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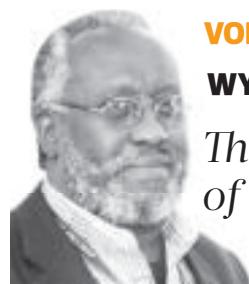
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ENCOURAGEMENT: President Uhuru Kenyatta talks to Uhuru Gardens Primary School candidates in Nairobi before the start of KCPE exams yesterday /PSCU



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ANOTHER SH2.6 BILLION FOR BUSES

EU gives Sh5 billion for Nairobi BRT expansion

Sh7 billion project stalled four months ago due to lack of funds

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The European Union yesterday pledged a Sh5 billion grant towards the Nairobi Bus Rapid Transport project.

The announcement was made by EU Ambassador to Kenya Stefano Dejak during the commemoration of the World Cities Day in Eastleigh, Nairobi. The grant is likely to resuscitate the Sh7 billion project that stalled four months ago due to lack of funds.

The national and county governments will pay the remaining Sh2 billion to develop and install BRT supporting infrastructure within two to three years. The EU will also provide another Sh2.6 billion to purchase 50 high-capacity buses.

"One thing that Nairobi needs is an effective bus rapid transport system. That is why EU has invested Sh5 billion grant to make sure Nairobi residents have a safe, none

polluting transport system devoid of jams," Dejak said.

Nairobi Transport executive Mohamed Dagane said the grant will go towards the development of BRT Line 3. The Line will run from Dandora through Juja Road to Haile Selassie Avenue in the city centre and terminate at Kenyatta National Hospital.

The other key line will run from Githurai through Thika Superhighway, Moi Avenue to Haile Selasie and end at KNH. Dagane said the project being implemented by the Nairobi Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, aims to complete at least two lines by December 12.

Sources said President Uhuru Kenyatta wants to ride on a BRT bus on Jamhuri Day for the celebrations at Kasarani. Dagane said "logistical challenges and bureaucracies" have delayed the project.

"We had to set specifications of the buses, gazette them and involve the public," Dagane said. He said procurement of the low-flat floor buses with wide aisles is at an ad-

vanced stage.

Governor Mike Sonko said the BRT system will include walkways and lanes for pedestrians and cyclists. "We have developed a Non-Motorized Transport policy that will ensure every new road built in the city has walkways," Sonko said.

Sonko said City Hall will be install CCTV cameras and streetlights in the CBD and hire more traffic marshals to reduce congestion.

Sonko and Dejak launched the 2.2km Muratina Road which links General Waruinge Road to Thika Superhighway.

The road is among the 16km roads on the eastern missing links whose construction is funded by the EU and the national government to ease traffic flow.

Others are Likoni Road, Enterprise Road, Lusaka Road and Westlands - Parklands Ring Road as well as a cycle and walkway on Rabai Road. The projects will cost Sh5 billion of which EU will contribute Sh3.4 billion.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should all governors declare their wealth publicly?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Was Wakiaga right to deny Jowie bail and call him a 'woman eater'?

YES 73%



NO 27%



HIT OR MISS



ALFRED MUTUA
Starts smoothly

The Director of Public Prosecutions will not charge Machakos governor Alfred Mutua over the alleged irregular purchase of 16 vehicles for the county government. This brings to an end allegations and protracted court battles pitting him against the state. Claims of abuse of office have hung around Mutua's neck since 2015. **See Page 26**



HEALTHCARE
Nurses issue strike threat

The Kenya National Union of Nurses has asked the government to honour the November 2017 return-to-work formula otherwise it calls for a strike. Among the issues they want addressed is harmonisation of grading structure. They say it degrades them because it does not allow them to hold positions in hospital administration. **See Page 23**

2022 SUCCESSION

Declare support for DP Ruto, MPs told

GEDION KETER/ Bahati MP Ngunjiri Kimani yesterday challenged his colleagues from Mt Kenya to publicly declare their support for Deputy President William Ruto for president in 2022.

Ngunjiri said the MPs were hypocritical on their support Ruto.

"In the presence of Ruto, they claim to be his staunch defenders but in his absence they avoid talk of his presidency. They should stop this hypocrisy and stick to one position," Ngunjiri.

He was addressing a press conference at Parliament Buildings.

Mt Kenya MPs on Monday met in Naivasha over President Uhuru Kenyatta's political future. Ngunjiri said they avoided talk of Ruto succeeding Uhuru.

The more than 70 MPs instead talked about development in the region. They said the government has sidelined Mt Kenya.

Ngunjiri said Rift Valley has already settled on Ruto as their candidate in the 2022 presidential race. He told Mt Kenya MPs to let Uhuru retire when his final term ends. "Uhuru has publicly stated he will be retiring from politics after the end of his term. Mt Kenya leaders should not arm twist him to push for a third term in office," Ngunjiri said.

RELEASED ON BAIL

Maribe finally walks to freedom

STAR REPORTER/Citizen TV journalist Jacque Maribe finally walked out of Lang'ata Women's prison yesterday, a day after she was granted bail.

Justice James Wakiaga on Tuesday granted Maribe a Sh1 million bail with three sureties. However, Maribe could not immediately go as verification of surety documents was slow.

Once an accused person is given bail, the Judiciary is expected to take the surety documents through verification process which sometimes involves checking the property to ascertain ownership, worth and whether persons standing surety are citizens.

Maribe's lawyer Katwa Kigen said his client's release was delayed over small issues such as documents not being signed in good time by court officers.

He said the verification process was done in less than an hour. Maribe's friend Dennis Itumbi took to Twitter to complain about the delays.

"Yesterday, the same games were employed. The Deputy Registrar declined to sign the letter committing documents to land registry and registrar of persons yesterday. We decided to wait for today," Itumbi said. "This morning family and friends reported at the High Court at 7am and the Deputy Registrar signed a letter that was on her desk from last evening at 11am. No problem with that, we can live with that."

Maribe is facing murder charges alongside fiance Joseph Irungu alias Jowie over the killing of Monica Kimani in Nairobi on September 19.

Jowie was denied bail. Wakiaga said he is a flight risk, has no fixed abode and has access to weapons, something that can intimidate witnesses.

REVENUE ALLOCATION FORMULA

We'll be unbiased in cash sharing – CRA

SAMUEL KISIKA/ The Commission on Revenue Allocation will remain independent in developing a third generation formula for allocating funds to counties.

CRA chairperson Jane Kiringai yesterday said they will not be swayed by politicians.

"We wish to confirm that the review will be objective and consultative. We'll take into account the views and interests of all regions," Kiringai said. She spoke at a press conference at the agency's headquarters in Nairobi. She was flanked by four commissioners.



Five-year-old Alvin Ngari lifted high as family and friends celebrate in Thika yesterday. Police rescued him from kidnappers
/JOHN KAMAU

SH526,000 RANSOM

Family rejoice as police rescue boy 24 days after kidnapping

Main suspect shot dead in Kimuchu village house, female companion arrested

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Detectives yesterday rescued five-year-old Alvin Kwere who was kidnapped on October 7 from Starehe estate, Thika town.

One of the kidnappers was shot dead by the police at Kimuchu near Juja, where the boy had been held. Alvin was unharmed and in good health. He called the kidnapper and his woman companion 'uncle' and 'auntie', police said.

Alvin was taken hostage from a church compound. He was with his playmate, Liam Makumi, 6. Makumi was released, with a note with a phone number.

The figure Sh526,000 was

scribbled on it. Hours after the abduction, his parents' worst fears were confirmed after called the anonymous contact and were instructed to send the money or their son would be murdered.

"The man said he'd send our son's head in a box if we failed to send the money," mother Grace Wanjiru said. The kidnappers threatened to starve Alvin.

The family reported to police. Meanwhile they and their friends began a frantic search and started sending the ransom bit by bit.

By yesterday, a relative disclosed that the family had sent more than Sh100,000.

Detectives tracking the kidnappers' phone signals for weeks zeroed in on their location —

a single-room house in Kimuchu village. They laid an ambush and shot dead the suspect. The kidnapper was armed with a panga and hit one officer's gun. They shot him dead.

The boy was dazed as police rescued him and handed him to his family.

Kiambu county police commander Adiel Nyange said a female companion of the slain suspect has been arrested. She had been living with Alvin and the suspect.

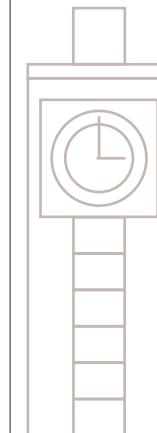
The only thing Alvin could say was that he was living with his uncle (kidnapper) and a little child, with whom he shared a bed. They used to eat tomatoes, sukumawiki and ugali, he said.

KIDNAPPER HIT ONE OFFICER'S GUN AS HE LAUNCHED ATTACK

CARTOON



CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **KENYANS** were early this week shocked to see our national team of amputees clad in yellow "Team Sonko" branded jerseys instead of the national colours. The Kenya national colours are red and green for most national teams. The team, which faced a lot of financial challenges in their quest to represent Kenya at the Amputee World Cup before Nairobi governor **Mike Sonko** (pictured) came to their rescue, won their match against the US and lost to Turkey in the Group B fixture in the ongoing 2018 Amputee World Cup in Mexico. Kenyans are now wondering how a national team can be so neglected to the extent of being funded by a person. If this is not utter discrimination, someone must be asleep on the job at the Sports ministry.

★ **IS** someone swindling citizens using the e-citizen digital payment system? Many Kenyans, especially those seeking to register businesses, are angry with the online platform managed by the National Treasury under CS **Henry Rotich**. Why, some users are asking, should the government charge users of the platform seeking approval of business names, for example? Applicants are required to pay as many times for the search service costing Sh150 before proceeding to registration, which costs Sh850. Users complain that the system rejects names several times without explanation — all the time demanding more cash. And while at it, why should it take days to get the details of company ownership on the digital platform? That's what makes a country rank low in the "Ease of doing business" index.

★ **ONE** of the Rift valley counties is blessed to have a governor and a senator who are both holders of PhD and lecturers of the English language at that. Recent communication from the duo, however, has put their linguistic credentials to shame for endemic grammatical errors and plagiarism. A Mashujaa Day message from the governor used a quote from Nelson Mandela without acknowledging the late icon. The senator, in his message to this year's examination candidates, lifted a quote from American author Nora Roberts too. Corridors does not expect anyone with the 'Doctor' appellation to their name to commit such intellectual offences.

★ **A** first-term MP from the South Rift has postponed his homecoming three times to suit the diary of Deputy President **William Ruto**. He finally deferred it when it became apparent that either the DP was not interested in attending the function or that his aide, who the MP was dealing with in the DP's office, was playing games with him. The cancellation has been scorned by constituents who are questioning who between them and the DP mean more to the MP.

FOLLOW THE MONEY SEVEN ALLEGED OBAODO PROXIES AND 14 FIRMS SAID TO OWE SH2 BILLION



EACC freezes Obodo allies accounts, as

Agency says governor benefitted from fictitious contracts



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Just days after being released from prison over the murder of his girlfriend and University student Sharon Otieno, the EACC has pounced on the assets of Migori governor Okoth Obodo's associates suspected to have been acquired fraudulently.

EACC now wants seven of the governor's alleged proxies and 14 of their firms that benefited from multi-billion contracts compelled to refund Sh2 billion allegedly looted from the Migori county government.

In an intriguing court battle, EACC says Obodo was a beneficiary of the fictitious contracts through

millions wired to his three children, most of them living abroad.

On Tuesday, the High Court issued orders barring the owners from selling or transferring 65 properties — including maisionettes, apartments and land — all valued at over Sh382 million.

The High Court restrained the owners and interested parties or their agents from "transferring, charging, disposing, wasting or any other way alienating the properties."

Previously seen as toothless bulldog but now determined to bite the big fish, the EACC says the suspects should be forced to refund Sh1,971,179,180 obtained from Migori county and forfeit to the government the 65 properties frozen by the court.

EACC also wants the Court to order that interest at court rates be paid on the sum from the date of filing the suit until payment in full.

EACC has named Peter Odoyo Oluoch Kwaga, a close Obodo associate, as the architect of the

theft who roped in six members of his family including his mother.

Of the 65 properties the High Court put a caveat on, 42 belong to Kwaga excluding 17 he transferred after sleuths raided his home early this year.

The properties include four maisionettes in Nairobi, an apartment in Nairobi and several tracks of land mostly in Migori town.

"The Commission has established that in just four days after it carried out search on the 1st defendant's [Kwaga] residence, he transferred 17 parcels out of the 59 parcels registered in his name to the interested parties herein," EACC says.

The parcels were transferred to Yuda Otago, Clement Nguka, Julita Atieno Okoko, Dora Atieno Owino

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IN LOOTED FROM MIGORI COUNTY GOVERNMENT



Migori governor Okoth Obado at Milimani law court on October 24 /FILE

in court documents.

The Migori case rekindles memories of the Ngirita family of Naivasha who were charged in the Sh8 billion National Youth Service theft.

Just like in the Ngirita's case where three siblings and their mother are facing charges, in Migori, EACC wants Kwaga, his mother and two brothers forced to refund the alleged loot.

The brothers are Joram Opala Otieno and Patroba Ochanda Otieno, and family matriarch Penina Auma Otago.

Other suspects are Christine Akinyi and Carolyne Anyango Ochola, a sister in law to Kwaga.

According to the EACC, the seven family members registered 16 firms which were special purpose vehicles for fraudulently securing tenders from the county government of Migori.

DORMANT

Fourteen of the firms according to court documents were registered between 2014 and 2016 immediately after the first county governments were born.

Two of the firms, Microsoft Limited and Duotech Technology, were incorporated in 2009 and 2010 respectively but remained largely dormant before 2013.

"Effectively, all the companies had no commercial presence prior to the establishment of the County government of Migori," EACC concluded in its application for injunction.

In an interesting twist, EACC says Auma's firms — Kajulu Business and Pesulas Supplies — purportedly rendered high value specialized services which the commission established she has no knowledge of or expertise in.

Detectives also established that Ochanda who is a director of Swyfcon Engineering Ltd and Dolphus Software Ltd was an employee of the Migori county government, working as a pharmacist at Uriiri sub county hospital.

The law prohibits government employees from entering into procurement contracts with the same entity they work for.

But even puzzling to detectives was that the firms received huge payments from the county government before they were incorporated.

"In a span of slightly over 3 years, 2013-2017, these newly registered companies transacted a total of Sh1,971,179,180.20 exclusively received from the county government of Migori which amount was glaringly disproportionate to their known legitimate sources of income," EACC told the High Court.

The defendants according to EACC have been unable to explain their source of wealth.

The commission led by Eliud Wabukala says Obado benefited from the fictitious contracts to the tune of Sh38,949,376.

This was through money wired to his children from the defendants in various accounts held at banks in Australia and Scotland.

The governor's beneficial children are named as Dan Ochola Okoth, Jerry Zachary Okoth and Susan Scarlet Okoth.

Obado's sets

and Tabitha Achieng Odhiambo.

"All the aforesaid parcels were transferred in a single day, 19 March 2018. This is clear indication that the 1st defendant is in haste to defeat the efforts by the Commission to recover the said properties which the Commission has demonstrated were acquired from the illicit wealth obtained from the county," EACC argues.

The Commission claims the seven defendants used monies corruptly obtained from the county to acquire the properties and substantially developed some in a bid to conceal the proceeds of the fictitious contracts.

EACC valuers put the properties at over Sh382,395,000.

"To further conceal the monies corruptly acquired from the county government of Migori through fictitious tenders, the defendant [Kwaga] transferred Sh55,224,977.40 to various offshore financial institutions in China and Hong Kong," EACC says

FROZEN

Properties of Obado's associates

Jared Peter Odoyo Olouch Kwaga

Four maisonettes & two apartments in Nairobi. 36 parcels of land in Kisumu & Migori



Joram Opala Otieno

Six parcels of land in Migori



Patroba Ochanda Otieno

One parcel of land in Migori



Penina Auma Otago

One parcel of land in Migori



Yuda Otago Ojuki

Five parcels of land in Migori



Carolyne Anyango Ochola

One parcel of land in Migori



Clement Nguka Otago

One parcel of land in Migori



Rasanael Opoyi Okik

Six parcels of land in Migori



Julita Atieno Okoko

Two parcels of land in Migori & Kisumu



Tabitha Achieng Odhiambo

One parcel of land in Migori



IN THE EYE OF A STORM

Humble teacher now a rich man

BY MANUEL ODENY, @MANUELODENY

Migori governor Okoth Obado cuts the figure of a man whose tenacity in getting what he wants is legendary. On Monday the governor arrived at his office for the first time after 34 days in police custody. He is charged with murdering his lover, former Rongo University student Sharon Otieno, and their unborn child. He denies wrongdoing.

After addressing his staff, Obado called an executive committee meeting and read the riot act on improving services or getting sacked. His ferocity sent shock waves through his staff, already jittery about sackings and demotions. His supporters too were taken aback. Despite the murder charges and recent corruption allegations, the governor is talking tough and appears determined to leave a solid legacy in his second term and improve his image.

Obado, a little-known teacher, quit as principal of Chung'e Secondary School in his Uriiri constituency in 2007 to vie for MP. He dropped out after shambolic ODM primaries. He supported former Uriiri MP Cyprian Ojwang' who won the ticket. Then Obado entered sugarcane farmers' union politics, focussing on the grassroots and demanding rights from the South Nyanza Sugar Company, the government-owned miller. He became chairman of the Kenya Sugar Board and helped establish private millers Sukari Industries in Ndhiwa, Homa Bay, and Trans Mara Sugar in Narok county.

"You can never go wrong when you directly engage people to gain their support and start creating voices from the grassroots. No matter the obstacle, your aspirations are safe when you listen to those who represent you," Obado once told his writer.

After his tenure at Kenya Sugar Board ended, the soft-spoken Obado entered county politics to become Migori's first governor. His grassroots campaigning led him to victory over ODM's Edward Oyugi and his deputy Anne Anyanga.

In 2017 Obado won reelection against former Cabinet minister Ochillo Ayacko in campaigns marred by violence, deaths and claims of voter intimidation which ended at the Kisumu Court of Appeal.

In July ODM leader Raila Odinga tried to make peace and encourage the two to shake hands in public. Obado refused, reinforcing his image as an unforgiving politician. He later refused to support Ayacko when he was handed the ODM senator ticket to replace Ben Oluoch, who died.

Obado first chose to support former Rongo MP Dalmas Otieno, Ayacko's political nemesis, who dropped in favour of a Salaries and Remuneration Commission post. He later propped up Federal Party of Kenya candidate Eddy Oketch. Though he was behind bars, Obado's supporters voted against Ayacko and ODM. Then corruption claims emerged, involving Obado, his immediate family, associates and county staff.

The EACC is probing a loss in excess of Sh2.5 billion. Investigators are looking into his three-storey palatial home, nicknamed Rapogi Mall. Bank accounts linked to Obado's wife Hellen and two daughters are among those being investigated. His close business associates are also in the list.

- 1962:** Born in North Kanyamkago ward, Uriiri subcounty
 - 1977:** Finished Rapogi Mixed Primary School
 - 1981:** St Joseph's Rapogi High School
 - 1982:** St Paul's Amukura for A levels
 - 1988:** Bachelor of Education (Science), Kenyatta University
 - 1991:** Teacher at Tarang'anya High School, Kuria East subcounty
 - 1998:** Senior Manpower Development officer, Ministry of Labour and Manpower Development
 - 2005:** Certified Public Accountant
 - 2005:** Masters in Business Administration, University of Nairobi
 - 2007:** Principal Chunge Mixed Secondary School
 - 2007:** Vied for Uriiri MP, left after chaotic ODM primaries
 - 2013:** Chairman/Director Kenya Sugar Board
 - 2013:** Elected Migori Governor on People's Democratic Party ticket after being locked out of ODM primaries
 - 2016:** Chairman Agriculture Committee CoG
- September 2018: Charged with murdering Sharon Otieno.

NEWS GENERAL

PUBLIC HEARING

Weston Hotel built on grabbed airports authority land, NLC told

KCAA legal services manager says rogue officers hatched a scheme in 1999

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The land on which Deputy President William Ruto's Weston Hotel stands was grabbed from the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, evidence shows.

Lands ministry top officials colluded with rogue KCAA officials to take over the nearly two-acre parcel opposite Wilson Airport.

KCAA's manager for legal services Cyril Wayong'o yesterday told the National Land Commission that a scheme was hatched to grab the parcel in 1999. Neither the Directorate of Civil Aviation (later transformed into the KCAA) nor the Transport ministry sought ownership papers.

And because the KCAA did not have papers, the land grabbers had their way.

On June 29, 1999, then Commissioner of Lands Sammy Mwaiwa wrote to the Directorate of Civil Aviation indicating he had received an application from a church group that wanted to build a church on the site.

The Directorate of Civil Aviation on July 8, 1999, objected and told Mwaiwa it had plans for the land so it could not be allocated to third parties.

"This property had been set aside by the Directorate of Civil Aviation for the construction of its headquarters," Wayong'o said.

Wayong'o, who also doubles up as corporation secretary, said neither the board nor the KCAA had discussed the purported allocation.

AGGRESSIVE

Undeterred, on July 19, 2001, the Commissioner of Land wrote to the Transport PS indicating receipt of an application, this time from Kikabi Homes Limited, which wanted to be allocated the land. Then PS Francis Muthaura, in a letter dated August 22, 2001, stood his ground and told Mwaiwa the land belonged to the KCAA and was not for allocation to anybody or company.

Muthaura's letter was addressed to his colleague in the Land and Settlements ministry.

Attempts to grab the land, according to Wayong'o, would become more aggressive when assets belonging to the Directorate of Civil



Weston Hotel along Lang'ata Road, Nairobi /MONICAH MWANGI

Aviation were being vested in the new KCAA.

The KCAA had been established on October 24, 2002, through the Civil Aviation Act, 2002, thereby taking over all the assets previously held by the DCA through a vesting order of October 13, 2006.

"The transition between the DCA and the KCAA was not done well," Wayong'o said.

