance, trust issues, relationship problems, emotional distancing, sexual addictions, feelings of guilt, shame, self-esteem issues, and difficulty in engaging in appropriate behaviour with children etc," she adds.

According to the expert, many factors bring about emotional incest. For instance, where there is drug abuse, where caregivers are immature, emotionally detached, where



Tracy Nyaguthii, a psychologist.



Allan Lawrence, life coach.

caregivers have mental and physical health decline and need support from their child. However, often, it occurs when caregivers are going through a transition in their lives.

These transitions could be a divorce, separation, infidelity, loss of a spouse, change in family dynamic, or lack of an emotional relationship with an adult. Individuals displaying such behaviour could also have undergone the same as children and, therefore, could think it is normal.

Life coach, Allan Lawrence, adds that emotional incest has more dangers as the child is not given a chance to be a child and grow like other children. It affects the child to a point they see the world negatively and this follows them into adulthood.

"Emotional incest completely changes a child's perception of the world. They will always find it hard to relate well, which will later affect their relationships because they will have a distorted mindset about the opposite gender. It becomes hard for them to trust their partners. They will be emotionally unavailable, which will cause a lot of friction. And later on in marriage set up, they will become so much inclined to their children because the culture has already been created," he says.

As a word of advice, Nyaguthii says it is important for persons who have experienced emotional incest to undergo treatment with therapists who have vast experience with working with trauma.

"The therapist will take them through an in-depth healing process where they deal with the trauma, its effects in their life as well as their behaviour and thought patterns. Treatment should enable the client to deal with the trauma that lies deep within them from when they were children or when the pattern started. It needs time, however with the right support, people recover and are able to have a fulfilling life," she says.

BRIEFLY

Campaign to celebrate female anatomy

Do you know the difference between the vulva and the vagina? Which is self-cleaning? Have you ever looked at – as in a close examination – your vulva?

These are some questions Spa Esprit Group posed in its nationwide poll "Enter the Y-Zone". The online survey, which is part of the company's latest "Voyage to the Vulva-verse" campaign, revealed that more than half of participants have never given their nether regions a good look in the mirror and 17 per cent feeling ashamed of how their look.

"The Voyage to the Vulva-verse campaign aims to create open and honest conversations surrounding the vulva and intimate care, which is important if we want to continue breaking taboos and changing perspectives. We want to highlight that the vulva as a natural and beautiful part of the body, one to be seen as a positive celebration and not one of shame and embarrassment," says Spa Esprit Group's founder Cynthia Chua.

Besides the anonymous poll, eight local artists have been commissioned to create original pieces for a vulva-themed art show to shed light and offer new perspectives on the still-taboo subject. Amanda Tan, Ashley Yeo, Hee Suhui, Tan Se Zyan, Kimberly Tan, Kristal Melson, Polina Korobova, and Yana & Jun will be exhibiting their work on the female anatomy at Hatch Art Project (7 Yong Siak Street) from September 10 to 22.

Of course, the vulva-verse is not without a couple of intimate care specials. Clock in some me-time at Strip with its new AFT Brazilian and Rosebud Vajuveneration Bundle that combines one session of the latest light-based hair removal procedure and a non-invasive, anti-ageing treatment to improve vulva skin laxity. From Two Lips, the new Out-grown is formulated with grape, honey and nigella sativa seed to inhibit ingrown hairs while reducing irritation and itchiness for clearer, smoother skin.

Campaign merchandise such as enamel pins, coin pouches and motel keychains available at the Beauty Emporium, were created in support of local non-profit Go With The Flow. Twenty per cent of every purchase made between now to December 31 will be donated to the cause, which hopes to eradicate period poverty and period shame and improve accessibility to menstrual healthcare especially in low-income communities in Singapore.

-Prestige



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- 6.00 K24 This Morning
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- 15.00 Rockabye Island
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- 16.00 K24 Mashinani
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- 17.00 Beatbox
- 18.00 The Secretary
- 19.00 K24 Saa Moja
- 19.30 Serie A- Full Impact
- 20.00 Collar De Esmeraldas
- 21.00 K24 Evening Edition
- 21.40 Serie A Match- Live
- Milan Vs. Venezia
- 23.45 Lotto Live
- 00.00 P1 World
- 00.30 Al Jazeera



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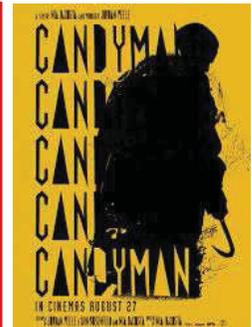
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 11:10, 19:00: **CANDYMAN**
 CENTURY SARIT CENTRE
 10:45, 13:30, 16:15, 19:00: **SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS 3D**
 WESTGATE CINEMA
 11:00, 15:45, 18:20: **SHANG-CHI AND THE LEGEND OF THE TEN RINGS 3D**



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Sudoku

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- 13:30 Business Defined
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 You are best to do your research before taking on such a venture. Your disciplined attention to jobs will enhance your position.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
 Financial gains can be made through wise investments. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
 Your time, not your cash, will do a lot more for your relationship. Beware of colleagues who don't have your best interests in mind.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
 Do not let them blow situations out of proportion. You need a change and you need to earn more cash. Your self confidence will attract members of the opposite sex.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)
 Stop telling others about your problems. Your unique approach to life will interest others. Money problems will get worse if your partner hasn't been playing by the rules.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)
 It won't take much to upset your lover. Be professional, and you will advance much more quickly. You may find yourself mixed up in a triangle of sorts.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)
 Work quietly behind the scenes. Problems with in-laws or relatives may be more damaging than you realize. Look before you leap.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)
 Get domestic chores out of the way early. Snap out of it. Move forward if you want to turn your life around.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN. 20)
 Confronting a situation will only result in indignation and misunderstandings. Do not trust others with important information. Do a little shopping.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)
 Heed the advice given by family or old reliable friends. Your home may be in an uproar and you are best to stay out of the line of fire if at all possible.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
 Take the day to relax and pamper yourself. Talk to superiors about problems that you feel are getting out of hand. Get back to the comforts of cottage or home.

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| 10. Marconi | 11. Acid |
| 14. Superficial | 12. Orate |
| 17. Shelter | 13. Tree |
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| 8. French aviator, ___ Blériot (5) | | 13. Nought (3) |
| 10. Presenter of TV's Through the Keyhole (5,5) | DOWN | 15. Fossilised resin (5) |
| 12. Puny person (8) | 1. Ripe (6) | 16. Clippers (6) |
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Spanish papers lament 'appalling' Barcelona performance

Motocross: Thrilling action in MX2 and MX85 contests

by Barry Silah
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The National Motocross Championship saw top competition in the MX2CC and MX85CC classes on Sunday at the Jamhuri Motocross Track as the season nears a close.

In the MX2 Class, Ngugi Waweru and Walter Kuria fought an epic battle with Rohan Gandhi only taking part in the second heat after his bike developed mechanical issues. Rohan was second in the second heat with Ngugi emerging tops in all heats in what was a calculated and bold race. Kuria on his part had two second spots in the first and last heats. In the MX85 Class, another sizzling duel was witnessed as Neo Wahome was imperious with all three wins coming through in commanding fashion.

He however, had to be wary of Tanav Choda who finished second overall followed by the lone lady in the class Natalie Cheronno who had



Natalie Cheronno flies at the Jamhuri Racetrack on Sunday.

PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

two podium finishes in a difficult day which saw her emerge a disappointing sixth in the opening heat. Meanwhile the MX65 Class also saw an interesting battle where Lewis Ogonyi was the overall winner with

57 points after winning two heats of three. He had a real threat in the shape of Wahome Mutahi who won one heat and came in runner-up in the first two heats and amassed 54 points.

Lionesses to take on Mozambique

Kenya hoping to earn quarter-final slot after impressive comeback victory against Cape Verde in Fiba AfroBasket tourney in Cameroon on Sunday

by Gibo Zachary
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Kenya national women's basketball team, Lionesses, will take on Mozambique tonight in a tough Fiba Women's AfroBasket quarter-final qualification round in Yaounde, Cameroon, as they seek to progress to the semi-finals.

The Lionesses missed an automatic ticket to the quarter-final after finishing second in Group A, following their 74-50 loss to Cameroon and a hard-fought 61-58 victory over Cape Verde, forcing them to go for a qualification round to try and make it to the last eight.