However, in 2002, Commissioner of Lands Mwaiwa instructed the Directorate of Civil Aviation to move its stores from the land. No reason was given and KCAA never surrendered its title, Wayong'o told the commission during a session presided over by acting NLC chairperson Abigael Mukolwe at ACK Bishop Annex offices.

The hearing was also attended by commissioners Abdulkadir Khalif, Emma Njogu, Rose Musyoka and Samuel Tororei.

"The relocation was to create room for the allottee," Wayong'o said, adding he has never come across minutes of any KCAA board meeting that approved the transfer or surrender.

As a result, the KCAA has been forced to build its headquarters on land leased from the Kenya Airports

Authority. The KCAA established in September 5, 2002, that the parcel had been allocated to two companies — Priority Limited and Monene Investment Limited. It has, however, failed to obtain crucial documents such as the PDP, the survey plan and deed plan used for the issuance of the title deed.

Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdulla, representing Ruto, told the commission that the DCA had been given alternative land but could not pinpoint the location of the two alternative parcels or their reference numbers.

"The totality of evidence they have shows they have no case. They've been negligent," he said.

However, Wayong'o, who joined the KCAA in May 2009, said they discovered the alternative land belonged to the Kenya Meteorological Department. He said that after the commissioner of land had written demanding that the DCA move, a member of staff identified as AN Gatta was tasked with a special assignment of coordinating the transfer in October 2002.

On January 3, 2003, then Transport PS Sammy Kyungu wrote to KCAA's director general noting the property was being developed and

that stores had been moved. The KCAA responded on January 3, 2003, objecting.

Kyungu would on January 6, 2003, write to the Lands PS noting that the property had been fenced off by private developer. He requested for the issuance of a title deed to KCAA and revocation of the wrongful allotment.

Separately, the KCAA wrote to the Transport PS on January 6, 2003, objecting to the possible allotment of the property, maintaining that it was crucial to its logistical support for air safety and navigation.

IRREGULAR

The mysterious private developer temporarily stopped work on the site immediately the KCAA informed the Transport ministry but later resumed its operations.

Responding to a letter dated June 10, 2003, protesting at the occupation, the Transport ministry advised KCAA to follow up with the Ministry of Land and the defunct Nairobi City Council to stop construction works.

Nothing could stop the covetous private developers from the protracted and brazen push to grab the plot. KCAA's efforts to secure the land

increased risk of suicide compared to the general population."

He said the government is working with universities to get an information-sharing approach to data, where students can allow staff to contact their family if there are concerns about their mental health.

There were no details of comparisons between age clusters, undergraduate or postgraduate status, or against similar age group for those who did not

would be frustrated by a well-choreographed scheme coordinated by government officials at the Ministry of Lands.

By a letter dated September 29, 2004, Wayong'o told the commission, KCAA "informed the Ministry of Transport and Communication that all KCAA assets were yet to be transferred and that the ministry should pursue the issue of revocation of irregular allocation".

The KCAA also sought help from the police on August 4, 2005 without success, according to Wayong'o.

"Strangely, the commissioner in his response informed the KCAA to obtain a court order that will order the provincial security intelligence committee or the police to evict any squatters who had unlawfully settled on the said parcel of land. It was ridiculous," Wayong'o told the commission.

All efforts to protect its assets from the grabbers having failed, on October 23, 2008, the KCAA reported the matter to the then Kenya Anti-Corruption Commission to file suit for recovery. But that, too, yielded no fruits as the KCAA did not have crucial documents, which had conveniently gone missing.

Yesterday, during the hearing, Ahmednassir was tasked to explain why Ruto deserved to get the parcel more than the DCA.

"My client is not from Mars," Abdulla said. "He is a Kenyan who bought the property properly following processes."

Weston Hotel was valued at Sh300 million in May this year according to a valuation report by Zenith Management Valuers Ltd. The hotel had been charged to a bank for Sh1.2 billion loan. The hotel was first charged to a Sh100 million loan in December 7, 2011, but discharged on October 8, 2014, according to documents signed by directors, Ruto and his wife, Rachel, on December 8, 2011.

The hotel was again charged to Kenya Commercial Bank for a Sh350 million and \$1.5 million (about Sh150 million) on June 30, 2014.

Another charge of Sh700 million on July 8, 2015, took the total charge at Kenya Commercial Bank to Sh1.2 billion. KCB lawyer Martin Muge said any move by the NLC will have ramifications on the interest of the bank.

But Wayong'o challenged Muge to go an extra mile when conducting due diligence. He said since he took over as corporation secretary, the KCAA had revoked five titles out of 15 in Mombasa alone. Wayong'o said repossessing its land, will enable KCAA perform its roles.

Mukolwe said the commission will examine the documents and evidence before deciding.

"We've heard everyone. We will analyse information provided as a commission before making a determination," she said.

Suicide on the rise among public varsity students – ministry

LEWIS NYAUNDI / The Education ministry has raised concerns over rising suicide among university students.

Data released by ministry also indicate suicide rates are significantly higher among male students than among their female peers.

University of Nairobi lecturer Gitau Njenga attributed the increase to mental health instability and little efforts

made to promote students' mental wellbeing. He said universities lack proper coordination to address mental challenges.

The report covered the past three years. It says public universities record at least five deaths each month.

The major causes of deaths are illnesses, accidents and suicide. Of the five, one death is attributed to suicide.

Overall, there were at least 60 deaths in those institutions in 2016–17. Helb CEO Charles Ringera said the statistics paint a grim picture on young lives.

"The sooner statistics are available, the more opportunity there is to target support and resources at those who may be at risk," he said.

"These statistics show that students in higher education are not at an in-

creased risk of suicide compared to the general population."

According to WHO, about 800 000 people take their own life annually. It said one in every three individuals in the world suffers from one or another kind of mental health complication.

Young adults have the highest number of suicide. In 2016, suicide was the second leading cause of death among 15–29-year-olds globally. Some 79 per cent suicides occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

NEWS GENERAL



CONCERN OVER LOSS OF CASH

IEBC commissioners differed on polls kits tender, records show

Plenary meeting held on March 31 last year ended in division with four voting to have OT-Morpho supply the 45,000 KIEMS kits used, beating rival camp by a single vote

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The multibillion-shilling KIEMS kits tender split IEBC commissioners four months to last year's General Election, the commission's records indicate.

A plenary meeting held at the commission's boardroom on March 31 last year ended in division with four commissioners voting to have OT-Morpho supply the 45,000 KIEMS kits used in the last election, beating their rival camp by a vote.

IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati voted alongside commissioners Consolata Nkatha, Roselyne Akombe and Margaret Mwachanya to approve the

OT-Morpho deal. Commissioners Boya Molu, Paul Kurgat and Abdi Guliye opposed the idea which was being pushed by the secretariat according to records of the plenary meeting tabled before a parliamentary committee.

Kurgat's team argued the deal did not offer value for money as they expressed strong opposition to the secretariat's evaluation report.

ACCESS PLEA

The dissenting commissioners also raised issues with technical capacity of M/S Safran and Security to deliver, especially on results transmission.

"There were concerns on the value for money. It was observed that a lot of expenditure on items that could be obtained at a lesser cost such as

training components as well as the technical support were overpriced," reads a section of plenary minutes.

On Tuesday, IEBC's acting CEO Marjan Hussein told MPs Chiloba approved the direct procurement method and that commissioners played no role.

IEBC spent Sh4.19 billion for the 45,000 KIEMS kits used on the August 8 polls and another Sh2.5 billion – two months later – for the repeat presidential election.

Chebukati led the IEBC team during yesterday's appearance before the Parliamentary Accounts Committee chaired by Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi.

The commission was responding to concerns of loss of billions of shillings in procurement deals before the

August polls which were pointed by Auditor General Edward Ouko in his 2016-17 report.

At first, Chebukati tried to have the MPs examine only relevant parts of the plenary meetings, arguing that most of the records were confidential and were not directly relevant to the audit queries raised by Ouko.

"The minutes include other issues other than the procurement. We feel that we should only extract matters relating to procurement and give the committee," Chebukati pleaded.

Molu, who accompanied the election boss, also supported the chairman's request to have PAC only access relevant plenary records.

But Wandayi would hear none of the pleas.

THE DATA

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Amount spent on KIEMS kits

IEBC spent Sh4,196,300,000 for the 45,000 KIEMS kits used on the August 8 polls and Sh2.5 billion for the repeat presidential election.



ELEVEN YEARS OLD

Coast mum seeks Sh7m for her son's marrow transplant

CHARLES MGHENYI/ An 11-year-old boy is appealing to well-wishers to help fund his Sh7 million bone marrow transplant in India.

Ali Mbaruku (pictured) suffers from aplastic anaemia and he needs to have the transplant by mid-month.

The Standard Five pupil has been at Coast Provincial General Hospital for three months and has been undergoing blood transfusion every week because his bone marrow cannot produce platelets, red and white blood cells.

On admission, Mbaruku was found to be severely pale and was put on antibiotics for 14 days.



Migori county police headquarters on Monday /MANUEL ODENY

REAL STUDENT AT LARGE

Migori police arrest KCPE candidate impersonator

MANUEL ODENY/ Migori county police arrested an impersonator yesterday during the ongoing KCPE exam.

Kelvin Odhiambo, 17, was arrested at Matagar Primary School in Rongo subcounty when he attempted to write the science exam for Tobias Ochieng, a private candidate registered at the school.

County CID officer Benedict Kigen said officers and KNEC officials noticed something was amiss during the exam.

He said officers realised the candidate was different from the one they invigilated the previous day.

"When they reported to police officers, Odhiambo tried to escape but was pursued and arrested," Ki-

gen said. He is being held at Migori police station. He will be arraigned tomorrow for impersonation.

The candidate is still at large and police have launched a manhunt for him.

Kigen said the arrest shows police are on high alert to end cheating in this national exam and anyone caught will face the law.

UNREGISTERED

Migori county director of Education Luca Kangogo has confirmed the closure of Fivestar Academy in Suna East for operating illegally.

This is after it emerged that three students in the school could not sit for the KCPE exams as they had not

been registered.

"There were three candidates from Fivestar Academy that were not able to do the exams. We went and investigated and found out that they were not registered for the exams because they had not availed their

birth certificates," he explained.

He said the academy was not registered. "It was not even meeting the minimum requirements for registration. I therefore had to order for its immediate closure," Kangogo said.

CANCER IS EXPENSIVE

Live healthy, avoid costs of lifestyle diseases – Mishra

JESSICAH NYABOKE/ Kesses MP Mishra Kiprop has raised the alarm over the high number of cancer patients who die in India.

He said some doctors exploit the sick yet they can be treated locally. He spoke in Eldoret yesterday when he donated cows to farmers in his constituency. Mishra said hospitals need to be vetted.

"Cancer is very expensive. People have sold their land to pay medical bills exceeding millions," he said. Mishra advocated for a healthy lifestyle to ward off disease.

"We need to exercise every day and reduce intake of junk," he said. The MP warned against overindulgence.

NEWS GENERAL

Ministry imported 4m bags of maize illegally, says Senate

Importation was to end in September but was extended to December

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The Ministry of Agriculture imported four million bags of maize illegally last year, a Senate committee has established.

Senator Okong'o Omogeni said this was according to documents tabled by the Agriculture CS before the ad hoc committee on the maize crisis co-chaired by Prof Margaret Kamar and Moses Wetang'ula.

The committee asked Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri who authorised the importation of four million bags of maize in 2017.

He said the inter-ministerial committee authorised importation of six million bags of maize according to the minutes of June 21, 2017.

According to documents tabled in the Senate, the country imported 10 million bags by December 2017.

Bungoma senator Wetang'ula asked the CS to show proof of the minutes, but Kiunjuri could not explain who authorised the importation.

In May 2017, the government allowed importation of maize through a subsidy programme to cushion consumers against high unga prices, which had hit a record high of Sh150 per 2kg packet.

The importation was to end in September but the Agriculture ministry extended the window to December.

Kunjuri said the country at any given time needs 1.4 million bags of maize. He said when the then Agriculture CS extended the importation period for one month, the NCPB received 190,019 bags of maize from local farmers.

There was a deficit of 1.2 million bags. Kiunjuri could not explain how 600,000 bags were imported in November and how the government had a surplus of 400,000 bags in December.

As the imports were still getting into the country, the government went ahead to open doors for farmers to sell maize to the NCPB, thereby creating an influx.

"From what the CS has told us, it is evident that of all the maize being stored in the cereals board, farmers delivered less than 50 per cent," Uasin Gishu senator Kamar said.



Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri before the Senate ad hoc committee investigating the maize crisis yesterday /JACK OWUOR

She said despite the Kenya Bureau of Standards warning that 66.3 per cent of the maize stored in depots is contaminated, no action has been taken.

"The ministry should take action by dealing with the contaminated maize so that we do not lose more maize. This delay tactic could see the country lose more maize in the silos," Kamar said.

Wetang'ula urged the CS to clean up the historical mess at the NCPB at whatever cost.

(+) KIUNJURI SNUBS SENATE COMMITTEE FOR 4TH TIME

Agriculture CS Mwangi Kiunjuri now risks being censured after he failed for the fourth time to appear before a Parliamentary committee. The National Assembly's Agriculture committee yesterday issued him with summons to appear, failure to which the committee either will fine him Sh500,000 or pass a censure motion against him. Chairman Adan Haji said Kiunjuri's failure to appear and respond to queries raised by the legislators was an indication he is not serious with his work. "Today's was at the request of the minister but he did not even show why he was unable to come," Haji told journalists.



NOTHING MUCH GOING ON

Mutua urges Uhuru to speed up lifestyle audits

GEORGE OWITI/ Machakos governor Alfred Mutua yesterday asked President Uhuru Kenyatta to fast-track lifestyle audits.

Mutua (pictured) said nothing much is heard of the audits nowadays and urged Uhuru to intervene.

"I am urging Kenyatta to ensure that the lifestyle audits are done. We started well as a country by calling for

lifestyle audits but we no longer hear of [them]," he said.

Mutua addressed the press outside his office in Machakos town. "Some prominent people have transferred their stolen title deeds to their househelps so that their family members do not get traced to the properties," he said.

Mutua however said the audit and war on corruption should not be turned into a political witch-hunt.

The governor said he was happy to have been cleared by the Director of Public Prosecutions after he was accused of irregularly buying vehicles for his cabinet.

"We saved the county a lot of money. It is important that the investigative organs are left to do their work. We spent only Sh35 million out of Sh140 million that had been allocated," Mutua said.

STOMACH CANCER

Cancer threat as asbestos pellets found in thermos

IMENDE BENJAMIN/ It is widely used in many Kenyan homes but the thermos flask is exposing many to cancer, the Government Chemist has established

The Government Chemist found asbestos pellets in the thermos. Asbestos is a carcinogen.

"Inhaling fibres of asbestos material is toxic and can lead to cancer, peritoneal mesothelioma (stomach cancer) and asbestosis (cancer of the pleura)," reads a report signed by SG Njoroge

The report says the thermos contain Tremolite, a type of asbestos responsible for various types of cancer. The Government Chemist extracted three pellets from a thermos flask sent by Mohammed Ibrahim from Garissa on September 21.

"If the flasks are handled poorly, get cracks or broken and the asbestos capsules are directly inhaled or get in direct contact with food it will expose Kenyans to cancer," reads the report

Cancer is the third cause of deaths in Kenya, claiming 27,000 lives yearly.

FOR DNA TEST

Court to rule on exhumation of former Nyanza PC

FELIX KIPKEMOI/ A man claiming to be a son of former Nyanza PC Isaiah Chelugut will tomorrow know whether the administrator's body will be exhumed for a DNA test.

Moses Chelugut sued early this year following Isaiah's death, saying the PC was his father and demanding a share of his wealth. His attempts to block the burial was unsuccessful.

The ruling, which was to be delivered on Wednesday, was postponed as the judge "was not ready." Justice Martin Muya of the High Court in Bomet set the ruling for November 2, saying he needed more time to finalise the ruling.

Moses wants a share of Isaiah's properties in Kisumu, Narok and Kericho. He says Isaiah had promised to give him a share of the property.

But some family members have disowned him, saying he is not one of them.

Rodgers Mugumya, representing the complainant, said he was optimistic that his client will get justice as he has suffered a lot.

'SOME PROMINENT PEOPLE HAVE PASSED STOLEN TITLE DEEDS TO THEIR HOUSEHELP'S'

NEWS JUDICIARY



Former NYS director general Richard Ndubai and ex-Youth PS Lilian Omollo in court yesterday /COLLINS KWEYU

SH226 MILLION STOLEN

State wants maximum jail terms for NYS suspects as trial starts

Prosecutors also want court to order assets and properties of accused forfeited



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The DPP is seeking maximum sentences for all 37 NYS scandal suspects whose trial began in Nairobi yesterday.

State prosecutors also want assets and properties of the former PS Lillian Omollo and ex-NYS director general Richard Ndubai and 35 other suspects forfeited.

They have been charged with several counts of corruption including abuse of office, neglect of official duties, breach of trust, fraudulently making payments, money laundering and dealing with suspect property.

All suspects are facing at least one count of conspiracy to commit fraud.

The charges attract a fine of not less than Sh1 million or a jail term not exceeding 10 years or both. The other charges attract various jail terms of up to 25 years.

State counsel Joseph Riungu said the case is about obscure but ruthless fly-by-night briefcase companies and business entities which swindled Sh226 million from the National Youth Service.

He said the sum is part of Sh8 billion siphoned from the agency's coffers for goods not delivered.

The offences were committed with the assistance of public officers in the department of Public Service and Youth. Prosecutors told Anti-Corruption Court chief magistrate Douglas Ogoti they will demonstrate omissions were "not just negligent but well calculated schemes to siphon public funds."

Riungu said Omollo who was the accounting officer for the department did not ensure proper use of funds and was not accountable to the National Assembly and the Treasury.

Omollo was also mandated to sign contracts, and send circulars to ministries and agencies for use when appropriate, the court heard.

"We shall demonstrate that in this case, the circulars used and contractors numbers were forged," Riungu said. He said they will also show the court how banks were used to receive and make fraudulent payments.

Once the payments were made, the money was immediately withdrawn or transferred to other accounts, the court heard.

Banks involved include Equity, Standard Chartered and KCB. "The Institutions were used to place, lay, integrate and conceal the source, us-

age and disposition of proceeds of crime hence the charges of money laundering," Riungu said.

The DPP said Ndubai transferred Sh7 million to CMC Motors on October 7, 2016.

Sebastian Mokua, a head at the supplies branch in the department of Public Works was the first witness to take to the stands.

He mainly explained how the tendering process is undertaken at government agencies.

Riungu said they will show how the Ngirita family made suspicious transactions in Gilgil, Naivasha, Village Market and Hurlingam in Nairobi including cash withdrawals and transfers.

Earlier, Ogoti dismissed an application by the defence lawyer Wandugii Kirathe for adjournment. Hearing continues today.

VALUED AT SH672,000
Trader charged with obtaining computers through pretence

JOSEPH NDUNDA/ A businessman was yesterday charged in Nairobi with obtaining computers valued at Sh672,000 by false pretence.

William Ndichu was accused of obtaining the computers from Mahira Ahmed of Speed Tech Africa Ltd along Biashara Street between July 2 and 13.

He pretended he wanted to buy them. Ndichu was also charged with issuing a bad cheque for Sh288,000 to Ahmed. The money was to be withdrawn from Equity Bank although there was no money in the account.

Ndichu denied the charges before Milliani chief magistrate Francis Andayi. He was released on a Sh200,000 bail or a bond of Sh300,000. The case will be heard from December 3.



MADRASA TEACHER
Malindi man found guilty of sodomising nine-year-old boy

ALPHONCE GARI/ A madrasa teacher was yesterday convicted for sodomising a nine-year-old boy.

Malindi principal magistrate Silvia Wewa said Omar Said Omar (pictured) will be sentenced in two weeks time.

She directed the prosecution to conduct a social audit of Omar's background.

Wewa said the teacher sodomised the minor more than once.

Delivering the judgment in a packed court room, the magistrate said medical reports proved there was penetration in the boy's private parts.

She said the minor had bruises in the private parts, a clear proof that he was defiled.

Defense lawyer James Muoko unsuccessfully tried to convince the court to allow Omar remain free until his sentencing. The convict was out on bond.

Wewa said Omar's rights ceased after his conviction. Muoko said his client was not a flight risk.

"I have no problem if the prosecutor is given time to check his social background but I pray that the accused remains in the same bond terms," Muoko said. The magistrate ordered the convict remanded at the Malindi prison for 14 days.

FORMER CITY BOSS DIED IN JAIL

Gakuo was wrong man in prison, lawyers say

SUSAN MUHINDI/ Former Nairobi Town Clerk John Gakuo's lawyers have said they will seek to clear his name because he was wrongfully convicted for the Sh283 million Mavoko cemetery scandal.

Gakuo, 68, died on Tuesday at the Mbagathi District Hospital where he was rushed from Nairobi West Prison. He was sentenced to three years in jail in May.

Lawyer Assa Nyakundi said Gakuo was not corrupt and he was confident an appeal over his conviction would succeed. "The wrong person was in prison. Gakuo's record is clean. He brought order to every institution he worked in. It's a sad thing that such a man should die in prison," Nyakundi said.

His appeal is pending in court. Yesterday, Justice John Onyiego said he was grieved by Gakuo's death. He said the appeal was to be heard expeditiously and concluded by September.

"We are sorry. The delay was not deliberate. His death is unfortunate. No one has control over such situations that is why the appeal can't proceed today but we will hear it on Thursday next week," Onyiego said.

Defence lawyers said they will file an application to adduce new evidence.

On October 4, Onyiego declined to bow out of Gakuo's appeal case saying an application seeking a judge to disqualify him or herself should be based on real or proven bias, not on perception or hearsay.

The Judge also declined to set Gakuo free pending the appeal, saying he failed to provide sufficient reasons. Onyiego said age and a medical condition cited by Gakuo were insufficient because he could get treatment while in prison. Gakuo was convicted alongside former Local Government PS Sammy Kirui.