Hosts Cameroon, defending champions Nigeria, Senegal and the first runners-up Mali all qualified automatically to the quarterfinals by virtue of topping their groups leaving Kenya (second in Group A), Cape Verde (third in Group A), Angola (second in Group B), Mozambique (third in Group B), Egypt (second in Group C), Guinea (third in Group C), Ivory Coast (second in Group D) and Tunisia (third in Group D) to battle it out for the remaining four slots available in the quarterfinals.

Egypt will take on Tunisia in the first match of the day scheduled at 1pm as Angola faces off with Cape Verde in the second match from 4pm.

Ivory Coast lock horns with Guinea in the third match of the day at 7pm before paving way for Kenya Lionesses match against Mozambique from 10pm tonight at the Palais Polyvalent des Sports arena.

Lionesses will be seeking to avenge their 55-39 loss they suffered at the hands of Mozambique on August 10, 2019, during this competition's last edition held

in Dakar, Senegal, where the Kenyan girls failed to win any single match, while Mozambique dazzled in the championship, finishing impressively fourth.

On paper, Mozambique who are regarded as a decent team that has never won the Fiba Women's AfroBasket, having finished second thrice in the competition in 1986, 2003, and 2013 as well as semifinalists in 2019, finishing fourth overall, seem to have an upper hand against Lionesses in this match.

However, a charged Lionesses are out to restore their lost glory this year, having been finalist, finishing second in the 1993 edition and fourth in the 1997 edition, and will, therefore, be motivated by this previous good show in the competition to stop fancied Mozambican side in tonight's quarterfinal playoff, and advance to the last eight scheduled for tomorrow.

The Kenyan girls' trip to the Women's AfroBasket tournament started in 1985 when they went to Maputo, Mozambique, for the five-team event, where they, however, lost all their matches and finished last in their debut.

But the tide changed swiftly in the next championship in Dakar, Senegal in 1993 where they stunned many by going all the way to the finals only to lose 89-43 to hosts and eventual winners Senegal.



Swamis get rude shock in Nairobi cricket league action

CRICKET: Bigwigs Swamibapa were stunned Sunday in a five-wicket loss to lowly rated Ruaraka Sports Club in the ongoing 50-Over Nairobi Provincial Cricket Association Super Division Championship. Swamis who won toss went on to bat for 261 on the board in their allotted innings with Nehemiah Odhiambo (88 runs off 83 balls) being the top scorer with his contribution including eight boundaries and a single six. Another good half ton came from captain

Maurice Ouma (57 runs off 66 balls) with his core including eight boundaries and one six as well. The inning saw Ruaraka's Sachin Schin (3 wickets in 51 runs) being the destroyer-in-chief at the crease with top bowling from him including his fast ball in the fourth over that left Swami's third batsman Dhwani Patel dismissed for a duck. Pankaj Bhudia (2 wickets in 31 runs) was the second biggest wicket getter for Ruaraka.

- Barry Silah



Boost for Classic Rally as Kenya off United Kingdom Red List Zone

MOTORSPORT: The East African Safari Classic Rally which is set to take place from February 10-18, 2022 has received a major boost after the UK Government lifted Kenya from the 'Red List' zone.

Earlier on, the UK Government had listed Kenya as a hotspot complicating international travelers who are subjected to coronavirus

quarantine restrictions. The international event had previously been scheduled to run from Nov 1-9. "This is good news for the motorsport fraternity and as management we are going to work tirelessly to ensure we have a remarkable event," said the East African Safari Classic Rally Board chairman Joey Ghose.

- Charles Thuku

Tusker, Gor chase first cup

Premier League champions and Betway Cup winners clash today in FKF Super Cup to kick the 2021/21 season off

by Charles Thuku
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Gor Mahia will be aiming to stop FKF Premier League champions Tusker from clinching a double when the two teams lock horns in the Super Cup at Thika Stadium this evening.

While Gor will be hoping for a psychological boost after relinquishing the league title to Tusker in the 2020/21 season, the Brewers will be out to prove that the success, which came after a five-year drought, was not a fluke.

For Tusker, a win will add icing on their cake after they eliminated unfashionable Djiboutian side Artar Solar from the CAF Champions League last weekend.

The Kenyan representatives beat Solar 4-1 on aggregate to advance to the first round where they shall meet Egyptian giants Zamalek later next month.

Tusker coach Robert Matano said the match against Gor is just like any other but pointed out that they will stick to their regular game plan.

"I think what is paramount is for us to play our usual game. Of course Gor is a strong team and we have to give them the respect. I was happy with how my players carried themselves

against Solar and I expect them to replicate the same to prove a point as the champions of the domestic league," said Matano.

The tactician should be an elated man in that his new acquisitions in Shami Kibwana, Deogratius Ojok and Ibrahim Joshua, who helped themselves with a goal each against the Djibouti side, have gelled and are all available for selection against Gor.

"When new players make an impact, you must be happy as a coach.

"We have worked very hard to get where we are and the idea here is for all my players to give a 100 per cent in terms of performance to continue dotting the starting line-up."

Despite the absence of Henry Meja, who has since joined paid ranks with AIK FC of Sweden, Tusker is not short of talent up-front and are expected to lean heavily on much experienced Boniface Muchiri.

However, in Gor, Tusker will be meeting a battle-hardened side that is determined to re-discover their title-winning ways under English coach Mark Harrison.

Gor will make the most in the match even without Jules Ulimwengu and Tito Okello who have parted ways with the club on mutual consent.



Henry Meja of Tusker FC (centre) vies for the ball with Gor Mahia's duo of Juma Andrew and Harun Shakava during their FKF Premier League match at Ruaraka grounds on July 8, 2021. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

Date	Day	Time	Match	Channels
Sept 22	Wednesday	1pm	Tusker vs Gor Mahia	StarTimes BTV and Rembo TV

StarTimes to air Super Cup, FKF league

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Pay Television company StarTimes media is set to broadcast the 2021/22 FKF Premier League season curtain raiser pitting newly crowned FKF Premier League Champions Tusker against FKF Betway Cup winners Gor Mahia in the FKF Super Cup.

The FKF Super Cup presents both teams with a chance to open their 2021/22 season with silverware. The match will be played today at the Thika sub-county stadium starting at 1pm where StarTimes will broadcast on StarTimes BTV Channel number 172 and Rembo TV channel number 113.

The 2021/22 FKF Premier League season kicks off on Saturday, September 25, with eight matches lined up including AFC Leopards vs Tusker and Gor Mahia vs KCB which are also to be broadcasted on the pay television platform the upcoming season being the second of a seven year deal signed with the Football Kenya Federation as the top tier league's broadcast partner.

"The Super Cup will open the new season which is set to kick off on September 25 as the broadcast partner, we can assure our subscribers and local football fans in general that we are committed to bringing the front row seat for all the action where we will beam live up to 100 fixtures in the new 2021/22 season," noted Aldrine Nsubuga



StarTimes Regional Marketing Director.

Tusker will be facing Gor Mahia by virtue of Tusker winning the FKF Premier League title last season while Gor Mahia clinched the Shield Cup trophy. The Brewers were crowned champions after topping the 18-team table with 65 points from 32 matches while K'Ogalo won the domestic cup after beating rivals AFC Leopards 4-1 on penalties in the final.

Tusker continues with their perfect form having been in camp as they prepared for their Caf Champions League preliminary matches. The Brewers have already qualified for the first round of the competition after beating AS Arta Solar 7 from Djibouti 4-1 on aggregate, drawing the first meeting away 1-1 before winning the home fixture 3-0.

BRIEFLY

Vihiga Queens to face Zetech Sparks in FKF Women's Cup semis

FOOTBALL: Cecaifa Women's Club champions Vihiga Queens on Sunday edged out Bunyore Starlets to set up a date with Zetech Sparks in the semi-finals of the FKF Women's Cup. Queens triumphed 1-0 in the nail-biting match played at Mumboha grounds in Vihiga County. The hard-fighting Queens scored their winning goal through Topister Situma, who sent a thunderous shot in Bunyore's goal at the 74th minute. "Our target was to win and advance to the semi-finals. I thank my girls for playing smart. We are now forcing the CAF and FKF Women Cup," said Nyamu. Starlets team Zakaria Amakhang'a said they will now focus on strengthening the team to contest in the women's premier league.