Former Nairobi Town Clerk John Gakuo
/MONICAH MWANGI

NEWS GENERAL

OFF TO A GOOD START

Matiang'i denies 'militarisation' of exams, says critics want failure

CS says detractors disappointed because they hoped for cheating and problems

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Interior CS Fred Matiang'i yesterday defended the visibly tight security for the national exams.

This year's KCPE and KCSE examinations are being guarded more than ever, with KDF officers on standby for emergencies.

More Cabinet secretaries have been deployed to monitor exams around the country.

And President Uhuru Kenyatta has not been left behind. Yesterday, he made a surprise visit to Uhuru Gardens Primary School on the second day of the KCPE exam.

All this security has led to a debate over possible intimidation of candidates. Matiang'i yesterday dismissed claims the exams have been militarised. He said those initiating the debate have nothing to talk about because they have been waiting for flaws and cheating, only to be disappointed.

The CS spoke at the office of the Kilifi South deputy county commissioner where he supervised the opening of the container that had the Day Two examination papers.

"These are the same people who will be first to shout when something happens and they start asking where the police were," he said.

He said he has a duty to ensure the exams and candidates are secured and that no cheating takes place.

"I don't understand what that [complaint about heavy security] means. Did you want us to provide



Interior CS Fred Matiang'i meets pupil at Mtwapa Primary School in Kilifi county yesterday /BRIAN OTIENO

an opportunity for you to occasionally lie?" Matiang'i asked. "It sounds nonsensical."

He denied claims of al Shabaab terrorist threats in Wajir and the northern parts of the country.

"There is nothing like that. We have sufficient air transport resources. We are getting backup from KDF. The police aircraft are available," he said.

He visited three schools — Mtwapa, Mtwapa Elite Academy and a Mikiriani primary schools — in Kilifi county. Kilifi is one of the counties performing dismally in the national exams.

Meanwhile, two KCPE exam

candidates from Virizirini Primary School in Kinango, Kwale, have not showed up for the test.

Sports CAS Hassan Noor yesterday visited the school to monitor the ongoing test and demanded to know why the pupils were missing.

"I'm really saddened by this disappearance. The teachers are finding out exactly what happened," he said.

The boys were no-shows on Tuesday. Teachers said they never showed any sign they would not take the exam. Their attendance had been good, they said.

"They were present throughout the three terms up until the last minute," one teacher said.

County education director Bridgit Wambua could not be reached for comment. He did not return calls.

Noor said one girl from Chirimani Primary School in Matuga fell ill. He emphasised the need for fair competition and said there were no hitches in the other schools he had visited.

On Tuesday, he was at Waa, Voroni, St Thomas, Kilimo, and Kibaoni primary schools in Kwale and Kilifi counties. Yesterday, Noor camped in Mombasa. He said there has been "tremendous progress" in girls education.

"At Waa, the girls registered major progress. Out of 116 candidates, 90 are girls," he said.

GILBERT KOECH The Kenya Wildlife Service yesterday warned researchers against misusing their permits.

Acting biodiversity research and planning director Patrick Omondi said some researchers use their permits to bring in interns and volunteers from foreign countries.

Omondi said the move has recently landed them in trouble with the Interior ministry. In September, more than 1,000 foreigners were kicked out of the country for lacking legal documents.

The crackdown is meant to streamline the process of issuing work permits. It has been prone to manipulation.

"We'll zero in on them. It's illegal. The few cases we have are being handled," he said at the KWS headquarters, Nairobi.

They hosted the Annual Carnivore Research and Conservation Conference. The summit is discussing threats to carnivores such as lions, leopards, cheetahs, hyenas and wild dogs. Threats include habitat loss, population fragmentation and loss of wild prey. Encroachment on their territory due to increased human activities has also increased conflicts.

This has increased killings through poisoning, trapping and shooting.

Omondi told researchers to inform the service if they intend to expand their scope.

"We don't want to get into problems with Interior ministry," he said, adding he is handling two cases — one in Tsavo and another in Mara.

"A volunteer in Mara is seeking a refund yet we never registered him."

To conduct research, a person must request an authorisation permit through an online portal. The three-tier process involves the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation, Nema and the KWS.

KWS acting director general Charles Musyoki said conflicts occur when carnivores encounter humans. KWS has Sh15 billion outstanding compensation fees.

"We've put in place measures to minimise conflicts through building predator-proof fences, education and awareness programmes and working with partners to implement compensation programmes and build carnivore-proof bomas," he said in a speech read by director for parks Julius Kimani.

AWARENESS MONTH ENDS

NHIF uses Sh1.36bn for breast cancer treatment – officer

MELANIE MWANGI The NHIF has spent Sh1.36 billion this year on breast cancer treatment.

The world marked the end of breast cancer awareness month — October. Last year, the National Hospital Insurance Fund used Sh1.23 billion.

Assistant manager Ambrose Lugho yesterday said the amount was paid to beneficiaries through the membership package. It covers diagnosis, treatment, surveillance and scans.

Breast cancer is one of the top two cancers among Kenyan women and among the top four cancers treated by the fund. The other is cervical cancer.

There are 40,000 new cases of breast annually according to the National Cancer Institute of Kenya and 80 per cent of those diagnosed are covered by the fund, Lugho said. According to Globocan 2008, about 6,000 cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in Kenya this year.

REPEAT STD 7

Homa Bay man nabbed for barring son from sitting exam

ROBERT OMOLLO A 38-year-old father has been arrested for allegedly denying his son an opportunity to sit the KCPE exam.

Tom Goya was accused of detaining his 14-year-old son at home on Tuesday. He allegedly warned him against leaving the compound. He missed Mathematics and English tests.

Homa Bay children's director Peter Kutere said the boy had prepared to write his KCPE papers at Akеле Primary School, Suba North, but the father insisted he would not because he had wanted him to repeat Standard 7 earlier in the year. "I'm told the boy was bright. He's index 5," he said.

Goya was arrested. He is expected to be charged with violating a minor's rights.

DETERMINED

Maara candidate nurses stab wound inflicted by boyfriend

DENNIS DIBONDO A KCPE exam candidate in Tharaka Nithi is sitting her exam in pain at Iruri Primary School, Maara constituency.

Witnesses said her boyfriend stabbed her in the head using a pocket knife on Monday. The suspect allegedly did not want her to sit the test. Police are hunting for him.

Maara police boss Johnston Kabusia said the girl was bleeding profusely and was given first aid by villagers. She, however, proceeded to sit the exam.

Meanwhile, two exam centre managers in Meru were arrested for coming on duty while drunk and failing to collect exam papers in time. They were immediately replaced.

FOREIGN VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS

KWS cautions researchers against misusing permits

Causes trouble with Ministry of Interior



KWS acting biodiversity research and planning director Patrick Omondi on February 11, 2011 /JACK OWUOR

NEWS GENERAL

RAISING FOREST COVER

KFS partners with schools, farm owners to plant trees

GEOFFREY KIBISU/ Kenya Forest Service has partnered with schools and private farm owners to plant trees in a bid to achieve the global average of 30 per cent forest cover.

Assistant chief conservator Mathenge Gitonga yesterday said Kenya's forest cover stands at a low of seven per cent. He spoke when he launched a tree planting exercise at Kirinyaga University.

Gitonga said the forestry department aims to achieve 10 per cent forest cover by 2022.

"Students are the next generation, so they need to understand the need to have good forest cover. They should adopt the culture of nature conservation and afforestation," he said.

Five thousand seedlings were planted at Kirinyaga University grounds. Deputy county commissioner Daniel Ndege said the government had given every county a target of planting five million trees. "That's why we have launched the project during this short rains season," he said.



Kirinyaga University students plant trees at the institution's farm /GEOFFREY KIBISU



CAST OUT

'Radical' preacher's home, church razed

Magarini residents hold protests, say Pastor Katana preaches against formal education and medical care



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A group of residents in Bungale, Magarini subcounty, burnt down a house and demolished a church belonging to a pastor associated with a controversial Malindi televangelist alleged to be preaching radical teachings.

The church opposes formal education and seeking medical care.

The residents, including Nyumba Kumi leaders and peace ambassadors, first went to the church and destroyed everything.

Later, they ambushed Pastor Titus Katana of Good News International Ministries' house located 50 meters from the demolished church at Majengo ya Wakala area and burnt it.

Nothing was saved from the destruction.

They also threatened to kill the pastor for promoting radical teachings to the locals and told him to stay away from the area or face serious consequences. Katana's church is linked to controversial Malindi televangelist Paul Makenzi of Good News International Ministries church which has been criticised.

The pastor and his expectant wife have sought refuge at a relative's house in Malindi.

Simon Lokorio, the Magarini deputy county commissioner, confirmed the demolition and arson on the phone.

He said the locals took the action following claims the pastor is indoctrinating locals with false Christian teachings which promote extremism among followers.

"We are following up on the matter to bring the culprits to book. The pastor should stay away from the area until the situation calms down," Lokorio said.

Earlier, he said residents demonstrated against the pastor and demanded his church be closed, but the church minister ignored their calls.

Residents said the pastor has been preaching against education and medical care, making his followers believe it is evil.

Katana, his wife and Makenzi held a press conference in Malindi. Katana said he incurred Sh2.5 million losses. He accused the chief, his assistant, village elders and Nyumba Kumi elders of inciting residents.

The chief was unavailable for comment.

Good News International Church at Majengo ya Wakala and Right, Pastor Titus and his wife Agnes /ALPHONSE GARI

PASTOR
SAYS HE HAS
INCURRED
SH2.5M
LOSSES

NTSA REVOKES SEVEN MATATU

NTSA has revoked the licences of seven operators for violation of laws. Four companies and three saccos that operate in Nairobi and neighbouring towns were deregistered. The companies are Nairobi Kiruline Services, Hannover Commercial Enterprise and Peja Travellers Limited. The saccos are Molo Shuttle, Gakanago, Newlot and New lowland.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF LAMU COUNTY ASSEMBLY

P.O BOX 374-80500 LAMU



SECTION 1 - INVITATION TO TENDER

TENDER FOR MEDICAL INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS FOR MEMBERS OF COUNTY ASSEMBLY FOR 12 MONTHS. TENDER NO.CAL/T/01/2018 -2019

1.1 The County Assembly of Lamu invites sealed tenders from eligible Medical Insurance Underwriters for Provision of Medical Insurance Covers for members of County Assembly.

1.2 Interested eligible Medical Insurance **underwriters** may obtain further information from and inspect the tender documents at County Assembly of Lamu – Procurement Office, located at County Assembly Offices, Lamu town, along Kenyatta Avenue Street as from **8.30 AM – 4.30PM**.

1.3 Completed tender documents are to be enclosed in plain sealed Envelops, marked with the tender number and name and be deposited in the Tender Box provided at County Assembly Office, or be addressed to the Clerk so as to be received on or before **15th NOVEMBER 2018 at 10.00 AM**.

The Clerk,
County Assembly of Lamu,
P.O Box 374 -80500,
Lamu, Kenya

1.4 Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the Candidates representatives who choose to attend at the main boardroom located at the County Assembly Office.

BIG READ / PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

STATE BANKS ON NATIONAL LAND POLICY TO SMOOTH WAY FOR BIG FOUR AGENDA



Armed Turkana herders stand around a borehole to protect their cattle from Pokot and Samburu rivals near Baragoi, Samburu county, on February 14 last year / REUTERS/GORAN TOMASEVIC

The lack of a clear policy on land use has long led to emergence of slums, environmental degradation, water wars and human-wildlife conflicts



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"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Conservationist Aldo Leopold (1887–1948) uttered these powerful words several years ago. He was deeply concerned about the speed and impact of industrialisation on the natural world.

Fast-forward to today, and Kenyans are slowly decimating land with wanton and unplanned use. Skyscrapers are coming up in arable land in some counties, while industries in some have been constructed near residential areas, causing health problems. In other counties, there is no land for housing, while in towns, poor land use has led to sprawling slums.

The lack of a clear policy has also

left Kenya in a dilemma between satisfying livelihood needs and sustainable use of resources for posterity. For instance, water-catchment areas have undergone massive destruction. The decline in water supply and pasture has often stirred "water wars" between pastoralists, small and large-scale irrigation farmers. It has also escalated human-wildlife conflict.

A huge problem in the long term is increased desertification. This reduces the productivity of land, leading to food insecurity, reduced income and reduced accumulation of economic assets.

SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Aware the challenges facing land use could derail efforts to industrialise the country, the Lands ministry in 2015 spearheaded formation of the first-ever land policy.

Launched in June 12 this year, the National Land Use Policy seeks to provide a framework for optimal and sustainable utilisation of

land-related resources at county and national levels.

The policy seeks to balance different, yet related, concerns, such as food security, human settlements, environmental protection and climate change and other economic pursuits.

In October 23, the Lands ministry formed a National Technical Committee to implement the policy. The move pushed Kenya closer to ending its perennial land problems.

The policy is premised on the philosophy of economic productivity, social responsibility, environmental sustainability and cultural conservation.

National director of physical planning Augustine Masinde warned that without proper planning, the momentum of attaining President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda will be lost.

"If we use our land resource effectively, efficiently, sustainably and productively, there is no reason

why the country should rely on food importation to feed its population," Masinde said.

The Big Four comprises food security, universal health coverage, manufacturing and housing. Masinde said good land use will ensure the government gets land bank to roll out the agenda.

'Land banking' means accumulating land for critical future needs. Land in the wrong hands will also be repossessed to create land banks.

Masinde said there is enough land in Kenya for all. However, "we must stop being greedy, careless and unpatriotic".

Lands PS Nicholas Muraguri said proper land use will help realise properly situated and affordable housing for all Kenyans.

And senior physical planner with the Lands ministry Arthur Mbatia said proper land use will reduce emerging conflicts.

"There is the issue of population pressure, massive soil erosion due

to poor land use and variability of climate patterns," he said.

Mbatia said areas where mining takes place have not been rehabilitated. The process of land acquisition, relocation and compensation has in most cases resulted in a clash between the resulting land uses, affected people and developers, he said.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Masinde is set to chair the National Technical Committee, whose principal function is to implement decisions made by the National Council for Land Use Policy.

The technical committee will, among other functions, prepare reports from various sectors on the status of implementation for presentation to the National Council.

The council will be chaired by head of public service Joseph Kinyua and will be composed of various CSs, the Council of Governors, and chairpersons of various environmental agencies.

The council will hold meetings on quarterly basis. At each county, there will be county-specific implementation committees chaired by the governor and deputised by the deputy governor.

Their functions will be similar to

LAUNCHED ON JUNE 12 THIS YEAR AFTER THREE YEARS OF PLANNING, THE NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY SEEKS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR OPTIMAL AND SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF LAND-RELATED RESOURCES AT COUNTY AND NATIONAL LEVELS

national technical implementation committee, but strictly within the jurisdiction of the county.

County director of physical planning will be the secretary, while non-state actors will be co-opted.

NLC will develop a framework for monitoring, oversight and reporting performance, as well as in conducting research related to land and use of natural resources, before making recommendations to relevant authorities.

HISTORY OF PLANNING

In the past, land use and environment management were uncoordinated, as the country did not have a national land use policy.

During the colonial period, various English laws and policies, such as Swynnerton plan (1954), were introduced to manage land use and emerging conflicts.

These regulations, which often took care of colonial interests, would later be transformed into Land Planning Act Cap 303 and Land Control Act 302.

After Independence, the government came up with various plans to facilitate economic development.

These included Sessional Paper No 10 of 1965, on African Socialism and its Application to Planning in Kenya. This emphasised the need for planning as the basis for development and growth.

Another policy was the Sessional Paper No 1 of 1986 on Economic Management for Renewed Growth. This focused on the need for rural-urban balance as a way of addressing socioeconomic development problems.

Other strategies include: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper 2003-07, Economic Recovery Strategy for Wealth and Employment Creation 2003-07, and the Kenya Vision 2030.

However, of all the past initiatives, one policy framework that called for an urgent need to have national land use policy is Sessional Paper No 3 of 2009.

And following the promulgation of the new constitution in 2010, the need for a policy framework was even more pronounced under provisions of Chapter 5 of the constitution.

Article 60 of the constitution requires that land "has to be managed and used in a manner that is equitable, efficient, productive and sustainable".

Additionally, Articles 66, 68 and 69 provide for regulation of land use, revision of sectoral laws on land use, and sustainable exploitation, utilisation, management and conservation of the environment and natural resources.

Equally, the constitution requires equitable sharing of accrued benefits from natural resources.

All this was, however, curtailed by the absence of a clearly defined land use policy. But now that is set to change, should the national land use policy be successfully implemented.

THE BIG FOUR COMPRISSES FOOD SECURITY, UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE, MANUFACTURING AND HOUSING. GOOD LAND USE WILL ENSURE THE GOVERNMENT GETS LAND BANK TO ROLL OUT THE AGENDA

THE LIE OF THE LAND

48M

Kenya's population

582K Km²

Total land size

97.8%

Dry land area

2.2%

Water surface

20%

Of dry land is medium to high potential

PROBLEMS FROM LACK OF PLANNING

Skyscrapers coming up in arable land

Industries built near residential areas, causing health problems

Lack of land for housing & emergence of slums

Massive soil erosion & variability of climate patterns

ENTER THE NATIONAL LAND USE POLICY

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PUSH TO ACHIEVE POTENTIAL

Africa may get Sh900bn for irrigation to spur harvests

BY ISAIAH ESIPISU for the Thomson Reuters Foundation/

The power of irrigation is on full display in this corner of southeastern Kenya, where an 8,000ha sugarcane plantation glimmers in an otherwise semi-arid landscape.

Yields at the Kwale sugar plantation are higher than they would be if it relied only on rain, says Pamela Ogada, general manager for Kwale International Sugar Company Ltd, which owns the site. There is no need to worry about variations in seasonal rainfall, she said.

Across many parts of the world, adds Nuhu Hatibu, irrigation has been a "magic bullet" in boosting harvests. Hatibu is the East African head of Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (Agra), which works to improve farming across the continent.

But irrigation is underused in sub-Saharan Africa, where just 7 per cent of farmland is irrigated, the lowest proportion of any region of the world, according to the International Water Management Institute.

Now Agra hopes to focus investment on bringing the technology to small-scale farmers, including those suffering worsening drought as a result of climate change.

The World Bank has pledged to work with the African Development Bank and other organisations to provide up to \$9 billion (Sh900 billion) to African governments to improve irrigation.

Steven Schonberger, the World Bank global lead for water in agriculture, said financing for the effort is still being put together, but "we are very optimistic about it because a lot of financing is already there".

The money could begin to flow as soon as 2019, he said.

The cash could help governments carry out work such as improving mapping of aquifers in their countries, to understand where improved irrigation is possible and how much water is available, Hatibu said.

Such mapping is already underway in a range of African countries, including Ethiopia.

Hatibu said that, as part of the irrigation push, Agra will launch a microfinance "irrigation fund", where businesses can seek loans to build irrigation infrastructure, from wells to pipes and water storage.

Rajiv Shah, the president of the Rockefeller Foundation, one of Agra's funders, said boosting irrigation is key

to improving agricultural productivity in Africa.

"Compared to any other agriculture-producing economy in the planet, Africa uses very little irrigation and very little fertiliser," he said.

But efforts to produce an agricultural Green Revolution in Africa – like ones that dramatically increased crop production in Asia and Latin America in decades past – should take into account worsening water scarcity and climate change, he said.

After decades of heavy irrigation that boosted yields in India, for instance, the country is now grappling with big declines in groundwater that threaten the sustainability of irrigated farming in some regions.

GOING UNDERGROUND

Preliminary findings from ongoing research funded by Britain's Department for International Development suggest that water tables in some African nations are already declining as irrigation and other demands on water grow, the researchers say.

In Ethiopia, for instance, competition is increasing for the shallow groundwater often used by small-scale farmers, said Behailu Berehanu, a hydrologist at the University of Addis Ababa and a contributor to the research.

"With the growing trends of water use for industry, community water supply, rapid urbanisation, (and) rapid growth of irrigated areas, definitely sustainability will be questionable," he told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"The main problem – and it cuts across many African countries – is that we do not have proper integrated groundwater ... management practices," he said.

Hatibu said efforts to scale up irrigation in Africa could benefit from technology and experience from other parts of the world aimed at using scarce water more efficiently.

That includes "well-balanced design of how much pumping is happening in relation to the recharge" of groundwater, he said, and efforts to help more water sink into the ground, to rebuild underground water stores.

Increased use of irrigation in Africa might also be powered with solar panels, Shah said, to help rural communities gain greater access to power without producing more climate-changing emissions.



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NEWS BUSINESS

ENERGY

Cost of power drops as ERC announces new tariffs

ABEL MUHATIA /Cost of power for domestic and small commercial consumer has been reduced by two and five shillings Kilowatts per hour respectively.

Energy Regulatory Commission director general Pavel Oimeke said the charge for domestic consumers will now retail at sh 10/KWh down from Sh12KWh.

The charges are for consumers who spend 99 units and below within a specific period of time. Charges for 100 units and above have been

maintained hence customers in this category will not have any changes in their current bill.

This means that for every 99 units bought, consumers will be able to save slightly above Sh400, a move likely to affect Kenya Powers financial books.

The new rates take effect today and will be applied until the end of the current financial year which ends in next June.

Small consumers will now be charged Sh10 KW/h from Sh15 KW/h.

COST OF LIVING

Inflation drops on lower food prices

CYNTHIA ILAKO /October inflation declined marginally driven by a drop in the cost of some items in the food basket. The cost of living measure dropped 5.53 last month from 5.7 in September.

This, an indication that businesses were able to re-adjust prices to the drop in VAT on fuel products to eight per cent compared to the 16 per cent VAT introduced on September 1.

Data by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics shows between September and October the food and non-alcoholic drinks index declined by 1.76 per cent.

"The decrease was mainly due to lower prices of maize and maize products compared to the previous month," KNBS director general Zachary Mwangi said in the monthly release.

The data shows a kilo of maize grain recorded the largest decline of 39.21 per cent to Sh34.53 last month compared to Sh56.80 the same period last year. This was followed by a kilogramme of tomatoes which cost 36.19 per cent less at Sh67.07 compared to last year's Sh105.11.