- Enoch Amukhale

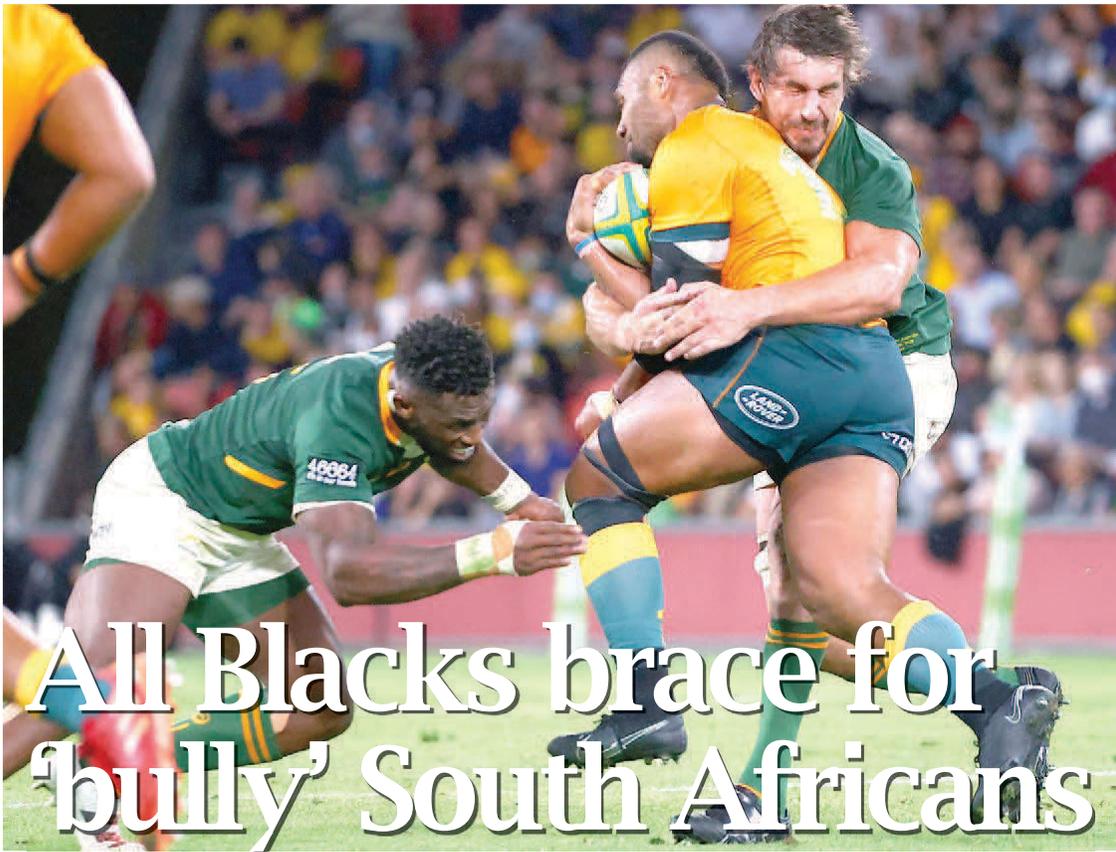


Kenya beat Somaliland in Deaflympics clash

FOOTBALL: Kenya's odyssey at the Africa Deaflympics Ball Games Championship may have ended but they closed in style following a 5-2 score over Somaliland Monday at Kasarani Stadium to finish the tournament ninth. Goals from Kennedy Kilonzo, Philip Kitui and Muinde Mweu in the first half and two second half penalties by Bashir Yahye and Gasper Asituha gave the Kenyans the full-points while the opponents had two second half goals courtesy their top scorer Ahmed Siyad who had a brace. Kenya lost to Mali and Senegal in the group stages and failed to progress in the tournament where the winner will represent Africa in the Deaflympics in Brazil. "We have a young team and given time and practice we will go places. Our players had a culture shock and I believe they will learn from then on," said Kenya coach Ben Omukuba.

- Barry Silah





All Blacks brace for 'bully' South Africans

'Springboks used a skills-based approach to become world champions before reverting to physicality'

■ Brisbane, Tuesday
@PeopleDailyKe

The All Blacks must prepare to face South Africa's "bully mentality" in Saturday's historic 100th Test between the fierce rivals, assistant coach John Plumtree said.

Plumtree said the Springboks' game had evolved since they won the 2019 World Cup and he was unsure what approach Jacques Nienaber's men would take in the Rugby Championship fifth-round fixture in Townsville.

Plumtree's New Zealand are undefeated in the Rugby Championship, leading the standings by 10 points, and can wrap up the tournament with a win.

Plumtree, who has coached extensively in South Africa, said the Springboks had used a skills-based approach to become world champions before reverting to the physicality they are renowned for.