ANNUAL INCREASE

While the cost of electricity was lower in October at Sh1,104.99 compared to September at Sh1,108.70 per 50Kwh, when compared to the same period last, this was an 83.17 per cent increase in costs consumers incurred.

Other items that registered a significant annual increase were Kerosene which rose 63.42 per cent to cost Sh109.68 compared to Sh67.12 last year.

Diesel jumped 25.04 per cent to Sh110.57 compared to Sh88.43 while a litre of Petrol cost 15.23 per cent more at Sh116.48.

"During the review period, the transport index decreased by 0.86 per cent mainly due to a drop in petrol prices," Mwangi said.

During the review period it cost Sh4,415.15 to rent one room, Sh426.67 to travel for 250km via public transport and Sh4.03 airtime per minute, all which grew more than five per cent on an annual basis.

REVENUE

Uhuru urges taxman to go after, tax super rich

Treasury has initiated tax reforms to increase tax base



President Uhuru Kenyatta presents awards to distinguished taxpayers during the Kenya Revenue Authority 2017-18 Distinguished Taxpayers' Award ceremony at KICC, Nairobi /PSCU

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President Uhuru Kenyatta wants the super rich to be forced to disclose their sources of wealth so they can be taxed appropriately.

"High net worth individuals with lifestyles that are not reflective of the taxes that they pay should be compelled to demonstrate their sources of wealth," the President said.

Speaking during the Taxpayer's Day ceremony yesterday, the President said targeting the super rich would widen KRA's tax net by widening the current tax base.

He said despite an impressive GDP growth over the years, the country's tax base was significantly low, with growth pegged on a few citizens who end up bearing the brunt of the tax burden.

"As a consequence, we have in the

PHOTOSTORY



Ecobank Kenya MD and regional executive Sam Adjei, group CEO Ade Ayeyemi and former Ecobank Kenya chairman Charles Ogalo during the launch of Ecobank mobile app / COURTESY

THE DATA

101.85

The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

The shilling was expected to weaken due to excess liquidity in the money markets and demand from manufacturers and oil importers, traders said.

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell	Mean
US DOLLAR	101.7472	101.9472	101.8472
STG POUND	129.7578	130.0628	129.9103
EURO	115.4794	115.7411	115.6103
SA RAND	6.9773	7.0003	6.9888
KES / USHS	36.8053	37.0198	36.9126
KES / TSHS	22.4920	22.5657	22.5289
AE DIRHAM	27.6976	27.7574	27.7275
JPY (100)	90.1695	90.3707	90.2701
IND RUPEE	1.3820	1.3849	1.3834
CHINESE YUAN	14.6061	14.6404	14.6232

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
SAMEER	2.35	+9.30
CENTUM	27.00	+8.00
FAHARI-II-REIT	10.55	+4.46
UNGA GROUP	41.00	+3.80
EVEREADY	1.40	+3.70

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
HOUSING FINANCE	5.25	-7.89
FLAME TREE	3.00	-7.69
KAPCHORUA	68.50	-7.43
MUMIAS	0.65	-7.14
TRANSCENTURY	2.85	-5.00



TIP OF THE DAY

GET MORE SLEEP

When you're tired, you're less effective at your job — it's as simple as that. To prioritize sleep, start by accepting that working more doesn't necessarily mean you're doing better work. Sleep deprivation takes a toll on your cognitive abilities, whether you notice the effects or not. Your caffeine consumption can be a good litmus test: If you need coffee just to make it through the morning, or even the afternoon, that may be a red flag. Make a plan for how you're going to sleep more. Some simple ideas: Set an alarm for when you'll put down your work and leave the office. Stop using devices at least an hour before you go to bed. (Maybe even go to bed early once in a while.) Start the day with a short to-do list of essential tasks — and once it's done, go home. Remember, there will always be more work to do tomorrow.

NEWS BUSINESS

TOURISM

Design high-standard hotels in counties, architects are told

Modern hotel designs are bolder, more colourful, imaginative. Some innovative destinations add full creations as well as glamour, giving travellers new experiences

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Entrepreneurs interested in investing in the hospitality industry should work with the requisite tourism institutions to construct structures that give value to the business.

Architects, interior designers and hospitality industry players agreed it is important to work together from design to construction and finish of hospitality facilities so as to present impressive buildings that are sustainable. They also entered a partnership, with Tourism Finance Corporation, Tourism Regulatory Authority and UN-Habitat in a partnership with Architectural Association of Kenya to sensitize architects and interior designers on the best hospitality architecture practices.

TFC said it can finance interested investors to the tune of Sh100 million to build hotel facilities, and encouraged those targeting the counties to dialogue with a view of conforming to sustainable standards, hospitality project planning principles and financing.

TFC is a specialised Development Financial Institution (DFI) tasked with facilitating and providing affordable development funding for long-term investment in the tour-



Jack Omondi of TRA, Jonah Orumoi of TFC and Emma Miloyo of AAK during the breakfast forum yesterday / COURTESY

ism industry and has continued to provide project and loan funding to prospective investors.

It was tasked by Vision 2030 to develop a capacity of 65,000 beds by 2030, expected to be achieved through credit funding to potential investors, rehabilitation and upgrading of existing lodging facilities and investing in new star rated hotels.

"Architects need to be assertive in promoting design values, intelligent

in understanding and interpreting brand values, and maintaining design standards as outlined in the tourism regulatory authority regulations," TFC MD Jonah Orumoi said.

Modern hotel designs are bolder, more colourful and imaginative. Innovative hotels have added full creations as well as glamour into them, giving travellers new choices. Architects should pay more attention to design of interior spaces.

Architecture stands out since it not only facilitates investments, synthesizes the requirements of comfort and entertainment or organizes activities, technologies and spaces, but also creates identities and produces the imagery and iconography associated with branding of the tourism investors," he said.

PORTS OF ENTRY

KRA integrates all scanners to curb contraband

CHARLES MGHENYI / The Kenya Revenue Authority has integrated all its 12 scanners stationed at the port of Mombasa, Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, Container Freight Stations and at the Nairobi Inland Container Depot to curb infiltration of contraband.

The scanners are being monitored and can be controlled from two state-of-the-art command centres in Mombasa and Nairobi, KRA deputy commissioner in charge of southern region Nicholas Kinoti said.

Speaking after a media tour of the scanners at the port of Mombasa, Kinoti said the scanners project real-time images of all the scanned containers at the ports of entry.

Kinoti said the project, dubbed the National Integrated Scanners Solution, is expected to improve international and local trade facilitation, improve cargo clearance process at the ports and enable maximum revenue collection.

"We have 12 scanners, being controlled and monitored from Nairobi and Mombasa Control Centres. The scanners are non-intrusive verification tools to support the verification process without opening the containers," said Kinoti. He said the images are analyzed on real-time basis and the customs officials are able to intercept any suspicious cargo for further 100 per cent verification.

"Any consignment that does not answer to our standards is taken for further verification," he said.



EXPERT COMMENT
KAREN KANDIE

Supporting private sector inclusivity

A key policy in Kenya's developmental journey is a concerted effort to achieve developmental targets through private sector involvement. With increasing reliance on Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), the role of the private sector in matters development is experiencing exponential growth. Consequently, it is imperative that the role of Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), particularly in relation to supporting the growth of priority but high risk development areas, is revisited, established, and action points articulated and implemented.

DFIs refer to financial institutions, established either by a single government (bilateral DFIs) or by multiple partners (multilateral DFIs), that purpose to invest in private sector companies or provide capital to the same. More specifically, DFIs seek to play an 'additionality' role by bridging the gap between private sector financial institutions and private sector players. This is achieved by providing capital to high risk areas that would traditionally be considered above the risk appetite of conventional financial institutions. Under this banner, DFIs have two key objectives: to spur socio-economic transformation and development in the private sector, with a focus on high risk priority areas, and to remain commercially viable. Ideally, with these objectives in mind, DFIs are meant to play a prominent role in promoting and providing sustainable capital to private sector players in key economic sectors such as agribusiness, infrastructure and energy with the ultimate goal of unlocking the private sector's developmental potential.

On both these fronts, DFIs in Kenya have historically failed to meet their objectives. Particularly, since the advent of privatization in the mid-1980s to late 1990s, financial support to DFIs has experienced a downward trend thereby resulting in the crippling of Kenyan DFIs. Additionally poor gover-

nance structures in Kenyan DFIs have exacerbated the problem, negatively impacting the financial viability of DFIs in Kenya. This historical two-fold challenge has resulted in DFIs showing increasingly low levels of profitability and high levels of loan impairments.

However, the above notwithstanding, there is hope in the horizon. Given the Government of Kenya's ambitious developmental targets, the waning role of DFIs in the Kenyan context is expected to, and is in the process of, experiencing an upward tick. This is largely due to the financial sustainability and governance structures of DFIs being revisited, with the understanding that these elements are crucial to the success of DFIs.

In the interest of breathing new life into Kenyan DFIs, it is imperative that policy-makers concretely define the mandate of key DFIs and incorporate high standards of corporate governance and transparency into these institutions, including through the implementation of and conformity to global environmental, social and governance (ESG) standards. Additionally, it would be necessary to introduce benchmarks through which the business activities of DFIs can be monitored, as well as criteria to assess their social and economic impact.

Kandie is MD, IDB Capital

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NEWS WORLD

ISLAMISTS UP IN ARMS

Pakistan Christian mum free after eight years on death row

REUTERS/ Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday freed a Christian woman from a death sentence for blasphemy against Islam and overturned her conviction.

The ruling sparked angry protests and death threats from an ultra-religious party and cheers from human rights advocates.

Asia Bibi, a mother of four, had been living on death row since 2010 when she became the first woman to be sentenced to death by hanging under Pakistan's draconian blasphemy laws, which critics say are too harsh

and often misused. She was condemned for allegedly making derogatory remarks about Islam after neighbours objected to her drinking water from their glass because she was not Muslim.

Bibi has always denied blasphemy. The case outraged Christians worldwide and been a source of division within Pakistan, where two politicians who sought to help Bibi were assassinated.

CJ Saqib Nasir, who headed a special three-person bench set up for the appeal, cited the Koran in his ruling, writing "Tolerance is the basic principle of Islam" and noting the religion condemns injustice and oppression.

Supporters of Islamist political party Tehreek-e-Labaik (TLP), which was founded to support blasphemy laws, immediately condemned the ruling and blocked roads in major cities, pelting police with stones in the eastern city of Lahore.

The TLP's leadership called for the death of Nasif, the chief justice, and two other judges on the panel. The party also called for the ouster of the government of new Prime Minister Imran Khan.



Asia Bibi whose death sentence for blasphemy was overturned by Pakistan's Supreme Court yesterday /COURTESY

FLASHES

JAKARTA/ Indonesian search and rescue workers believe they have found the fuselage of a Lion Air passenger jet that crashed with 189 people on board, and are also trying to confirm the origin of an underwater "ping" signal, officials said yesterday. There were no survivors in the Monday crash. **ISTANBUL**/ Saudi Arabia's public prosecutor held talks overnight with Turkish intelligence officials over the investigation into the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Demiroren news agency said. Khashoggi's death has escalated into a crisis for the world's top oil exporter, which at first denied any knowledge of, or role in, his disappearance four weeks ago. **MOSCOW**/ Russia opened an investigation into suspected terrorism after a 17-year-old youth blew himself up yesterday in the lobby of an office belonging to Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) in the north of the country. Three FSB employees were wounded.

CELEBRATING PEACE DEAL

Machar back in Juba for the first time since 2016

He fled after fighting broke out again, wrecking earlier peace deal



South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar and his wife Angelina Teny disembark from a plane after arriving at Juba airport yesterday /REUTERS

REUTERS/ South Sudan rebel leader Riek Machar returned to the capital Juba yesterday to celebrate a peace deal, more than two years after fierce fighting erupted in the city and forced him to flee the country.

Machar flew in with his wife and a small retinue but none of his troops – then met his long-time rival, President Salva Kiir, and a line-up of regional leaders who have spent years pressing the two men to end their civil war.

Under the terms of the peace deal, he is to be reinstated as vice president. "We need peace," Machar told thousands of people who gathered at a ceremony marking the accord that he, Kiir and other groups signed last month.

"We really pray that this peace agreement holds this time," said 27-year-old Juma Khamis in the crowd.

Regional and Western powers alike have been exasperated by a string of failed ceasefires and deals.

The world's youngest nation plunged into conflict in 2013 after Kiir sacked Machar as vice president.

Troops loyal to both men clashed in the capital that December and ethnically charged fighting soon spread across the state.

The violence shut down oil fields, forced millions to flee and killed hundreds of thousands of people.

There have been sporadic incidences of fighting since the latest agreement was signed, but violence has largely died down.

Kiir hosted yesterday's ceremony near the mausoleum of national hero John Garang – the same spot where the country celebrated its Independence from Sudan in 2011 after decades of north-south war fuelled by oil, ethnicity and religion.

Leaders from Uganda, Ethiopia, Sudan, Egypt and Somalia looked on as traditional dancers entertained the crowds.

Machar fled to neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo in 2016 after fighting broke out again in the capital, wrecking an earlier peace deal and killing hundreds.

He later travelled to South Africa, where he was held under house arrest until earlier this year.

Under pressure from governments in East Africa and from United Nations and Western donors, Machar's group, other rebel factions and the government last month signed a peace deal, under which he will again become vice president.

Kiir said imprisoned South African adviser to Machar ex-colonel William Endley and the rebel group's spokesman James Gatdet will be released today.

WANT LEADER RELEASED

Nigerian Shi'ite group accuses cops of killing members

REUTERS/ The movement of a jailed Nigerian Shi'ite cleric said yesterday security forces had killed 42 of its members during two days of violent crackdowns on protests in Abuja.

Security forces opened fire with live ammunition on members of the Islamic Movement of Nigeria (IMN) who had marched in their hundreds to demand the release of Ibrahim Zakzaky. He was arrested in 2015 after the army killed hundreds of his followers at his compound and a nearby mosque and burial ground.

Zakzaky was charged in April this year with murder over the 2015 violence, after being held for more than two years.

On Tuesday, police shot at protesters in the city centre, issuing a statement later that day saying 400 IMN members were detained. The statement did not mention any deaths.

Police and army spokesmen did not respond to phone calls seeking comment on the updated death toll. The army has said three IMN members were killed on Monday, while the group put the figure at 25.

INDEPENDENCE HERO HONOURED

India yesterday inaugurated the world's tallest statue, a \$400m (Sh40bn) effigy of independence hero

Vallabhbhai Patel that towers nearly twice the height of New York's Statue of Liberty. The 182m 'Statue of Unity' was erected in the state of Gujarat.

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People trapped after landslide in Philippines

Rescuers worked with bare hands and shovels to try to free the 23 yesterday, after Typhoon Yutu dumped heavy rains, triggering floods and landslides.

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Mwanahamisi Issa and her son Ali Mbaruku, who requires an urgent bone marrow transplant. He suffers from aplastic anaemia and is admitted at Coast General Hospital, Mombasa. Mwanahamisi is requesting Governor Hassan Joho and well-wishers to help her son
/JOHN CHESOLI

LETTERS

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Kenya should offer free university tuition like Liberia

President George Weah of Liberia last week declared that all undergraduates entering public universities will enjoy free tuition. He made the declaration before the students of the University of Liberia at the Capitol Hill campus located in the capital Liberia. The announcement was met with loud cheers and applause. The West African country currently has four public universities. Other than the main University of Liberia, Booker Washington Institute, Louis Arthur Grimes School of Law and the William VS Tubman University, complete the list. Students had recently protested against fee hikes, accusing the UL administration of unilaterally hiking fees. The students eventually had the President's audience, and he promised to look into the issue. Most African countries are grappling with implementing free education, even at the basic level. Ghana started an ambitious free senior high school system, which continues to face myriad challenges. Sierra Leone is also in the process of implementing free primary education. According to a study by the University of Wisconsin, 20 per cent of university students report being hungry and 14 per cent of report being homeless. It was also found that two-thirds of full-time students paid their fees with the help of financial aid through grants, scholarships and loans. University education is sold to many students as the grand equaliser to lift themselves out of poverty, but it often places students in even more debt. The biggest challenge for a university student is finance, especially if you come from a family that is not so financially stable. Kenya should follow Liberia and offer free university education.

VERONICA ONJORO
Mombasa

Drop debate about Uhuru staying on, he trashed the idea

There is a narrative being peddled around, which the media has jumped into, about President Uhuru Kenyatta retaining power after 2022. This started last year when Cotu secretary general Francis Atwoli said Uhuru should have another office created for him since he is too young to retire. Mind you, he will already have hit the public service retirement age of 60 years. We also heard the same narrative during Mwai Kibaki's time, which he trashed. We must not entertain such debates since the law is clear. Uhuru has also said he is not interested in extending his tenure.

MICHAEL MUREITHI
Nairobi

Central Kenya must realise it's not the centre of Kenya

Central Kenya leaders must realise we have decentralised our system of government, where governors are the backbone of development, not the central government. However, being in the opposition has made some gains. The noisemaking leaders attract attention from the central government, get sympathy from NGOs and many other financial institutions such as the World Bank. And development follows. Devolution is a blessing to some of these regions. We can see many projects in areas branded as opposition strongholds, especially the Western and Coast regions. Roads are being built, there are new industries and the government is giving money to counties. When they address Kenyans, they should realise this is a new dispensation.

CHRISPEN AKALI
Kakamega

Unemployment spells failure for Big Four agenda

With the high rates of taxation and unemployment, the Big Four agenda remains a mirage since employment is part and parcel of achieving any of the pillars. The Big Four seeks to raise the share of the manufacturing sector from nine to 15 per cent of GDP by 2022, expand food production and supply, provide universal health coverage for all Kenyan homes and build 500,000 affordable houses. This is great and every Kenyan would pray that the President achieves it. However, there are threats to this agenda as the levels of unemployment remain high and this will definitely hinder the achievement of this blueprint. From basic economics, there are four factors of production – land, labour, capital and entrepreneurship. With the majority of Kenyans being youthful, it is obvious that labour is not a problem. Kenya has over 582,000 square kilometres which also implies land is not a scarce commodity. On matters entrepreneurship, Kenyans have been ranked as some of the best entrepreneurial minds in Africa. And so what is missing? Capital is where the joint disconnects. The Big Four requires a combination of at least three of the above factors and 'unfortunately' each combination of the factors must include capital. From general observation, most of the wealth created genuinely in Kenya has a history of employment income somewhere. This is why unemployment must be addressed to enable Kenyans participate in achieving the development blueprint. However, with the recent economic developments, it looks like the government is not aware of these levels. The government should change its strategy and address factors likely to hinder the achievement of the Big Four agenda.

JOB MUGIRIA
Researcher, Nairobi

VOX POP

BY REUBEN GITHINJI

Was Wakiaga right to deny Jowie bail and call him a 'woman-eater'?



Yes: According to what has been coming out in the press, Jowie seems to be a very dangerous man. He deserves to be called that and to be in custody.

JOY KATHAMBI
Embu



No: The magistrate appears to be biased and looks as if he has already made up his mind against jowie, who is still innocent until proven guilty.

AYUB NADASABA
Embu



No: Jowie has not been given an opportunity to give his side of the story. The court should be patient and stop passing judgment already.

JOHNSON WANJOHI
Embu



Yes: The man looks bad and going by what the media have been writing about him, he seems to have been taking advantage of women. He doesn't seem like a man who can be trusted.

PATRICK MWANGANGI
Embu



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Travel firm gives false promises

A local travelling company owned by parents of a controversial businesswoman is making empty promises to its clients.

Many have complained about it even to their celebrity daughter. A client who once won a flight ticket has explained how her efforts to get the company cater for it were in vain.

The source told Word Is: "I have been calling them for weeks to sort me out. The time for me to travel is already here, yet they are still taking me in circles. I also called the entrepreneur, who has been giving me false hopes. Kwani ni wa-unprofessional aje?"

Adding: "I've heard other people complain about how they give complimentary tickets just to build their name and later you end up not sorted. They are good at PR."

'I'VE HEARD OTHER PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT HOW THEY GIVE COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS JUST TO BUILD THEIR NAME AND LATER YOU END UP NOT SORTED'

I used to cry every day, says Diamond



Diamond Platinumz's mother with the singer /COURTESY

ELIZABETH NGIGI @NYAMBS_LIZ/ Bongo star Diamond Platinumz has revealed that when this year began, he would cry every day. His mother was sick and it pained him.

In an interview with a Tanzanian radio station Diamond said: "I've stayed with my mother for long and never seen her in pain. When the year started, I used to cry every day, I was really confused. I learnt that in life there is health and sickness."

Adding: "Right now, my mum is okay. I've learnt that today, you might be on stage performing and tomorrow you are sick."

This year, the singer's second baby mama Hamisa Mobetto got him to court after he had allegedly refused to pay child support. He was also dumped by the woman who was once the love of his life and mother of his two kids, Zarina Hassan.



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WILLY PAUL'S NEIGHBOUR SLAMS 'PURE VIOLENCE'



BY ELIZABETH NGIGI @nyambs_liz/

A neighbour who witnessed Willy Paul assaulting a female companion on Sunday at his Syokimau residence has refuted claims by the gospel singer that he was shooting a reality show.

Willy Paul was filmed assaulting the woman numerous times and eventually dismantled her phone by slamming it on the ground.

After ignoring calls and messages from Word Is, Willy Paul posted on social media:

"I know most of you have been wondering pozee ni nini manze, mara ni drama, mara ni pesa. It is all about the drama, it is all about the money, it is like this, my reality show, coming soon, [called] the pozze way hehehe mutashangaa."

Willy Paul /COURTESY

He went on and said, "It's all about music, money and drama, but above all God over everything. My new reality TV show #ThePozzeWay #254Urban-Life."

However, our source said: "That cannot be a reality show. You can't beat up someone like that then come out saying you are shooting a reality show. First of all, there were no cameras, no cast crew and the like. That was just pure violence."

"It was the first time he was fighting outside his house, but he has been fighting in his house." What exactly caused the altercation?

"I was on my way home at around 9.30pm when I saw a commotion. It was Willy Paul, some other guy plus the lady. They were in an argument but Willy Paul was in control of everything, and that is when the fight began," the source said.