"It's probably more of a bully mentality around contestable kicks, really aggressive defence and forward play, scrummaging, mauling, which suits their DNA," he said.

"We've seen them play some pretty good footy at the World Cup and against the (British and Irish) Lions as well.

"They can play, they've got some outstanding backs. So you can't trust them, you don't know what's going to happen on the day, so we've got to be prepared

for everything."

Whatever the South African game plan, Plumtree said the All Blacks could expect a fierce contest from a side smarting over back-to-back losses to Australia.

"For the forwards, particularly, this is going to be the toughest-fought battle since I've been involved (in 2019)," he said.

"All the boys know that. Everything we do has to have more power, more speed. We've got to play the game at a high tempo, we can't fall into the trap of allowing the game to slow down."

Plumtree played down the significance of the 100th Test meeting, saying the coaching group had not discussed it with the players.

"A milestone like that doesn't help, we'll just knuckle down and get the preparation done," he said.

-AFP

Australia's Samu Kerevi is tackled by South Africa's Siya Kolisi (L) and Eben Etzebeth during the rugby Championship match at the Sun-corp Stadium in Brisbane on September 18, 2021.

AFP

Vunipolas among five senior players dropped from England rugby squad

■ London, Tuesday
@PeopleDailyKe

England coach Eddie Jones axed five senior players, including the Vunipola brothers and occasional captain George Ford, from his first England squad of the autumn on Tuesday.

Jamie George and Elliot Daly are also missing from the 45-man training group that will gather in London for a three-day camp on Sunday.

Billy Vunipola and Ford were given the summer off rather than playing in the July Tests against the United States and Canada.

Mako Vunipola, Daly and George were involved in the recent British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa yet failed to win places in the squad that will begin preparations for matches against Tonga, Australia and South Africa in November.

Two years out from the World Cup, Jones' selection could represent a changing of the guard after a disappointing year.

England finished second bottom of the Six Nations, losing to Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

"We have left out some experienced players but we're really clear that the door isn't closed to them and we're looking forward to seeing them work hard to get back into contention," said Jones.

"We have five campaigns now until the 2023 World Cup so each one counts, and this is a chance for this 45 to impress the new coaching staff."



Billy Vunipola and Mako Vunipola. FILE

BRIEFLY

Burkina's Iron Biby powerlifts into records - nation's heart

OUAGADOUGOU: Iron Biby, fresh from setting a new log lift record in Scotland -- 229 kilos (504 pounds) -- received a hero's welcome as he returned home to the West African state of Burkina Faso. Fans crowded at the airport late on Monday waving banners reading "You are the pride of the entire nation" and "Bravo champion", to greet the 29-year-old, 180-kilo powerlifter. In Saturday's Giants Live World Tour Finals competition in Glasgow, Iron Biby's 229 kilo exploit was just



one kilo over the previous record -- but that was one set by Zydrunas Savickas of Lithuania 16 years ago. Iron Biby launched into a trademark cartwheel after lifting the massive log clear of his head to add another record to his world strongman tally.

-AFP

Kericho runner Kipsang eyeing World Marathon Majors glory

KERICHO: Kericho marathoner Vincent Kipsang says his dream is to join the elite list of long-distance runners around the world. Kipsang says he will not stop trying until he lands in the league of the prominent athletes such as Eliud Kipchoge. Speaking yesterday in Litein town, Kericho County, Kipsang says he aims to run in World Marathon Majors such as London, Berlin, Paris, Chicago, Boston and New York. He disclosed that he has intensified his training to



enable him earn a place in upcoming marathon races, saying he is targeting to run under 2:05.00. The runner is currently preparing for the Istanbul Marathon on November 7.

- Philip Yegon

Rwandan volleyball official arrested after disqualification

KIGALI: The vice-president of the Rwanda Volleyball Federation (FRVB), Jean de Dieu Bagirishya, has been arrested following the country's disqualification from the Women's African Championship. Rwanda, who were hosting the event, were thrown out of the tournament on Sunday for fielding four ineligible players. Bagirishya is "suspected to have used forged documents in exercising his functions", Thierry Murangira, a spokesperson for



the Rwanda Investigation Bureau (RIB), told BBC Great Lakes. "Investigations continue to establish the role of other federation members," he added. Bagirishya, a local sports journalist who is better known as Jado Castar, has not commented on the allegations.

- BBC

Dikombou Darir of Gabon and Mohamed Aimanaa of Libya contest for the ball during Africa Deaflympics Ball Games Qualifiers at the Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi yesterday. PD/ PHILIP KAMAKYA



Libya hit Gabon in games for deaf

Result sees North Africans finish fifth in classification matches in ongoing Africa Deaflympics Ball Games Qualifiers in Nairobi

by Barry Silah
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Super-sub Amhed Areejdi scored a brace yesterday to enable Libya beat Gabon 3-2 in the Africa Deaflympics Ball Games Qualifiers at Kasarani's Moi Internationals Sports Centre.

The result saw the North Africans finish fifth in the second classification match.

It was a sea-saw affair from the shrill of the first whistle as strikers from both teams leveraged on their earlier chances.

But as the first half wore on, the Libyans survived numerous scares from Justin Bene and his team-

mates. But Libyan goalkeeper Amhemed Fidan stood tall to thwart several Gabonese chances.

Gabonese striker Bene tormented Libyan defenders in the area but by virtue of his individualistic approach squandered several chances from resultant tackles.

After a very tight first quarter, Gabon went to the break a goal up, and deservedly so, after Imbrahim Adjagbe's 40th minute strike.

In the early minutes of the second half, Libya dictated the pace with some good build ups from midfield. Their efforts were rewarded when Ahmed fired home the equaliser in the 52nd minute.

Libya took the lead in the 60th minute courtesy of Abdulbasit Al-rateeb's freekick. But Gabon's Darir Dikombou made it 2-2 when he tapped home from a goal-mouth melee.

Ahmed broke the hearts of hard-fighting Gabon outfit when he notched home the winning goal in the 77th minute.

On Monday, Kenya defeated Somali 5-2 in a position 7/8 Classification match.

Semi-finals will take place on Wednesday. Egypt play Senegal while Cameroon takes on Mali in an all-West African affair.

The Africa Ball Games Qualifiers in Nairobi are being used as a yardstick to select teams for the Deaflympics summer games slated for Brazil in 2022. Only one team in each discipline will qualify for next year's Deaflympics in Brazil.

Napoli continue their perfect start to move to summit of Serie A

Milan, Tuesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Napoli moved top of Serie A on Monday thanks to a 4-0 stroll at Udinese which made sure they maintained their 100 percent start to the season.

Goals from Victor Osimhen, Amir Rrahmani, Kalidou Koulibaly and Hirving Lozano earned Luciano Spalletti's side an impressive win at the Dacia Arena which gives them a perfect 12 points from four games, two points ahead of Inter Milan and AC Milan, who sit second and third respectively.

Roma are a further point back alongside Fiorentina as Napoli remain the only team to win all of their matches so far this term

in Italy's top flight. Udinese lost for the first time this season sit seventh, level on seven points with Lazio, Atalanta and Bologna as Napoli gave off early signs of being title contenders.

"It doesn't mean anything. We know we played very well at a difficult ground. We've got to keep our feet on the ground and keep working. It's not easy coming all the way to Udine and winning 4-0," said Insigne to DAZN.

"If we look at the numbers now we'll get slack and we won't continue the way we're going."

Osimhen followed up on his dramatic brace in Thursday's 2-2 Europa League draw at Leicester City by opening the scoring in the 24th minute with his first Serie A goal of the campaign, poking home from near the goal-line after Lorenzo Insigne had deftly lobbed Udinese goalkeeper Marco Silvestri. -AFP



Napoli's Nigerian forward Victor Osimhen celebrates scoring his team's goal during the Uefa Europa League match against Leicester City at the King Power Stadium on Sept 16, 2021. AFP



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What Barcelona is this?

Spanish papers lament 'appalling' performance from Ronald Koeman's men in home draw against Granada

Madrid, Tuesday
@PeopleDailyKe

The Spanish press have slammed Barcelona's 'appalling' performance and their tactical style in their draw against Granada at the Nou Camp, which increased the pressure on under-fire boss Ronald Koeman.

The Catalan giants needed a 90th-minute equaliser from defender Ronaldo Araujo to

rescue a point on home soil after Domingos Duarte had given the Andalusian side the lead inside two minutes.

The result was not the only aspect of Barcelona's performance that faced criticism, with Koeman having to defend his side's direct style of play which saw centre-back Gerard Pique playing up front alongside Luuk de Jong.