"I tried to separate them. The lady was trying to call someone. That was when he took her phone and destroyed it. According to some friends I asked, they said Willy Paul was claiming the lady was high on cocaine, which I think was only a way to cover up the whole issue. I can't be sure if the lady was his real girlfriend since so many people come and leave his premises."

Asked if neighbours have complained about the singer, the source said: "Neighbours have been going to knock at his door because of the loud music."

"The loud music is crazy and everyone from our estate complains about it. Personally because of my children, I have gone to knock at his door. He did not open but he turned down the volume."

"From what I saw him doing, I do not think that a gospel artiste is supposed to behave in that manner. I was really traumatised and I felt for the young girl."

Raila Jr backs Winnie to be first female president

BY ELIZABETH NGIGI @nyambs_liz/

Earlier this year, political analyst Mutahi Ngunyi predicted that Opposition leader Raila Odinga's daughter Winnie would be the first Luo and Kenyan woman president.

And now her brother Raila Junior has thrown his weight behind her, saying it is what she is passionate about.

"She will become president after William Ruto. You can take that prediction to the BANK and use it as collateral to borrow a loan," Ngunyi said via Twitter on Tuesday.

In a recent interview with Word Is, Raila Junior said he is not interested in politics but is hopeful his sister would be a great president for Kenyans.

"I really hope Winnie is going to be

the first president of Kenya because she is really passionate about politics and I really encourage her to do as much as she can," he said.

"The fact that she is a woman does not restrict her from doing what she loves because she is so determined, and I really wish the rest of Kenyans will see that determination as well."

In one incident, Raila Junior, 39, and Winnie, 28, were caught in the crossfire and tear gas as police battled NASA supporters.

'SHE WILL BE PRESIDENT AFTER WILLIAM RUTO. YOU CAN TAKE THAT PREDICTION TO THE BANK'



NASA leader Raila Odinga's daughter Winnie Odinga /FILE

VOICES

EDITORIAL

Involve the public in war on corruption

There is overwhelming evidence of widespread corruption in both the national and county governments. Whereas the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission has tried to spread its wings to cover all forms of malfeasance and unethical conduct in the public sector, it is hopelessly out of its depth with the herculean task at hand.

It is impossible for the agency to muster the resources and human capacity to seal all the loopholes being exploited daily by crafty public servants conniving with private profiteers to fleece the public.

Corruption – whether through inflated pricing, phantom suppliers or riff-off schemes – is denying the country desperately needed resources for development.

It is estimated that we could be losing over Sh1 billion daily to corruption, hence, the mantra that the government should tackle graft to avail more resources instead of resorting to higher taxes and loans.

And if the government means business, it should embrace citizen participation in the war on corruption. It should reward whistle-blowers, but more importantly, open avenues for the public to report suspicious dealings.

The counties are replete with tales of how officials are lining their pockets and accumulating wealth overnight by manipulating tenders or openly stealing from the public by falsifying documents. The EACC should not be groping around for suspects to prosecute after the fact.

The government must also demonstrate seriousness by following through on its own directives, such as the Executive Order on transparent procurement.

HISTORICAL QUOTE

"Wealth and power don't go together. Power cannot be brokered. To me, power is responsibility."

NITA AMBANI

The Indian businesswoman was born on November 1, 1963.

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Only in 2002, 10 years after the first multi-party elections of 1992, did we first see serious multi-regional political coalitions forming. And from then on, they have become the norm



THE TEN-YEAR RULE OF OUR POLITICS

If you could travel back in time to the period just before the 1997 General Election, given what we now know, you would be amazed at the political spectacle that would confront you.

For you would find that the serving president, Daniel Moi, going into his final presidential contest, was facing no less than four substantial candidates out to dethrone him.

There was the official leader of the opposition, Kijana Wamalwa, who was then the most influential politician from Western Kenya. Then there was Mwai Kibaki, the Grand Old Man of the opposition and the undisputed leader of the Central Kenya communities.

There was Raila Odinga, a hero of 'the Second Liberation' then embarking on his first presidential campaign, supported by a fanatical base in 'Luo Nyanza' and the Coast. And finally there was Charity Ngilu, who made waves as the first woman to embark on a serious presidential campaign.

Basically, all the 'big tribes' whose votes usually have decisive influence in Kenyan presidential elections had 'one of their own' as a candidate. Now just five years earlier, in the 1992 General Election, Moi had faced a similarly divided opposition and gone on to win despite having well below 50 per cent of the total votes cast.

So, you would have thought that these 'Big Four' would have found it wise to select one amongst themselves to face Moi. But it would seem that something which is perfectly obvious will often take the Kenyan political class a full decade to accept.

For what we now consider to be the most elementary fact of presidential elections (ie, that what you need is a group of regional coalitions backing one candidate, and not each region fronting 'one of their own') was somehow just not politically feasible back then.

Only in 2002 - 10 years after the first multiparty elections of 1992 - did we first see serious multi-regional political coalitions forming. And from then on, they became the norm.

But after the victory of the joint opposition parties in 2002, a new pattern revealed itself, which was to hold true for the next decade and beyond. This pattern

was that even if an opposition leader was able to gather behind him a truly formidable coalition of regional voting blocs, and effectively isolate the serving president and his core supporters, still the president would somehow be reelected.

In short, something that had been only vaguely apprehended during Moi's tenure (and which most had not realised was the real secret of his success) suddenly became perfectly obvious.

This was that no matter what electoral agency organised the polls, and no matter who was appointed to lead such an agency, a serving Kenyan president simply could not lose when seeking reelection.

The presented 'final tally' as well as the declared 'winner', had little or nothing to do with the long queues formed by voters on election day. Rather, decisions were made behind closed doors and the predetermined outcome then conveyed to the public and to the rest of the world, by the electoral agency.

And this was done with such cunning that it was impossible to tell whether a president had just managed to successfully rig himself back into office. Or whether it was 'deep state' operatives – all with vested interests in the continuation of that presidency – who had embarked on this rigging without bothering to consult the president.

This brings us to the present, and the proposed constitutional reforms aimed at returning Kenya to the Westminster parliamentary system of government, in which the Prime Minister would serve as head of government and a President would be largely ceremonial.

I think the strongest case to be made for the Westminster system is that it will effectively dissipate the toxic passions that have in recent years accompanied every presidential election.

Under the Westminster system, our MPs will be every bit as corrupt as they are now. And there will still be election rigging all over the place. But what we will not have is that which we fear most: A country divided into two irreconcilable rival factions, each convinced that their presidential candidate simply cannot lose.

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COMMENT

SALIM LONE

Communications consultant



I know no family where virtually every member acted to ease the deprivations of the less fortunate

KENYA SHOULD HONOUR VOHRAS' LIVES OF SERVICE

I am still reeling from the cruel hand of fate that has robbed Kenya of one of the most amazing families of five of its members in road accidents this year. Another Vohra, Sandy, died in a road crash in Ethiopia a decade ago.

Every Vohra I knew carried the gospel of service close to their hearts. It was that commitment to philanthropy and service that took Mohinder and Swarna Kaur Vohra, both 82, and their three children to Makueni's Makindu Hope Academy last weekend.

I know no family anywhere where virtually every member acted to ease the deprivations that afflict the less fortunate.

I knew Sandy's father Chani the best, and there are not many better people in the corporate world anywhere.

He was utterly idealistic, constantly trying to figure out the complexities of the Kenya reality in order to seek ways for our people to do better, apart from giving generously and innovatively to the needy.

He was also deeply spiritual, and always thoughtful, including about the central role of the media, and trying to push it to be more progressive.

In 2004, soon after I returned home after my retirement from the UN, he asked me to offer some thoughts over lunch to a group of our young, promising journalists. But to ensure the journalist's attendance, he had also invited Mr Charles Njonjo – Chani was clever!

Later, my wife

Pat and I invited a few thoughtful Kenyans from the civil society and academic worlds to discuss ways Kenya could fulfil its already struggling democratic promise.

Chani was the only businessman among them, because I thought of him primarily as a thinker, although of course he relied on his superb business acumen to explore philanthropy. The audience for our discussion at that tea was British High Commissioner Sir Edward Clay.

My heart goes out to the surviving Vohras. I cannot imagine any nightmare worse than losing four family members at one time.

May God give them strength to cope with this, but they should also draw strength from the amazing family history – and continue that tradition of service.

Someone in the Kenyan hierarchy of influence should try to get formal recognition for the family's history of good deeds.



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COMMENT

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No one really knows an African man until he is dead. We give birth to them, marry them, they are our fathers and our brothers but we really do not know them until they are dead



MYSTERIES OF THE AFRICAN MAN

A story is told of a certain man of the people who died. On the day of his funeral his relatives set aside seating places for his children. They were wise, or so they thought. His wife had three children but they set up 10 places. By the end of the service, they had added seats and some children were still standing. All short and stumpy like their father.

A woman stood up to speak about her husband during a family gathering after her spouse died. She had fond memories. Apparently this one used to bring pumpkins every week. I noticed a few women nod. He was home before 6pm every evening except Wednesdays when he had to be at the Nakuru office.

He was an area manager of some important company. Thursdays he was in the Meru office and one Friday in a month in Eldoret. He spent two weekends in Kisumu during which he would also visit his mother. Mothers-in-law these days are their sons' wingmen!

On most Sundays when he went to church, the vicar would nod proudly.

A lady walked in just as the grieving widow was saying her husband was faithful. Antonina (let us call her) marched straight to the widow and stood beside her. Perplexed, Susan (let's call her) asked Antonina if there was a problem? Turned out Antonina was the Kisumu office where he spent two weekends in a month. Susan was prim and proper compared to Antonina, who was rough around the edges and loud. It baffled me how men are attracted to complete opposites.

So, Alfonse (the dead man) was some version of Father Christmas. Giving and giving. As the service progressed, 10 women – repeat, 10 women – rose and moved to the front. One of them was expectant and all had proof of marriage – pictures of homes and dowry events, happy moments with dad and the fruits of their labour: Children.

I managed to pick out the Meru, Nakuru and Eldoret offices. Then there was his secretary, a clerk at a partner's firm and a waitress. But Alfonse had not stopped spreading the cheer; one of the 10 was Susan's former housemaid! I mean, you had to applaud this equal opportunity lover. And for each woman, he had paid dowry. At least he made honest women of them.

Susan kept mumbling that it could not be. She really had no idea. She insisted she was the only wife. By now, Antonina was on the floor. Inconsolable, she could not believe that Alfonse had lied to her! As far as she was concerned, it was her and Susan in that pond.

No one really knows an African man until he is dead. We give birth to them, marry them, they are our fathers and our brothers but we really do not know them until they are dead.

When my father died, I gathered my two siblings to prepare them for whatever eventuality. We were three but chances were that we could find several other siblings, I warned. We only found one – whom even my mother had known all along so there were no rude shocks.

But I did not really know that man, my father. I guess he did not like people as much as we thought. There are those men who you find out were men of the people after their death. People here being women. That son of a woman drops dead and like a seed that is planted, out springs branches, leaves and most importantly fruit.

And are they not known by their fruit! Noticed how children born out there in the shadows are photocopies of their fathers? You do not even need DNA tests!

What puzzles me the most is the organisational skills of some of our men. Alfonse had a gift! He was able to feed all his children and had the vibrant energy for all his women. All his children knew him as dad! How did he not call any of those women by the wrong name? His memory was superb. Which is why I do not subscribe to pet names. Call me by my name as a testament to your organisational skills!

Forget those mammals out there with two children who can barely tell their ages. How I wish Alfonse had gone further and left a will. Last I heard, all his people were headed to court.

You only know an African man properly when he dies. No African man is an open book.
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SON OF A WOMAN DROPS DEAD AND LIKE A SEED THAT IS PLANTED, OUT SPRINGS BRANCHES, LEAVES AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, FRUIT

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(+) THE DAY BOBI WINE BROUGHT THE HOUSE DOWN AT PAWA 254

Ugandan artiste-turned-politician Robert Kyagulanyi, popularly known as **Bobi Wine**, was recently in Kenya. The MP came for a series of rallies, media events and meetings with activists. He received a hero's reception and celebrity treatment.

He toured with his Embakasi East counterpart, **Babu Owino** (real name Paul Ongili). Activist **Boniface Mwangi** hosted him at Pawa 254, where he performed.



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POMP AND COLOUR AT KISUMU CITY PAGEANT

Kisumu city has a new beauty queen. **Veronica Akinyi** was crowned during a colourful event at Acacia Hotel last weekend.

The 22-year-old student of Kibabii University, a fourth year business student, will represent the social interests of Kisumu under the initiative of Miss Kisumu City.

Diana Akumu, the founder of the annual lakeside event, said the event aims to brand the city as investor-friendly. It also looks into behaviour change communication for the youth for a responsible living.

Present were Development executive **Richard Ogendo**, businessman **Erick Ounga** and Youth Fund chairman **Ronnie**



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1. Models showcase designs 2. Fashion lovers follow the show 3. Miss Kisumu City Veronica Akinyi showcases a design 4. A model showcases a design 5. A model showcases a design 6. Akinyi showcases a design 7. Akinyi is crowned Miss Kisumu City by her predecessor Sheila Udida and event founder Diana Akumu

/MAURICE ALAL

COUNTIES NAIROBI

SEVEN DAYS

Nurses issue strike notice, demand state honour accord

CAROLYNE KUBWA/The Kenya National Union of Nurses has asked the government to honour the November 2017 return-to-work formula to avoid another strike.

Among the issues they want addressed is harmonisation of grading structure. They say it degrades them compared to other health workers as it does not allow them to hold any position in hospital administration, among others.

They also want Kenyatta National Hospital management to address issues of poor working conditions, lack of security, harassment and detention by police.

Speaking to the press in Nairobi yesterday, Kenya National Union of Nurses deputy general secretary Maurice Opetu said the government is reluctant to implement the accord as agreed. He said one reason is that the Salaries and Remuneration Commission now has a new boss. He ac-

cused the KNH board of ignoring the plight of nurses who want to join the nurses union.

"With the new SRC boss in place, now we put the government on a seven-day strike notice that it should immediately give occurrence letter on the implementation of the return-to-work agreement signed on November 2, 2017, in full term," Opetu said.

He called for the harmonisation of grading structure and completion and signing of the collective bargaining agreement. Opetu said this should be done as fast as possible. Otherwise, they will convene a meeting with the union's national advisory committee, "and the results are well known," he said.

Opetu accused Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki for being silent on the KNH problems. He urged her to compel the KNH board to allow the nurses to join the union as they have



Nurses protest in Uhuru Park last year as their strike entered the third week/**FILE**

demanded. "We are a well-registered union and our mandate is to fight for the rights of workers. I wonder why KNH is reluctant to allow our nurses to join the union. We don't want to strike but they are forcing us to it by avoiding dialogue and using the police to disperse us. Why does KNH operate like Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital? We shall fight for the rights

of our workers' safety," he said.

Opetu called upon Central Organisation of Trade Union secretary general Francis Atwoli to intervene. He called on him to institute necessary measures with the International Labour Tribunal against the management of KNH. The nurses went on strike for five months last year affecting the health care system.

MAMA MBOGA NOT SPARED

Schools targeted for garbage fees

City also wants to charge tenants in estates and charge for putting up tents for events

MAUREEN KINYANJUI
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City Hall wants to charge schools for garbage collection to help make up for its revenue shortfall.

The measure is proposed by the executive in the 2018-2019 Finance Bill.

Day primary schools accommodating as many as 150 pupils would pay a minimum monthly fee of Sh3,000-4,000.

Schools with 151 to 850 learners would pay Sh4,500 to Sh30,000. Boarding schools and colleges with one to more than 2,000 students would pay Sh12,000 to Sh65,000.

The assembly's Budget committee was dissatisfied, however, with the description of proposed charges.

"We are concerned because the county has not specified the duration of the fees and the categories of school, whether public or private," chairman Robert Mbatia said.

Residents have complained about proposed increases in garbage collection fees in estates.

In the Finance Bill, the Treasurer has proposed that garbage collectors be charged Sh5,000 per trip for solid waste collection.

"In a week some of us (garbage collectors) don't even meet the target of Sh5,000. How does the county expect us to pay that amount for one trip? This is ridiculous," Jeff, a Kasarani resident, said.

The residents had gathered at the Jericho Social Hall on Tuesday for the public participation forum on the Finance Bill. The two-day forum started on Monday in Waithaka ward.



Trucks line up to deposit garbage at Dandora dumpsite on August 16/**VICTOR IMBOTO**

It was held by the budget committee.

Residents said that if schools are charged for garbage collection, teachers might start extorting parents.

They also opposed proposed fees for pitching tents for events. The city would charge Sh10,000-30,000 per day depending on the number of seats.

"Some of us make money by setting up tents to draw customers who want to rent them. If we are charged these much, clients will go and we

shall run out of business," trader Ukumu said.

Vegetable vendors commonly called mama mboga condemned proposed market service charges. Sh1,000 per ton would be charged for cabbages and sukumawiki. They complained that the county was targeting low-income earners.

Residents suggested that garbage collection charges in schools be reduced and the institutions be charged according to the amount of garbage produced.

They also said that within estates, the proposed Sh5,000 fee be reduced to Sh1,500. They called for scrapping fees on setting up tents and on mama mboga.

They demanded that Governor Mike Sonko and MCAs deliver on their campaign pledges.

MCAs promised to ensure the common man is not overtaxed. Embakasi MCA Michael Ogada said the Budget committee will ensure some of the charges are either reduced or scrapped.



COUNTIES CENTRAL

DIAGNOSED, TREATED TOO LATE

Murang'a girl dies of rabies after first day of KCPE exam

Taken to hospital after tyest but died at night after being discharged

ALICE WAITHERA
@Alicewangechi



A KCPE exam candidate in Gatanga subcounty succumbed to rabies shortly after completing her first day.

Lucy Wambui, 14, was a pupil at Mwiting'iri Primary School in Gatanga subcounty. Head teacher Lydia Mwangi said the pupil was unwell as she sat her exam.

She said the school informed Wambui's mother her daughter was unwell and she picked her and took her to hospital.

Wambui died shortly after undergoing treatment at Thika Level 5 Hospital and being discharged, Mwangi said. She spoke when Water CS Simon Chelgwi visited the school.

Fellow candidates were shaken by the news. "We have counselled them to enable them to sit for the day's examinations with courage," Mwangi said.

"I was shocked this (yesterday) morning when I received a phone call from the area chief informing me that Wambui had passed away last night."

Murang'a county commissioner John Elung'ata said Wambui was diagnosed too late. He condoled with the school and urged candidates to be courageous as they embarked on their second day of the national examinations.

Wambui's death is the second in the county during the exam period. A KCSE exam candidate collapsed and died during a Form 4 students' party at Gaichanjiru Boys High School on Saturday night.

COMPROMISED STANDARDS

"The examinations have been going on well without any other incidents," Elungata said.

Chelgwi urged candidates to be strong despite losing their classmate. He urged them to focus on doing their best in the exams. The CS toured several schools in Gatan-



ga subcounty yesterday morning. Cabinet secretaries have been deployed across the country to encourage students and ensure rules are observed.

The government has said it is committed to eradicating cheating during national examinations. Chelgwi said cheating compromises standards in different sectors across the country. Cheaters, he said, end up in professions they are unqualified for and thus begins a negative cycle of poor services.

(+) CREDIBLE EXAMS

The Kenya National Examinations Council has assured Kenyans of the credibility of the KCPE exam that started on Tuesday. KneC chairman George Magoha said the exams have not leaked and called for team efforts to sustain the same. "I can give 150 per cent assurance," he told journalists in Mombasa while leading the collection of exam materials at Uhuru na Kazi offices.

Water CS Simon Chelgwi (L) talks to KCPE exam candidates at Mwiting'iri Primary School in Gatanga
/ALICE WAITHERA



The woman holding her baby /GEORGE MUGO

ABANDONED FAMILY

Man 'threatens' to kill son with cerebral palsy and mother

GEORGE MUGO/ A 35-year-old woman yesterday reported to the children's department in Kimende after her son's father allegedly threatened to poison him because he has cerebral palsy.

The woman also alleged her former husband has threatened to kill her to end their relationship. She said their two-year-old son developed the condition soon after he was born and his father then abandoned them. "Whenever I call him, he says he will poison our son and burn him with sulphuric acid then kill me," she said.

'HE SAYS HE WILL POISON OUR SON AND BURN HIM WITH SULPHURIC ACID'

SH40 MILLION TENDER

Trader charged with fraud after posing as military officer

STANLEY NJENGA/ A Nairobi businessman was yesterday charged in a Kiambu court with defrauding a man of Sh40 million by pretending he would award him a tender to supply military equipment.

Eric Atanga, alias Col David Koech, is alleged to have committed the offence after masquerading as a senior military officer who had influence. The businessman who was arraigned before chief magistrate Patricia Gichohi denied committing the offence. He is accused of committing the offence between January 23 and October 17 in Hurlingham. The bail hearing is set for tomorrow.

DENIED WRONGDOING

Two charged after shooting in the air incident at Nyeri club

ELIJUD WAITHAKA/ A man and woman were arraigned yesterday in Nanyuki and charged with shooting in the air at a club in Kaburaini, Nyeri county.

John Mutitu was charged with shooting in the air on October 27 for no apparent reason at Mt Kenya Leisure Lodge. Sylvia Wachera was charged after being found in the company of Mutitu. They denied the charges before chief magistrate Lucy Mutai. The case will be heard on January 28 next year.



Danny Thomas (L) demonstrates how filter works
/ALICE WAITHERA

CAN FILTER 2,000 LITRES DAILY

NGO donates water purifying equipment

ALICE WAITHERA/ An American NGO has donated a Sh700,000 water purifier to reduce waterborne diseases in Murang'a county.

Water for the World president Danny Thomas said the bio-sand filter can purify 2,000 litres of drinking water daily.

He spoke yesterday during the handover in Gatanga. The filter can run on solar power, other electricity, car and motorcycle batteries. It has been tested by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The machine is ideal for places that rely on borehole and river water that is easily contaminated. More than 1,300 bio-sand water filters are in use worldwide, Thomas said. The filter kills disease-causing organisms during purification.

In the US, the machine is used in areas hit by floods and hurricanes to urgently purify water for victims.

"The machine has a ditch filter that can be dipped in floodwater for immediate purification in case of emergencies," Thomas said. The machine lasts for 20 years.

COUNTIES COAST

LUXURY YACHT

Duo gets fifteen years for trafficking heroin

MALEMBIA MKONGO/ Two people including a Seychelles businessman have been sentenced to 15 years in prison after they were convicted of trafficking Sh22 million heroin.

Seychelles national Clement Sege and Kenyan Ahmed Said were convicted of trafficking drugs on a luxury yacht, the Baby Iris. It was blown up in August 2015, along with the heroin, on orders from President Uhuru Kenyatta.

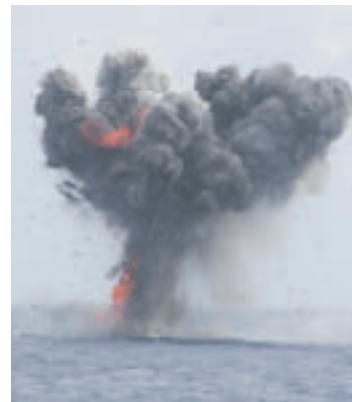
The duo were also fined Sh5 million each for the

offences, and failure to pay the fine, they will serve 12 months each in prison. Said was fined extra Sh3 million for an extra offence of being in possession of a bag that contained Sh6 million worth of heroin and failure to pay the fine, he will serve an additional 12 months in prison.

Chief magistrate Julius Nange'a said the sentence will run consecutively. Nange'a said he had considered the fact that Sege, had spent three years in prison while the trials proceeded as he had been denied bail.

The magistrate said the prosecution which was led by senior state counsel Yamina Jami had proven their case beyond reasonable doubt. He said the evidence was sufficient to warrant conviction. He added that it was evident that Sege was to sail the vessel to Mauritius where they were destined after leaving Kilifi.

The magistrate said the accused were present when the narcotics were recovered.



Baby Iris goes up in smoke on August 15, 2015 r / FILE



Former KPA managing director Brown Ondego / FILE

'PROMOTE MANDUKU'

Port workers fault ex-KPA boss for praising privatisation

Former managing director said that he regrets he got cold feet when he had a chance to privatised the port and save it from what he called collapse , workers were stunned



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The Port Workers Welfare group has accused former Kenya Ports Authority managing director Brown Ondego of misleading the government over privatisation.

They were reacting to Ondego's speech on Friday when he said that privatisation of the port is the only way to save it from "collapse".

Ondego said he regrets developing cold feet when he had the opportunity to privatise the facility. He addressed the inaugural East Africa Maritime Awards (EAMA) event where he was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

However, the Port Workers Welfare and Performance Group (PWWPG) said his comments lower worker morale and lead to poor performance.

PWWPG chairman Waweru Kamau, general secretary Ali Khamisi and organising secretary Peter Ouma said Ondego failed in his mandate and that is why he was let go.

"He is not in a position to call on the government to privatise port operations. He has hidden agendas," said the officials in a statement.

"He is seeking cheap publicity," they said. Privatisation of the port has been a thorny subject, with Coast leaders vehemently opposed to the idea.

Khamisi said he is the best person

to lead the facility, which makes about Sh50 billion a year. Since he took over from immediate former boss Catherine Mturi-Wairi, the port has been setting positive performance records. Khamisi said the government should confirm Manduku.

Khamisi pushed for the promotion of the KPA acting managing director Daniel Manduku, saying he can do a good job. "Manduku is one of the best technocrats remaining in President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration. He deserves such an opportunity when it arises," he said. Khamisi said it will be a waste of funds for the government to advertise for the position after the unceremonial exit Mturi-Wairi .

Manduku was appointed in June

(+) DON'T PRIVATISE PORT, SABOTAGE THE ECONOMY - MP

The privatisation of KPA's operations and setting up of dry ports in Naivasha and other regions would be tantamount to economic sabotage, Nyali MP Hezron Awiti said in 2016. He said Mombasa's economy will suffer as well as the entire country. Awiti spoke during Jamhuri Day celebrations in Tononoka Grounds. However, Deputy President William Ruto denied the state plans to hand over operations of the Kenya Ports Authority's to a private international firm.

THE DATA

SH22M

The value of heroin that the two were caught with

Kenyan Ahmed and Seychelles national Clement Sege were caught on the yacht Baby Iris' with heroine

'PUPPETS'

Sakaja clashes with Faki on proposed ward reps kitty

ERNEST CORNEL /Mombasa Senator Mohamed Faki and his Nairobi counterpart Johnston Sakaja have clashed over the proposed Ward Development Fund.

Faki is opposed to it claiming the kitty will render MCAs "puppets" of governors.

Sakaja however claimed devolution will only be realised if money trickles down to the wards. The two spoke in Mombasa county assembly on Tuesday when the Senate Labour committee met MCAs.

Nominated MCA Moses Aran had raised the concern. He said the funds will create employment opportunities as youth will be considered for projects.



STATE CLAIMS ASSETS

County pushes back at national government 'bully'

BRIAN OTIENO/Senators have expressed concern over the national government's claim to assets in county governments, saying it will kill devolution.

Mombasa county secretary Francis Thoya on Tuesday told the Senate Labour Committee led by chairman Johnson Sakaja (above right) that they have received a letter from the Interior ministry asking them to vacate the Betting and Control Building saying it amounts to bullying. The committee said the move is a recipe for fresh controversies between the national and county governments.

COUNTIES EASTERN

TENDER ALLEGATIONS QUASHED

Mutua finally off the hook as graft charges dropped

Machakos governor was accused of irregularly buying cars for executives

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The Director of Public Prosecutions will not charge Machakos governor Alfred Mutua over the alleged irregular purchase of 16 vehicles for the county government.

This brings to an end allegations and protracted court battles pitting him against the state.

Claims of financial impropriety and abuse of office have hung around the county chief's neck since 2015.

At one time, some MCAs and residents urged the EACC and the DPP to arrest him, complaining police were at his beck and call.

Mutua was accused of single-sourcing and overpricing the cars.

But he argued that he helped the county by using Sh35 million, not the Sh140 million that had been allocated for the project.

The governor told the court his arrest and prosecution would be unlawful and his right to hold office would likely be infringed.

The Ethics and Anti-Corruption commission and the DPP have undertaken not to institute a criminal case against him.

They say the same charges were the subject of another suit in which all the accused persons were acquitted last November. The case was decided in a Machakos court.

The EACC and the DPP recorded consent in court. It was presented and signed before appellate judges Roselyn Nambuya, Otieno Odek and Asike Makhandia.

"This appeal, which was in relation to allegations of irregular purchase of 15 Subaru Outback vehicles and one Toyota Land Cruiser vehicle by

the Machakos county government, is marked as withdrawn," the consent read.

It was alleged that Mutua flouted procurement laws when he purchased pre-owned Subaru Outback vehicles for the county executive committee members without competitive bidding.

The DPP and the EACC wanted Mutua charged after they received

a complaint from former Machakos senator Johnson Muthama.

Mutua then filed a case at the High Court seeking to stop his prosecution, but it was dismissed.

The court gave the agencies the leeway to charge him.

Mutua immediately filed an appeal in October 2016, which has now been overtaken by events because of the latest development.

SH8BN LOST YEARLY

Water theft, leakages hurting state efforts to realise universal access, says Chelugui

REUBEN GITHINJI/ Water CS Simon Chelugui yesterday said Kenya loses more than Sh8 billion yearly to piped water theft and leakages.

He said illegal connections and inaccurate meters deny the country a lot of revenue. This remains a huge problem that must be fixed to sustain distribution and ensure Kenya achieves universal access to water by 2030 as outlined in Vision 2030 and the UN Sustainable Development Goals, he said.

According to an audit by the Water Services Regulatory Board, 31-85 per cent of water is not paid for because

of theft and leakages, Chelugui said.

The board got the support of Netherlands Development Association and the Kenya Market Trust during the nonrevenue audit. It covered nine water service providers across the country.

"The survey revealed that in Malindi, the nonrevenue water level was 31 per cent. In Nakuru rural, it was 85. According to WASREB, nonrevenue water level of under 20 per cent is good, 20-25 per cent is regarded as acceptable while of over 25 per cent is described as unacceptable," the CS said at Izaak Walton Inn, Embu.

Chief Administrative Secretary Winnie Nguchi read the speech on his behalf during a nonrevenue water management forum.

Chelugui complimented WASREB for its commitment to reduce levels of nonrevenue water. He said the agency is steadfast and is developing national benchmarks for enforcement and compliance.

He urged the counties to crack down on water theft and leakages and ensure proper management of water firms in line with the national laws and regulations. Participants came from all over the country.

CS PRAISES WATER AUTHORITY BOARD FOR COMMITTING TO REDUCE NONREVENUE LEVELS

VACCINATION DRIVE TO START

Anthrax scare in Meru as residents lose livestock

DENNIS DIBONDO/ The outbreak of a livestock disease suspected to be anthrax has sent shockwaves in some parts of Meru county.

Residents have urged the authorities to intervene. Veterinary officer Julius Kinyua said they would launch a vaccination drive. Anthrax is a rare but serious bacterial infection. Animals may show signs of high fever and blood may be present around the mouth, nose and anus of carcasses. On Sunday, residents of Abothuguchi West lost several livestock that suddenly developed symptoms attributed to the deadly disease.

RETRIEVED 24 HOURS LATER

Latrine digger dies in Maara after wall caves in during rain

DENNIS DIBONDO/ A 32-year-old man died in Tharaka Nithi after a 65 feet pit latrine he was digging caved in.

Heavy rain had just begun when a heap of soil fell and buried Lewis Mawira in Kamaara, Chogoria, Maara. Patrick Mwandiki was with the deceased. He was out of the pit when the tragedy struck. "He opted to go inside while I remained outside to help remove the soil," Mwandiki said. The downpour hampered rescue efforts. The body was retrieved 24 hours later. Makuri chief George Mutembei and Chogoria MCA Margaret Mukwanjeru urged residents to stop working in the open when it is raining. Resident Doreen Kageni criticised the county government for being ill-prepared to deal with disasters.



Isiolo County Referral Hospital /COURTESY

ONE CHILD DIED

Isiolo candidate injured in explosion sits exam

DENNIS DIBONDO/ An Isiolo KCPE candidate who was injured on Monday evening when an explosive blew off was discharged from hospital to write his papers.

The hospital boss said the pupil sat his exam yesterday – the second day of the national test.

One child died on the spot while nine others sustained injuries after a grenade they were playing with exploded outside a boys' dormitory at Victors' Homestead in Emegen village, Burat ward.

The injured were admitted to Isiolo County Referral Hospital. The children had been oblivious of the dangers posed by the device.

County health chief officer Ali Wario yesterday said they received 10 casualties. Of the 10, nine were pupils and one was a teacher.

"We handled the cases well as they were minor injuries. Seven of them were discharged, including the teacher. Three were admitted. Of the three, two have soft tissue injuries and one has abdominal injury, but all are stable and are recovering well," Wario said.

COUNTIES NORTHEASTERN

INFORMATION SHARING

Cops and residents unite to avert terror

Youths who joined al Shabaab urged to return with assurance amnesty given by government still stands



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Northeastern residents have been urged to share information on suspicious activity immediately to avert terror attacks.

Regional commissioner Mohamed Birik said cooperation between security officers and the public has significantly improved.

He spoke yesterday in Kutulo, Tarbaj subcounty, during a secu-

rity meeting. "Let us all be patriotic and defend our country by sharing information upfront and working with the security apparatus because they are here for your safety," Birik said.

He urged youths who have joined al Shabaab to return, adding that the amnesty given by the government still stands.

"The government has been consistent on this matter: That any youth who joined the militia group will be pardoned provided he surrenders voluntarily. There is absolutely no reason to warrant one joining terror groups in the first place," Birik said.

During the meeting, residents denounced the activities of the militia group.

Early this year, 11 Administration Police officers died when the vehicle they were travelling in passed over an improvised explosive device.

MORE RESERVISTS

"We are against the insurgents because we are the first victims as the soldiers who were recently killed are all from Tarbaj subcounty," elder Gedi Shire said.

"We will work with the security apparatus as we have always done, but we urge them to be compassionate in handling members of the public."

Wajir governor Mohamed Abdi said insecurity impedes service delivery from hospitals to schools and called on the public to cooperate with the security apparatus.

MP Ahmed Bashane said appointing more KPRs is the best solution to the al Shabaab menace in addition to information sharing by the public.

Kutulo is 35 kilometers from the Kenya-Somali border.



Girls fetch water in Balambala subcounty /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

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WILL BE ARRESTED

Parents told not to take girls for FGM

STEPHEN ASTARIKO/ Parents have been ordered against sending their girls to rural areas to undergo female genital mutilation during the holidays.

Chief Yusuf Sheikh said parents who do so will be arrested. He spoke during a public meeting in Waberi West, Garissa town. "We know many parents take advantage of this long holiday to send their girls to rural areas and have them circumcised. We are warning you to abandon your mission or you will face the law," Sheikh said.

Garissa is among the counties with high incidences of FGM. Woman representative Anab Gure said the practice demeans girls and women and affects their health. Early this year, two rape cases were reported in Wajir which caused an uproar among women leaders.

COUNTIES NYANZA



MPs during a tour of the stalled hyacinth harvester in Kisumu on Tuesday /FAITH MATETE

LAKE CHOKED BY WEED

MPs to summon CS Tobiko over idle hyacinth harvester

Sh80M machine has stalled at Kisumu port for three years over missing hooks



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MPs will summon Environment CS Keriako Tobiko to explain the stalled removal of hyacinth from Lake Victoria.

The Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project bought a hyacinth harvester at Sh80 million to clear the weed from the lake in 2015.

Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Regional Integration and Northern Corridor Development on Tuesday said they want Tobiko to explain why the machine has stalled at the Kisumu inland port.

Committee chairman Gideon Ochanda said it was unfortunate that a machine lies idle yet the weed continues to choke the lake.

The team toured the port and in-

spected the machine.

"We have spoken with the management of LVEMP II and they have confirmed that some hooks are still missing from the machine. The machine can't remove hyacinth without the hooks," Ochanda said.

The Bondo MP said the committee had reached a conclusion that the ministry has failed in its implementation role in getting rid of hyacinth from lake Victoria.

"We cannot blame the commission because it has already done its part in sourcing for finance. The problem is at the implementation stage which is now under Ministry of Environment," Ochanda said.

The MP said Sh2.3 million is need to buy the missing hooks. The machine was bought with grants and a loan from the World Bank.

"We wonder why a government can wait for more than three years

to fix such a small problem," Ochanda said. MPs put to task LVEMP II manager Isaac Ngugi over the stalled machine and why the hooks had not been bought.

Last week, a fisherman was marooned by hyacinth for three days. He lost consciousness upon rescue.

"Our fishermen cannot continue suffering due to hyacinth yet there is a machine to clear the weed," Eve Obara said. The Kasipul Kabondo MP is a member of the committee.

Ngugi said the project stalled because of procurement challenges in buying the hooks. He said there were "unfinished businesses" with the supplier.

The hyacinth harvester can clear 2.8 acres of the weed in just eight hours. Hyacinth has paralysed transport across Lake Victoria and rendered many beaches non-operational.

'OUR FISHERMEN CANNOT CONTINUE SUFFERING YET THERE IS A MACHINE TO CLEAR HYACINTH'

FROM 18 PER CENT

Firm to expand water coverage to 30 per cent in three years

FAITH MATETE / Kisumu Water and Sewerage Company has launched an expansion programme to improve coverage from the current 18 per cent to 30 per cent in three years.

Company MD Thomas Odongo yesterday said they were working with partners to also improve sanitation which stands at 55 per cent. "The sewer coverage in Kisumu is still very low hence the need to increase it," Odongo said. He spoke during the launch of a Sh10 million water project in Dago, Kisumu West. Water coverage in Kisumu is estimated at 53 per cent. The county has a demand of 44,000 cubic metres per day.



Kiwasco seeks to expand water coverage in Kisumu /MAURICE ALAL

WANT CLARITY ON QUESTION

Kisumu youths seek court advisory on referendum

FAITH MATETE / Youths have petitioned a court in Kisumu to clarify what questions can be in the referendum, saying law change should only be about reducing the public wage bill. Sumawe Youth Group members Titus Alila, Jackline Otieno and Francis Ogada want the court to stop any law changes until the matter is determined.

They listed the Attorney General and IEBC as respondents. "There is need for clarity on the kind of questions that must go to a referendum and the amendments that MPs can make," their lawyer Ken Amondi said.

Justice Fred Ochieng declined to certify the matter as urgent. The case will be mentioned on November 20.

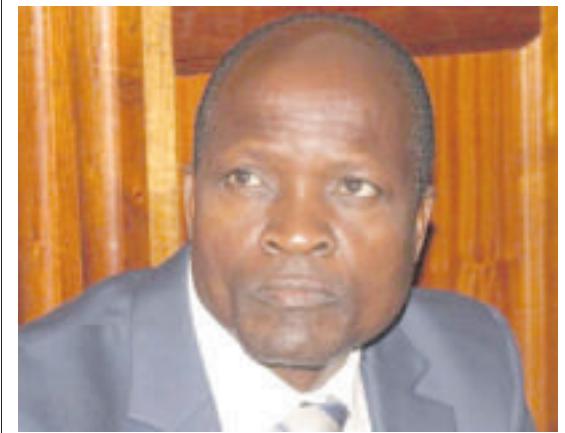
CITE CONFLICTING LAWS

MPs call for borderless lake to end harassment of fishermen

FAITH MATETE / MPs have called for a borderless lake to end harassment of fishermen in Lake Victoria.

The Parliamentary Committee on Regional Integration on Tuesday said the move will ease movement of fishermen within East African countries.

Bondo MP Gideon Ochanda said different rules and regulations have caused conflict between Ugandan authorities and Kenyan fishermen. He said allowing free movement of people is the solution. "We don't need to have a border in the lake because fish in the water has no idea of boundary," Ochanda said in Kisumu. He was with committee members Eve Obara, Kassim Ali and Mathias Robi.



KEEN ON LEGACY

Panic in Migori over Obado staff changes

MANUEL ODONYI / Top employees in Migori are anxious after governor Okoth Obado (pictured) indicated plans to make changes in his administration.

Sources told the Star Obado read the riot act to executives during a cabinet meeting on Monday. The governor reported to work for the first time after being released from remand where he had stayed for 34 days.

Obado was arrested and charged with the murder of girlfriend Sharon Otieno and her unborn child. He denied the charges.

On Monday, Obado briefly addressed workers outside his office before chairing the cabinet meeting. "We are in a panic mode because there is news that most workers will be sacked and others may be demoted," an executive confided to the Star.

Obado wants to build his legacy. He complained that staff had let him down on promises made to residents. Most contracts end in December. The governor has since reined in infighting staff.

County Public Service Board chairman Peterlis Nyatuga said 11 chief officer positions and those of two directors in veterinary and water departments will become vacant. "All these positions will be vacant by December 5 and will need to be filled," Nyatuga said.

COUNTIES WESTERN

'JUNGLE-STYLE POPULARITY CONTEST'

Let people not elite 'own' referendum – Mudavadi

Domineering class says there will be a vote, like it or not



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ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi has warned politicians against using the proposed referendum to push for individual interests.

He urged the proponents of the referendum – President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga – to be sensible and allow Kenyans to own the reform process.

"We must avoid restricting ownership of debate to a small segment of the political elite who want to placate us with amendments of the kind Kenya experienced in 1965, 1966 and 1982....[These included] abolishing devolved government and the Senate, or expanding an already bloated Executive," Mudavadi said in an advert published in the Star on Monday.

He said the law should be amend-

ed to protect the interests of the current and future generations.

"The moment and the process cannot be fenced in by a small elite cabal that is engaged in a divisive jungle-style political popularity contest," Mudavadi said. The ANC leader said a part of "this domineering self-styled and self-focused elitist class" is saying there will be a referendum, whether people like it or not.

He said the elite and the political establishments have compromised the implementation of the Constitution to favour their interests.

Mudavadi said electoral injustice, corruption, tribalism and incompetence can be addressed if those in power implement Chapter Six of the Constitution on integrity. "Over the past eight years, those charged with implementing the Constitution have done so only hesitantly. Sometimes they have been outright unwilling to implement it – and at other times gone flat out to frustrate it," he said.

The ANC leader wants more resources channeled to devolution.

He said the Constitution holds the promise of a better life for everyone, entrenched in the essential values of human rights, equality, freedom, democracy, social justice and the rule of law.

Mudavadi wants the electoral process respected by the IEBC and those in power. "What do we do about the IEBC? here is the perfect case of the referee also being a player," he said.

Mudavadi said Kenyans have the final say to choose if they want a presidential or a parliamentary system of government.

He wants the budget expenditure of the Executive, Parliament and county assembly looked into. Mudavadi also wants the law strengthened to empower Kenyans to recall elected leaders who fail to perform.

He wants the marginalised populations be brought on board, beyond tokenism.



ANC Leader Musalia Mudavadi at ANC House in Riverside on May18 /VICTOR IMBOTO

14 DAYS NOTICE

Kakamega nurses demand CBA, threaten to walk out

Insist county must sign, implement scheme of service

CALISTUS LUCHETU/ Nurses in Kakamega have given the county two weeks to sign their collective bargaining agreement and implement their scheme of service.

They said if the county fails to sign the CBA, they will go on strike.

Branch secretary general Robinson Bulunya on Tuesday urged the county government to explain why the nurses' scheme of service is not being implemented.

He condemned the arrest of KNUN national secretary general Seth Panyako at Kenyatta National Hospital on Monday for allegedly inciting nurses at the facility to strike.

Panyako was released on Tues-

day on Sh50,000 personal bond. He denied the charge of breaching the peace and causing a disturbance.