It was a marked difference from the possession-based style that has been associated with the club, and MARCA in particular were left dumbfounded by the tactics employed by under-fire boss Koeman.

MARCA ran with the headline: 'What Barcelona is this?', labelling their display 'appalling'.

They also accused Barcelona of 'giving up' on their traditional possession-based dominant playing style that has brought the club so much success.

Catalan-based newspaper SPORT went with a slightly more positive headline, praising the performance of centre-back Araujo, labelling him as a 'hero' and as 'the key man on the night'.

Equally worrying was the fact Barcelona once again 'demonstrated their impotence and lack of resources' against Granada.

The Dutchman however is under growing pressure as manager, with the likes of former midfielder Xavi, Andrea Pirlo, Antonio Conte and ex-Derby boss Phillip Cocu being linked with the job by reports in Spain.

But asked how he thought the result might affect his prospects of staying in the job Koeman said: 'I am not going to talk any more about my future.'

He also suggested that with the players he has it is impossible to play any other way than the more direct approach they adopted on Monday evening.

Barcelona now sit seventh in La Liga, two points off Real Sociedad in fourth and five behind leaders Real Madrid.

Koeman's men will now be looking for their first win since beating Getafe at the end of last month when they visit Cadiz next on Thursday.

- Daily Mail

BARCA LAST FIVE GAMES

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FC Barcelona	0 - 3 FC Bayern München
FC Barcelona	2 - 1 Getafe
Athletic Club	1 - 1 FC Barcelona
FC Barcelona	4 - 2 Real Sociedad



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2. 25/09/2021	17:00	Watford vs Newcastle	2.37	3.32	3.01	20:00	4336	Monaco vs St. Etienne	1.52	4.21	6.02
3. 25/09/2021	17:00	Blackburn vs Cardiff	2.36	3.27	2.98	20:00	4420	Lille vs Reims	1.70	3.66	5.01
4. 25/09/2021	17:00	Blackpool vs Bamsley	2.54	3.34	2.69	20:30	1044	Espanol vs Alaves	1.82	3.40	4.71
5. 25/09/2021	17:00	Swansea vs Huddersfield	2.29	3.29	3.09	20:30	5019	Sevilla FC vs Valencia	1.64	3.86	5.42
6. 25/09/2021	17:00	Nottingham vs Millwall	2.83	3.08	2.58	21:30	3840	Brighton vs Swansea	1.45	4.30	7.21
7. 25/09/2021	17:15	Valencia vs Athletic Bilbao	2.50	3.21	2.91	21:45	1311	Chelsea vs Aston Villa	1.46	4.49	6.59
8. 25/09/2021	18:00	St. Etienne vs Nice	2.95	3.25	2.41	21:45	3282	Wolverhampton vs Tottenham	2.38	3.25	3.00
9. 25/09/2021	20:00	Strasbourg vs Lille	2.85	3.15	2.55	21:45	3895	Arsenal vs AFC Wimbledon	1.15	7.31	17.85
10. 25/09/2021	21:45	Genoa vs Verona	2.87	3.42	2.42	21:45	3921	Millwall vs Leicester	4.21	3.66	1.82
11. 26/09/2021	15:00	Mallorca vs Osasuna	2.91	3.06	2.61	21:45	4333	AC Milan vs Venezia	1.26	6.24	10.06
12. 26/09/2021	16:00	Southampton vs Wolverhampton	2.57	3.22	2.82	21:45	4583	Manchester Utd vs West Ham	1.57	4.05	5.66
13. 26/09/2021	16:00	Reims vs Nantes	2.60	3.15	2.80	22:00	5620	Metz vs Paris St Germain	8.59	5.48	1.31
14. 26/09/2021	16:00	Empoli vs Bologna	2.51	3.66	2.61	22:00	5850	Angers vs Marseille	3.44	3.39	2.11
15. 26/09/2021	16:00	Udinese vs Fiorentina	2.66	3.31	2.66	22:00	5850	Lyon vs Troyes	1.41	5.00	6.60
16. 26/09/2021	18:30	Arsenal vs Tottenham	2.41	3.17	3.07	23:00	5543	Real Madrid vs Mallorca	1.29	5.47	10.04
17. 26/09/2021	19:00	Lazio vs Roma	2.75	3.65	2.39	23:00	5782	Villarreal vs Elche	1.51	4.13	6.64

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