Bulunya said, "The introduction of the universal healthcare by President Uhuru Kenyatta has not gone down well with some individuals who are out to sabotage the programme and insubordinate him. By so doing, they want nurses to keep on running on the streets and leave people dying to ruin the President's legacy."

Kakamega branch chairman Eliud Molenje said, "We are condemning the intimidation that has been meted out on our nurses. Recently there was a nurse who was assaulted at KNH and nothing has been done."

CLAIM SOME PEOPLE ARE OUT TO SABOTAGE UHURU'S LEGACY



Busia town /FILE

THIEVES RIP ROOF OFF SHOP

Budalang'i traders to meet security officers over thefts

GILBERT OCHIENG' A trader in Budalang'i, Busia county, has incurred losses after a gang ripped off the roof of his shop and stole items and cash.

Timothy Ojiambo said he found the roof ripped off when he opened his shop on Tuesday morning. The floor was flooded with rain water, he said. Ojiambo said some of the shop items were scattered on the floor.

The businessman said thieves have raided his shop three times recently. "Police claim one gang member, who had invaded my shop, was arrested and taken to court, but the gang is still giving us sleepless nights," he said. Budalang'i traders' chairman Fredrick Odipo said he will convene a meeting of traders and security agents in the subcounty to find a lasting solution to the increased robbery cases.

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NATIONAL OPEN TENDER

ADDENDUM NO.01

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief description	Tender Submission Deadline	Target Group
1.	From NIB/T/005/2018-2019 to NIB/T/012/2018-2019	Rehabilitation of existing water pans and small dams	26th November 2018 at 12.00 noon local time	ALL
2.	From NIB/T/013/2018-2019 to NIB/T/016/2018-2019	Rehabilitation of existing water pans and small dams	26th November 2018 at 12.00 noon local time	Youth, Women & Persons with Disability

Reference is made to the publication of National Open Tender for the above tender in My Gov in two daily newspapers of daily circulation ,National Irrigation Board's(Board) website: <http://www.nib.or.ke/tenders/> and GoK's Public Procurement Information Portal, <http://www.tenders.go.ke> on 9th October 2018 and extension of time for uploading the required tender documents through Notice No. 1 of 12th October 2018 and Notice No. 2 of 18th October 2018.

In order to provide adequate time for the interested tenderers to prepare their tenders which were uploaded on 25th October 2018, the Board has extended the deadline for submission of tenders from 5th November 2018 at 12.00 local time to 26th November 2018 at 12.00 noon local time. Any other clarification(s) will be uploaded to the Board's website as and when need arises.

Please incorporate the changes in preparation and submission of your tenders. The other details, terms and conditions remain the same.

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COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY

RIVALRY

Cherargei and MCAs say no to joining lake regional bloc, bank

But governor backs move to join development group, saying it will benefit farmers



Nandi governor Sang and Senator Samson Cherargei in Eldoret on September 24 /MATHEWS NDANYI

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Nandi senator Samson Cherargei and some MCAs have opposed joining the Lake Region Economic Bloc and contributing Sh200 million for a development bank.

They want the money to be spent on youth projects instead.

"We have asked the county assembly not to approve the millions because we have more pressing needs where the money can be used," Cherargei said.

The senator wants the county to remain in the North Rift Economic

Bloc (Noreb) instead of joining other blocs.

However, Governor Stephen Sang defended the move to join the LREB, saying it will benefit farmers.

"We are in LREB for economic gains and we will remain in Noreb as active members," he said.

Noreb has been dormant for the past three years, forcing three counties to join alternative blocs.

Nandi and Trans Nzoia joined LREB while Elgeyo Marakwet joined the semi-arid counties to form another bloc.

Uasin Gishu governor Jackson Mandago who is the Noreb chairman defended the decision by the counties to join other blocs, saying

they were free to work with others.

Eight governors have agreed to meet and revive Noreb, appointing former Nandi deputy governor Dominic Biwott as the CEO.

BLOC RIVALRY

Other governors expected to attend the meeting include Patrick Khaumba (Trans Nzoia), Josphat Nanok (Turkana), Alex Tolgos (Elgeyo Marakwet), John Lonyangapuo (West Pokot) and Stanley Kiptis (Baringo).

Nanok, Khaumba and Mandago met in Eldoret last week over the matter. The governors will use the meeting to pursue common investments, including ways to help maize

farmers.

Biwott confirmed the governors would meet on Friday to discuss the way forward. He said new measures to revive Noreb will be implemented quickly to initiate joint projects in the region.

Mandago said Trans Nzoia and Uasin Gishu are already in talks with the Qatar government to produce animal feeds for farmers.

"As regional counties, our residents have common problems and that is why we must pull together as a bloc. We need to diversify and minimise losses in maize farming," he said.

Fourteen counties have signed up to LREB, eight of which have forwarded the bills to their county assemblies awaiting approval.

The counties in the bloc are: Bomet, Bungoma, Busia, Homa Bay, Kakamega, Kericho, Kisii, Kisumu, Migori, Nandi, Nyamira, Siaya, Trans Nzoia and Vihiga.

Only Kakamega has ratified the LREB Bill and paid the Sh200 million. Kisumu and Homa Bay counties have paid Sh100 million and Sh50 million respectively.

The passage of the bill at the county assemblies would legalise the economic bloc ensuring partnership in tourism, agriculture, education and finance.

At least six county assemblies should ratify the agreement to anchor it into law.

Last week, President Uhuru Kenyatta opened the inaugural LREB investment conference in Bomet town, where he supported the formation of regional blocs.

He said the national government regional development authorities will be streamlined to fit the new economic dynamics while supporting regional blocs.

PETITION

Bomet youth call for referendum over lake group

FELIX KIPKEMOI/A section of youth from Bomet town want a referendum to determine whether the county should join the Lake Region Economic Bloc.

They said the residents were not informed on the importance of the Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB).

Youth leader Tyson Saitoti said they had drafted a petition that they will present to the county assembly.

"As the residents of this county we want to state that we were not involved when the decision to join the bloc was made. It is shocking that we have only heard about it in the media," Saitoti said.

The group accused Governor Joyce Laboso of ignoring public input about joining the bloc.

"For any decision that affects the county to be arrived at, there has to be a public participation," Saitoti said.

TENSION

Woman, 65, killed by bandits in Laikipia county

ELIJUD WAITHAKA/Tension remains high at Ol Moran, Laikipia county, after a woman was killed by bandits believed to be from the neighbouring Samburu county.

Alice Muthoni, 65, was on Tuesday night killed at her Gathanji home by the suspected bandits.

Residents told the Star yesterday three armed men attacked Muthoni at 9pm after attempting to steal her cows.

"They shot her three times in the stomach after she raised the alarm. The attackers had earlier terrorised other residents and made away with an unknown number of cattle," Benson Kamaara said.

County police commander Simon Kipkeu said four people have been arrested in connection with the murder.

STAKEHOLDERS UNAWARE

Questions raised over plans to review L Naivasha boundaries

GEORGE MURAGE/Questions have been raised over a move to review the boundaries of Lake Naivasha.

The Water Resource Authority (WRA) has proposed to review the lake's riparian boundaries.

Lake Naivasha boat owners association member David Kilo has called for a public baraza to discuss the proposal. He said many of the stakeholders were not aware of the plan.

He questioned the move by WRA to collect petitions over the matter noting that many of the stakeholders were not aware of the plan to review the boundaries.

A senior Nema official who declined to be named, said that an aerial survey had shown the plan would see 247 acres carved from the lake.

"The WRA is not giving the reason of reviewing the boundaries making it suspicious. We will reject the plan," the official said. However WRA Naivasha sub-county manager Geoffrey Mworia said that no decision had been made.

KIDNEY FAILURE

Ex-powerful Coast PC Samuel Limo to be buried on Saturday

JOSEPH KANGOGO/Former powerful Coast Provincial Commissioner Samuel Limo will be laid to rest at his Kaplumbei home in Kabartonjo, Baringo North subcounty on Saturday.

Limo, 68, died on October 16 at the Meridian Equator Hospital in Nairobi where he was admitted for over a month due to kidney failure.

He served in the public service as Coast Provincial Commissioner from 1997 until his retirement in April 2003 under retired president Daniel Moi.

The late Limo also briefly served under the Presidents Jomo Kenyatta and Mwai Kibaki.

After his retirement he was appointed director of Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA) and also served as Board of Governors chairman for several secondary schools.

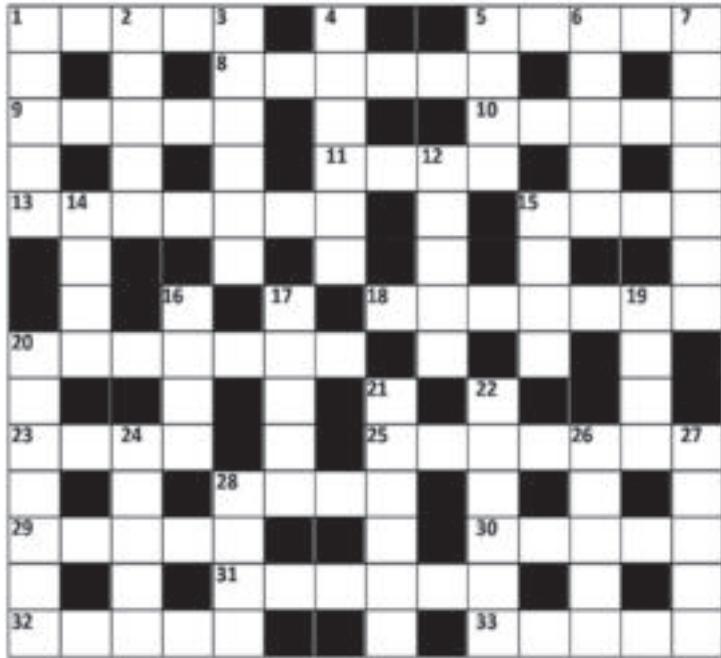
Limo's Widow Sarah Kipchumba told the Star on Wednesday that his condition deteriorated from June this year and he had battled diabetes since 1994.



Residents console the family of former Coast PC Samuel Limo yesterday ahead of his burial at his Kaplumbei home on Saturday /JOSEPH KANGOGO

COFFEE BREAK

CROSSWORD



DOWN

- Long-tailed brilliantly colored parrot of Central America and south (5)
- Any agreeable pleasing and harmonious sounds (5)
- Plural form of the noun coati (6)
- CCM member of Parliament for Norak West constituency (6)
- River in Uganda with banks along Kamuli, Kayunga and Buyende districts (4)
- The bony cavity in the skull containing the eyeball (5)
- Former member of Parliament for Kabondo Kasipul constituency (7)
- Chief port and economic center of Nigeria (5)
- Not present; having left (4)
- A stain or disfiguring mark (4)
- Any of the forms of Chinese spoken in Fukien province (4)
- State of violent mental agitation (5)
- In or of the present month (4)
- Jubilee Party member of Parliament for Nyaribari Chache constituency (7)
- Of soil; soft and watery (6)
- FORD-K member of Parliament for Tongaren constituency (6)
- District in western Uganda bordering Masindi, Bulisa, Ntoroko, Kyankwanzi and Kibale district (5)
- Optimal; being the best possibility (5)

ACROSS

- Imitate a person or manner, especially for satirical effect (5)
- Jubilee Party member of Parliament for Kihiaru constituency (5)
- ANC's member of Parliament (6)
- A riblike part of a plant or animal (5)
- A group of people who try actively to influence legislation (5)
- Draw slowly or heavily (4)
- Jubilee Party member of Parliament for Mwea constituency (7)
- Make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow (4)
18. Jubilee Party Tuitoek Daniel Kamuren's political backyard (7)
- One of the Counties in Kenya (7)
- Causing a dull and steady pain (4)
- Jubilee Party member of Parliament for Juja constituency (7)
- The 2nd letter of the Greek alphabet (4)
- A friend or comrade (5)
- Type genus of the irenidae; fairy bluebirds (5)
- Something given as a token of victory (6)
- Former prime minister of Uganda (5)
- To lay up; hoard (5)

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By James Gago



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October 24 – November 22

You'll find it easy to talk about your feeling today. Don't hesitate to find out what your mate's intentions are.

SAGITTARIUS

November 23 – December 21

You may want to sign up for courses that will encourage you to have more confidence in yourself.

CAPRICORN

December 22 – January 20

Look into physical activities that will help get rid of some of that tension you may be feeling.

AQUARIUS

January 21 – February 19

Be diplomatic but stem. Do what's best for the people you love most. You are best to avoid confrontations.

PISCES

February 20 – March 20

Don't expect the whole family to be overjoyed. Your self esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring.

ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Don't be too quick to blame others. Try not to let your emotions interfere with the completion of your work.

TAURUS

April 21– May 21

You are likely to be left alone if you aren't willing to bend just a little. Talk to an older family member you have helped in the past.

GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

You can make financial gains through investments and dealing with other people's money.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

Stomach problems could prevail if you haven't been watching your diet. Focus on forming business partnerships.

LEO

July 23 – August 22

Make sure any presentation you have is ready. Watch for empty promises that may give you false hope.

VIRGO

August 23 – September 23

Don't blow situations out of proportion or you could find that others will misinterpret what really happened.

LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles:
On 09th November, 2018 starting at 11.00 am at our offices, Bitia Plaza, Muranga Road suite No. A3.
IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION:
1.CLIENT VS PHRASIA WANJIRU KARIUKI.
MV REG NO: KCG 067R BUS COACH.
2. CLIENT VS KEVIN WACHIYE KEYA.
MV REG NO: KCH 777K LANDROVER DISCOVERY TD V6.
3.CLIENT VS STEVIC SIARA WALUKELA.
MV REG NO: KBY 288H MAN PRIME MOVER.

CONDITION OF SALE:

- 1.Cash at the fall of the hammer.
- 2.All interested buyers are requested to view the motor vehicles at The Auction Centre – Off Ridge Ways Road.
- 3.Sale is subject to a reasonable reserve price.

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We are inviting offers for interested parties for the purchase of Motor Vehicle listed below.

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Toyota Axio	KCN 784C	2010	650,000	Autogallery Westlands
Nissan Xtrail	KBM 775U	2004	550,000	Autogallery Westlands
Toyota Mark X	KCK 633L	2009	700,000	Autogallery Westlands
BMW 318i	KBN 019P	2003	350,000	Langata Road
Honda Fit	KBX 579A	2006	350,000	Rongai

Vehicles is to be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" basis.

Bids with full contacts details should be submitted through email on info@barakacredit.co.ke or placed in a sealed envelope addressed to TENDER COMMITTEE, to be received not later than 8th November 2018

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P.O Box 4058-0056 Nairobi,
Utalii House Ground Floor
For further details, contacts us on
Tel 0795717522

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR SALE

We invite offers from interested parties for the purchase of motor vehicles listed below.

NO	VEHICLE MAKE	REG NO.	YEAR OF MAN.	STORAGE FACILITY
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2.	TOYOTA BELTA	KBX 520W	2006	FORESIGHT MOTORS YARD-JUJA
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4.	NISSAN WINGROAD	KBJ 688G	2002	FORESIGHT MOTORS YARD-JUJA
5.	MAZDA DEMIO	KCA 683J	2007	FORESIGHT MOTORS YARD-JUJA
6.	LEXUS GS300 (SALVAGE)	KBR 800J	2004	LANGATA OPP.CANIVORE
7.	MAZDA CX-7	KCF 791M	2009	FORESIGHT MOTORS YARD-JUJA

*Viewing can be done from 8am to 6pm(Monday to Saturday)
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For further inquiries and forwarding your offers, please contact SIMON: 0799862315
Or drop the same in a sealed envelope addressed to the tender committee at
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P.O BOX 64036-00620
Sanlam house 3rd floor, Kenyatta Avenue
NAIROBI



PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction **On Thursday 8th November 2018 from 11:00 am at Pangani Auction Center, Murang'a opp Guru Nanak Hospital.**

1. FINANCIER- VS- WILSON KIPRUOTO KETER

2. SIMON KHISA OPARAH WEKESA

Description	Reg No.	Y.O.M	Colour	Viewing
NISSAN X-TRAIL	KBN 466Z	2005	SILVER	PANGANI AUCTION CENTER
BMW AM20	KAZ 298J	2000	BEIGE	PANGANI AUCTION CENTER

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from the under mentioned court, we shall sell by Public Auction the below mentioned property/good on **Friday 9th November, 2018 at Bungoma Posta Grounds starting at 10.00AM**

BUNGOMA CMCC.NO. 253 OF 2017

JANET WANJALA MUHYUI =VRS= MULTI GIBBS ENTERPRISES

1. One motor vehicle Reg.No.KBY 1665
Make: FAW TRUCK

CONDITION OF SALE

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Tel:0723-705-736,

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PUBLIC AUCTION (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

Under instructions received from our principles/clients, we shall sell the undermentioned property as hereunder:

1)A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN NAIROBI COUNTY ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2018 IN OUR OFFICE STARTING AT 10.30 AM

The entire parcel of land known as NAIROBI/BLOCK 93/1545, Nairobi County measuring approximately 0.0163 hectares or 0.0403 acres. The title is a lease hold interest of 99 years registered in the name of **John Kimanzi Musyoka of P. O. Box 59485-00100, Nairobi**. The property is situated in Embassy Court 1 Estate which is approx. 220 meters off Likoni Road. It is identified on the ground as house no. 14. The plot is developed with a double storey family house whose construction has stalled at roofing stage.

CONDITION OF SALE

- 1.All interested buyers are requested to view and verify the details for themselves, as these are not warranted by the auctioneers or the chargees.
- 2.Subject to reserve price, Land Control Board consent and other overriding interest where applicable.
- 3.Payment of 25% deposit cash/bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer and balance within 60 days from the date of the auction.
- 4.Contact the auctioneers for further details if any.



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction, the following repossessed motor vehicle on **Friday 9th November, 2018 at my clients yard in Mombasa from 10:00 am.**

Client- vs- Benjamin Kipchumba
One Motor Vehicle. Reg. No. KCM 097Z Nissan Atlas

Condition of Sale.

Cash at the fall of hammer

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of the land parcel No **THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 17/1446** located in Thika Sub-county along Garisa road proposes to change its use from **agricultural to residential multidwelling units(flat)** subject to approval by the county government of Kiambu. Individuals, organization or institutions with comment or objection to this proposal should forward them in writing within (14)days of this publication to;

DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
P.O Box 2344-00900
KIAMBU.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286

CHANGE OF USER

The owner of plot **TIGONI/MABROUKE BLOCK 1/385** located in Karanjee area off Tigoni-Limuru road is proposing to change the use from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (flats)**, subject to approval by Limuru Sub-county Individuals, Institutions, e.t.c with objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to.

THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU
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PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286

CHANGE OF USER

The Registered Owner of Parcel **No. Loc. 18/Marumi/684** along Kigumo - Kangari Road at Kigumo Town in Kigumo Sub County proposes to change its use from **Agricultural to Commercial cum Residential Development** subject to approval by Murang'a County Government. Individual(s), Institution(s), Organization(s) etc with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The Director of Physical Planning, Murang'a County Government, P. O. Box 52-10200, Murang'a.

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PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286

CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Title no. **RUIR/U/RUIR EAST BLOCK 2/20897** propose to Change of use of this parcel from **Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling units (flats)** subject to approval by Kiambu County. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections/comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

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PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT CAP 286

CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Title no. **MAKUYU/KIMORORI/ BLOCK III/5716** propose to Change of use of this parcel from **Agricultural to residential multi-dwelling units (flats)** subject to approval by Murang'a county government. Individuals, institutions, organizations etc. with objections/comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

The Director of Physical Planning, Murang'a County Government P.O Box 145 Kenol.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT KITALE CIVIL CASE NO. 73 OF 2017

PLAINTIFFS
SIMON MENGICH SISIMWO LINET NDIEMA

VERSUS

KELVIN KINOI NATHAN ASEGA

DEFENDANTS
SUBSTITUTED SERVICE ORDER 5 RULE 17 OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES 2010

PURSUANT TO THE LEAVE GRANTED BY THE COURT ON 26TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

TO: NATHAN ASEGA
TAKE NOTICE that a plaint has been filed at the chief magistrate's court at Kitale in which you have been named as the 2nd Defendant.

SERVICE of the plaint summons to enter appearance upon you has been ordered by means of this advertisement. Copies of the summons and plaint may be obtained from the chief magistrate's court registry at Kitale or the undersigned advocate's offices.

DATED at KITALE this 25th day of October 2018.

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Im 5.8tall n medium body n cute guy, n fear God n honesty, - need loving lady n understand n which lead 2mr n mrs.jokers dont call or sms.0721885867

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ALICE, 21yrs, virgin grl, cute, luvly, biutiful n romanc. want a living stable man. sms0711689517

ABDUL FROM SOUTH C is looking for lady friend from nairobi. 0717054246

Am ken age 33 in Nairobi. Am looking for a rich financially-stablw sugarlady hiv-, who is tal, goodlooking, plus size, with nice curves. from 75kg and abv, age 35 to 65, marryd or singl, any race. 4 fun love and romans, cal/ text 0773653604 no jokers

RAJESH, Single, smart, handsom, f stable, want a gud, faithful n romantk lady. sms 0712852468

SINGLE? lonely? divorced, widow, lonely rich hs/wfe, casual date, leisure luv, escort lovers, intrstd?sms0711689517

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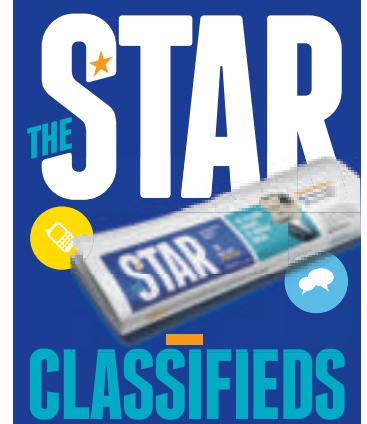
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SPORTS LOCAL

KUSA GAMES

Eldoret set to host universities track, field and indoor games

BY SABUNI EMMANUEL / Paul Korir leads University of Eldoret team to this year's Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) national athletics and indoor games to be staged at Moi University, Annex Campus this weekend.

The two-day event brings together all universities across the country as they prepare for the East Africa University Games to be staged in

Tanzania in December. Korir, who clocked 16:32.5 to win the Kusa Rift Valley Championships held last week at the same venue, will have Kenyatta University's Erick Bett as his main challenger in the men's 5,000m.

Masai Mara university's Bethwel Kosgei leads the charge in the men's 1,500m as Kabarak University's Irene Rono and Bethwel Serem will be chasing the women and men's 800m

titles respectively. Apart from athletics, the event will feature basketball, chess, scrabble, badminton and table tennis. United States International University (USIU) will be defending their basketball titles for both men and women that will be played at Moi West campus courts.

However, Kusa are worried with the low entries this year. "We have very few entries this time round unlike in

the past where we had an overflow of institutions registering. I wonder what went wrong this year," said Kusa secretary, Joseph Kidake.

"As we focus on the East Africa Games, this tournament would have been of great importance for the players who will be competing in Tanzania. We are hoping that other universities will register before the games to begin on Saturday," added Sandagi.

"WE HAVE VERY FEW ENTRIES THIS TIME ROUND UNLIKE IN THE PAST," JOSEPH KIDAKE



RUGBY

Murunga faces selection crisis

Sevens coach to rely on rookies at season-opening Dubai leg

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

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Shujaa coach Paul Murunga is facing players' crisis with the opening leg of the World Sevens Series in Dubai a month away.

Murunga will be without stalwarts Collins Injera, former skipper Andrew Amonde, Willy Ambaka, Nelson Oyoo and Sammy Oliech, who are with the Kenya Simbas and leave the country tonight for the repechage in Marseille, France next week.

Murunga will be also without playmaker Brian Tanga of Kabras for three months due to exam commitments. Tanga is expected back in March 2019. Tanga's team-mate at Kabras Dan Sikuta is also yet to be released by the club. Also missing

from the squad for the two opening tournaments is Billy Odhiambo who has a broken jaw sustained at the Dala Sevens two month ago.

Homeboyz' Jeff Oluoch who played all the 10 tournaments of the series last season and was standout performer is doubt for the opener, having suffered a hairline fracture on his wrist.

Murunga expects the player to recover before their departure to Dubai. Eric Ombasa, who debuted last season, has an ankle injury while Arthur Owira who broke his leg during the Commonwealth Games in April is still unavailable. Nakuru's Gramwell Bunyasi has a knee injury which is expected to clear up by mid this month.

Murunga said he has no choice but to rely on a youthful squad for the season openers next month.

"The squad that did duty in the Africa Cup is most likely the one that will fly the country's flag in Dubai and Cape Town. They are young and energetic group and keen on proving a point and making a mark," added Murunga.

He added: "Over the years, we have mostly relied on senior players in the squad for depth and good results. But this time, expect to see the reverse—more new players and a few senior players to guide them."

"I am out to build a new squad this season, then refine the results in the next season with view of qualifying for the Olympics. Seasons later, we will have a fully-fledged squad to gun for a place in the 2022 World Cup," he noted. The team started training a fortnight ago and train Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Homeboyz' Leonard Mugaisi vies for the ball with KCB's Jacob Ojee during the 2018 Christie 7s

/ENOS TECHE



BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / National champions Homeboyz will grace the Safari Sevens tournament slated for November 9-11 at the RFUEA ground.

According to Kenya Rugby Union, the deejays will join the confirmed teams who will be playing in the three-day rugby extravaganza including South African side Cobras and Namibia.

Simon Odongo will coach the Homeboyz squad that play minus their players, who will be on national assignments with Kenya 7s and Simbas.

In the absence of their big boys, Homeboyz will rely heavily on experienced Oscar Ayodi, Augustine Lugonzo, Collins Shikoli, Kevin Masai, William Diffu, Max Kang'eri, Victor Don, Humphrey Owuor and Steve Otieno among others.

Odongo observed that the tournament will be good build-up for the Dubai Invitational tournament, where the Deejays have been invited. "The Safari Sevens will be a good tournament for us as we prepare for the event in Dubai event," added Odongo.

Spain and Portugal, who had confirmed participation early this month, will be joined by Apache 7s, Red Wailers, Samurai 7s, Uganda, and Burkina Faso. Kenya will field Shujaa and Morans.

The tournament will be a 12-team format in line with international events like the Olympics and the recently concluded Commonwealth Games and will provide both competition and entertainment over the two days of the main event."

SPORTS LOCAL

AMPUTEE WORLD CUP

Kenya face champions Russia in knock-out encounter

BY CYPRIAN KIMUTAI / Team Kenya have been drawn against current world champions Russia in the Amputee football World Cup play-off round in San Juan, Mexico. The two are set to lock horns today. The draw was carried out immediately after the final group stage matches yesterday.

This is the first time Team Kenya have progressed into the play-offs round. In the group stages, they lost to European champions Turkey and impressively beat United States in their second match.

They profited from a walkover against Liberia, who pulled out of the tournament due to financial issues. Liberia's absence played to their ad-

vantage as they finished second in their group with six points out of the possible nine.

Team captain, Dalmas Otieno, is pleased with team's overall performance, noting that so far they have achieved what many initially deemed as impossible. "We arrived here after a number of challenges but we were motivated with the fact that we are here to represent our country and we have no intention of disappointing the people back home."

"Many people thought we only came here to fill the numbers but we decided to use this opportunity to highlight the role sports can play in improving an athletes' life," con-

cluded Otieno. The last time the two teams met, Kenya lost 4-1 to Russia in the first Group 'C' match of the 2014 World Cup— a result they attributed to lack of experience then.

However, this time round, Otieno feels they have come of age and he is hoping they can pull a major upset against Russia. "We have learned from our mistakes and we are prepared to go toe-to-toe with the Russians, who have fielded a weaker team this year," he emphasised.

Should Kenya see off Russia, they will meet either Ireland or title favourites Turkey, who have scored a whooping 12 goals and reached the play-off round after winning all their three games.



National amputee football players Chris Owino, Brian Orok, Samuel Njoroge during a recent training session at City Stadium / OLIVER MORGAN

BOXING

Okoth leads squad

Kenyan soldiers trade guns for punches as they prepare for Africa Military Games

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BY SAMSON ATEKA / Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games bantam-weight bronze medallist, Nick Okoth, will lead a full 10-man Kenya Defence Forces squad to the forthcoming Africa Military Games in Algiers, Algeria.

Okoth, a corporal in the army, expressed optimism ahead of the continental event, adding: "I'm going for nothing short of gold."

The soft-spoken boxer, who is also the 2015 All Africa Games lightweight bronze medallist in Brazzaville, Congo, said the team boxers have what it takes to rock their ring adversaries in the North African state.

"We have trained together as a team for a long time while some of us have the much needed experience with the national team. We anticipate some great action of boxing artistry," said Okoth. Also in the Algiers mix are renowned boxers including former Kenyan welter-weight international Sergeant Blackmoses Mathenge and heavyweight Lance Bombardier Fredrick Ramogi among others.

The team, which won the third leg of the BAK National League in Mombasa last month in Police's absence, jets out to Algiers today. Chef de mission, Colonel Jacob Ondiek, who recently received the flag from Assistant Chief of Defence Forces in charge of personnel and logistics, Major General, Fatma Ahmed, who presided over the hand-over ceremony for the KDF boxing team going to Algiers, will lead the team.

Major General Fatma, who is also the Chairperson of the Defence Forces Sports Control Board, appreciated the combined efforts of all key players including the Kenya Defence Forces Amateur Boxing Association (DEFABA), who have ensured the boxing team reached this far. The



KDF pugilist Nick Okoth during a past bout / FILE

event will start this Saturday until November 10. Chief of Defence Forces, General Samson Mwathethe lauded the team and urged them to do their best in Algiers.

"The Kenya Defence Forces teams over the years have performed well in regional, continental and international military games and, therefore, I urge you to ensure the trend of good performance is maintained as this will earn our country admiration and glory worldwide," said General Mwathethe in a statement read on his behalf by Major General Fatma.

"As you interact with other organisations of military sports in Africa, I urge you to consider your personal safety and security at all times. Maintain high standards of discipline and uphold the image of KDF and that of our country at large," the statement further said.

In her remarks, Major General Fatma assured the boxing team that the Defence Forces Sports Control Board will continue to vigorously support sporting disciplines particularly in training so as to acquire the necessary exposure.

FOOTBALL

Liaison promoted to Left Foot Division Two league

BY STAR REPORTER / Liaison LLB secured promotion to Division Two league of Left Foot league following a penalty shoot win over Advert Eyez.

The Division 3 contest had to be decided on penalties after the two sides played to a barren draw in regulation time with Liaison emerging 4-3 winners and a ticket to play in category two for next season.

In Division One matches, Schindler Limited won 1-0 against Strath FC, Amiran Kenya beat Bethel A 2-0, GreenZone Property won 1-0 against Schindler Limited, Rapid Communications lost 4-1 to West Ham United and Nyayo FC edged out Consolidate Bank 2-0. Ping Limited were huge winners in Division Two after hammering All Saints Cathedral 7-1.

Saad Advocates won 1-0 against Disciples, MP Shah beat ICIJ Kenya 2-0 and NIC Bank drew 0-0 with Bethel B. In Division 4, Cube Movers won 2-0 against Harleys while in Division 5, South C Academy drew 1-1 with CBA, Villareal lost 2-0 to Allianz Insurance, Selecta One won 1-0 against General Electric and Zamara beat SportPesa 3-1.

In the Mombasa league, Sea Bulk won 8-0 in Division One, Tradewinds Aviation hammered Bamburi Cement 5-0, Nation Media won 6-2 against CBA and Texas Alarms registered a 4-2 win over Maersk Group. In the floodlights league, Total Disaster beat Suswa Stars 6-2, Oilibya lost 1-4 to Ping Limited while Komarock lost 7-2 to Concept.

FOOTBALL

Dogo Khan lauds Shabana after promotion to the NSL

STAR REPORTER / Shabana founder Dogo Khan has congratulated the club following their promotion to the National Super League.

Khan, who single-handedly ran the club during its heydays, said it is not just an honour to him as the club founder, but to the entire Gusii community and Nyanza Province that Shabana have returned to participate in the Super League, which is only a step away from the Premiership.

"It is my pleasure and honour that Shabana are back to the Super League. I congratulate the players, club management and fans who have staunchly rallied behind them to ensure their continued survival and revival," said Khan.

"I am appealing to companies that are trading in this part of the club to join hands with the club management to support the club financially and materially. This is the time for county governments of Nyamira and Kisii to improve sports facilities to attract companies who may want to associate with the club."

Shabana was a top act side in 1980s when Khan ran it as a semi-professional outfit. They participated in the continental Cup Winners Cup, playing against such top sides as Kabwe Warriors of Zambia.

During the time, the club previously known as Gusii Glamour Boys, had top players like Mike Okoth, whose son Divock Origi now plays for Belgium and Liverpool; Henry Nyandoro, Henry Motego, Salim Mabrouk and Willis Ochieng among others.

SPORTS LOCAL



FOOTBALL

All systems go

Shabana, Fortune and Eldoret Youth ready for NSL kick off next month

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA / The 2018/2019 Football Federation of Kenya (FKF) National Super League season will kick off on December 1 and conclude on June 9 to conform to the revised calendar.

The league will feature 20 teams. Fortune Sacco, Eldoret Youth and Shabana FC were promoted from the Division One League while Wazito FC and Thika United were relegated from the SportPesa Premier League.

Former top flight giants Shabana will start their campaign against NSL regulars St Joseph's Youth at Afraha

Dennis Ongeri vies for the ball with Paul Otini during the NSL promotion play-off at Moi Stadium, Kasarani
/ OLIVER MORGAN

Stadium in Nakuru on December 1. Shabana secretary general, Kerubo Momanyi, yesterday said they are keen to strengthen the technical bench and playing unit ahead of the league kick off.

"Definitely we are going to bolster the squad and technical bench. The club management committee is meeting over the same," she said.

Kisii County Sports Minister, Duke Mainga, said the county executive will meet soon to deliberate on how to support the club. He said reports that the county would sponsor the team are untrue. "Mobilization of Gusii professionals to help in identifying sponsors and a quick fundraiser will be a quick fix before the league starts," said Mainga.

Fortune Sacco will make their second tier league debut against Kenya

Police at Karuturi grounds while Eldoret Youth will make their NSL bow against Talanta at Camp Toyoyo in the second match of a double header. The first game will pit Ushuru and Migori Youth.

Modern Coast Rangers will host Kakamega High School's Green Commandos at Serani Sports ground in Day 1 final fixture. The second day will see Thika United start their campaign back to the top flight, with a long trip to Mombasa, where they battle Coast Stima at Mbaraki Sports Club while Wazito will be at Hope Center against Nairobi City Stars.

Nairobi Stima, under the tutelage of George Owoko and Evans Mafuta, will tackle Bideco United at Thika Municipal Stadium. Kisumu All Stars host Administration Police at Moi Stadium, Kisumu.

BASKETBALL

Action back at Nyayo as play-offs get underway

BY DANN O'WERRE / LEAGUE action returns to the Nyayo Stadium gymnasium for the first time this year as the 2018 play-offs gets underway this weekend.

According to the fixtures released yesterday by the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) competitions secretary, Joseph Amoko, a total of 24 quarter-final matches are on the cards in Nairobi, Mombasa, Kisumu and Nakuru. Reigning men and women's champions Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) sides will travel to Nairobi, where they open their post-season campaign against United States International University men and Kenyatta University 'Oryx' respectively.

The other top tier quarters will see Storms play Eagle Wings, last year's runners up Strathmore University Blades face KCA University, Ulinzi Warriors tackle Umoja and Thunder meet Equity Bank. Equity Bank, who top the women's log, will have to wait until next week when to confront USIU 'Flames' in their opening fixture. The bankers start favourites in the encounter.



Jkuat's Victor Murage is tackled by KU's Jack Agunda
/ OLIVER MORGAN

FOOTBALL

Ouma says Harambee Starlets' fitness levels are still wanting

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / National women's football team coach David Ouma has admitted the team's fitness level is wanting despite beating FKF women's Premier League Select side 1-0 at the Utalii Sports grounds yesterday.

The team was using the friendly match as a build up ahead of Africa Women Cup of Nation scheduled for November 17 to December 1 in Accra, Ghana.

The lone goal was scored by Mercy Achieng courtesy of a penalty. Ouma was, however, optimistic that the team will hit top form ahead of another build-up friendlies against Ghana on November 7 and Uganda on November 11. Ouma said: "We are fresh from reporting to camp just the other day and I don't expect the players to be 100 percent fit. However, we can work with what we have to be ready for Awcon."

He added: "We fielded two teams, one in the first half and another team in the second to gauge each and every player's capabilities and I am happy with the progress."

FOOTBALL

Zoo's Okoth a worried man after Kipkirui, Kipyegon's exit

BY MESHACK KISENGE / Zoo Kericho coach Sammy Okoth has termed the exit of Nicholas Kipkirui and Isaac Kipyegon a big blow ahead of the new SportPesa Premier League season.

The duo were lured by Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards respectively after impressing in the past two seasons for Zoo. Kipkirui, who savours a cap in the National U-23 Emerging Stars and who found the back of the net 13 times, surprisingly decamped to Gor two weeks ago, leaving Okoth scratching his head for a replacement.

Before Okoth could come to terms

with the news of Kipkirui's exit, his first choice left back Kipyegon followed the suit after Leopards offered a better package.

Kipyegon was part of the Harambee Stars squad which won last year's Cenca Senior Challenge and his move to Leopards is viewed as a solution to their full back flank which has been marred by injuries to preferred starter Isaac Odoro and his rival Moses Mburu.

The exit of the two internationals has left Okoth ruing lack of sufficient finances to tie the two to longer contracts and other priced stars who are

reportedly on the radar of other clubs. The 2017 Most Valuable Player, Michael Madoya is also rumoured to be on his way out.

Okoth said: "It's a major blow to me and the entire the team as the two have been instrumental for the years they have been around. The two have been outstanding for the past two seasons and we could not prevent them from being poached by other clubs. It's their performance which sold them and I believe if we had enough finances we could have extended their contracts with improved terms."



Zoo Kericho's Derrick Onyangoi contests for the ball with Wazito's Sabiri Sindani during a past KPL match
/ OLIVER MORGAN

SPORTS INTERNATIONAL



Roedinghausen's Kelvin Lunga and Azur Velagic challenge Bayern Munich's Franck Ribery
/REUTERS

LA LIGA

Martinez favoured

Spaniard could land Real job after Conte's rejection



BY DOMINIC KING AND PETE JENSON / Roberto Martinez is the shock leading candidate to become the new manager of Real Madrid.

The former Everton manager's stock has never been higher after he guided Belgium to a third-place finish at the World Cup and he now has an outstanding chance to land the biggest job in club football.

It had seemed almost certain that former Chelsea manager Antonio Conte would take over from Julen Lopetegui, whose disastrous four-month reign ended after Madrid were trounced 5-1 by Barcelona at the weekend but there was a dramatic twist late on Monday night. Key figures within Madrid's dressing room were opposed to the appointment of the Italian which prompted the club's hierarchy to scrap that plan.

That now means Martinez could be given the opportunity to revive the campaign of the reigning Champions League holders and he is the favourite to become the next permanent manager.

Madrid have not yet made a formal approach to Martinez's long-term advisor Chris Farnell nor have they been in contact with the Belgian FA to speak about releasing the 45-year-old from his contract, which runs

until after Euro 2020. Martinez does not have a release clause in the terms he agreed in May and Belgium would be loathe to lose him so soon after his assistant Thierry Henry quit to take over as manager of Monaco; Madrid's task, therefore, would not be straightforward.

The opportunity to lead Belgium was something that fascinated Martinez and he embraced the challenge, uprooting his young family from their home in Lancashire to a base outside Brussels. He has been linked with jobs before but none have had the prestige of Real Madrid and if he is to return to club management, there could be no bigger stage than the Bernabeu. Though he was born in Catalonia, his heritage would not provide an obstacle to him being recruited.

If Martinez was to be appointed, there could potentially be a spin-off further down the line as he has a strong relationship with Eden Hazard and built his team at the World Cup to get the best out of the Chelsea forward. That decision was significant as a large percentage of Belgians - primarily the country's Flemish speakers - wanted Martinez to give a platform to Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne but he was adamant Hazard would scale new heights.

GERMAN CUP

Lacklustre Bayern struggle to beat fourth-division side

BY KAROLOS GROHMAN / Champions Bayern Munich were made to work hard before edging amateurs SV Roedinghausen 2-1 on Tuesday to advance to the German Cup third round.

Missing half a dozen players through illness or injury, Bayern were far from their best against their fourth-division opponents on a rainy and cold evening in east Westphalia and had to endure a nervous finale before booking their spot in the next round.

Quick goals from Sandro Wagner in the eighth minute and Thomas Mueller, who scored with a penalty five minutes later, put the visitors in the driving seat. Bayern, second in the Bundesliga, were awarded a second spot kick in the 22nd minute but Renato Sanches' effort bounced off the crossbar.

The hosts cut the deficit four minutes after the restart with Linus Meyer beating Rafinha to connect with a cross as the home crowd erupted in

wild celebrations. Franck Ribery had a rare chance in the second half but his low drive was palmed wide by keeper Niclas Heimann as Bayern took their foot completely off the gas and looked short of ideas and Roedinghausen pressed for an equaliser.

The Bavarians, who have now won four matches in all competitions after a four-game winless run, may have to make do without Thiago Alcantara in the coming matches after the Spaniard suffered a leg injury.

AFRICAN FOOTBALL

Fifa hand former Ghana boss Nyantakyi life ban

BY NICK SAID / Former Ghana Football Association president Kwesi Nyantakyi has been handed a life ban from all football-related activities by Fifa following various violations of the governing body's ethics code, including bribery and corruption.

Nyantakyi, a former member of Fifa's General Council, was found guilty after being filmed by an investigative journalist in a hotel room appearing to take a \$65,000 bribe from a supposed businessman seeking to sponsor the Ghanaian football league. He was also fined \$498,000.

"The adjudicatory chamber found Mr Nyantakyi guilty of having violated article. 19 (Conflicts of interest), art. 21 (Bribery and corruption) and article. 22 (Commission) of the FIFA Code of Ethics," Fifa said in a statement.

"As a consequence, Nyantakyi is banned for life from all football-related activities (administrative, sports or any other) at both national and international level. "Additionally, a fine in the amount of CHF 500,000 has been

imposed on Mr Nyantakyi."

Nyantakyi, who was also a former vice-president of the Confederation of African Football, resigned in June after a recording by undercover journalist Anas Aremeyaw Anas appeared to show him demanding kickbacks to pass on to top government officials, including the presidency. Nyantakyi later apologised to Ghana president Nana Akufo-Addo and the government for what he called his 'indiscretion'.

He denied any wrongdoing regarding match fixing. The scandal, along with undercover footage that showed numerous match officials receiving bribes, forced the suspension of the Ghana Premier League in June, which has still not resumed.

Former Ghana Football Association (GFA) board member Kofi Amoah was placed in charge of a four-member normalisation committee in September that was tasked with steering the affairs of football in the country for the next six months.



Former Ghana Football Association president Kwesi Nyantakyi
/REUTERS

CARABAO CUP

It was a tough night for us, claims Howe after victory over Norwich

BY PRESS ASSOCIATION / Eddie Howe will not dwell on Bournemouth's 'disjointed' display after they scraped into the Carabao Cup quarter-finals with an unconvincing 2-1 victory over Norwich.

Defender Steve Cook smashed home a 72nd-minute winner as the Premier League Cherries narrowly avoided an upset at the Vitality Stadium.

Norwich caused the hosts plenty of problems and briefly leveled when

Onel Hernandez cancelled out Junior Stanislas' first-half opener.

The impressive Championship visitors, who hit a post through Dennis Srbeny in the first half, could have taken the tie to penalties but substitute Jordan Rhodes wasted a golden chance during seven minutes of added time.

Bournemouth boss Howe admitted his team were fortunate: "It was a tough night for us, Norwich played very well, full credit to them."

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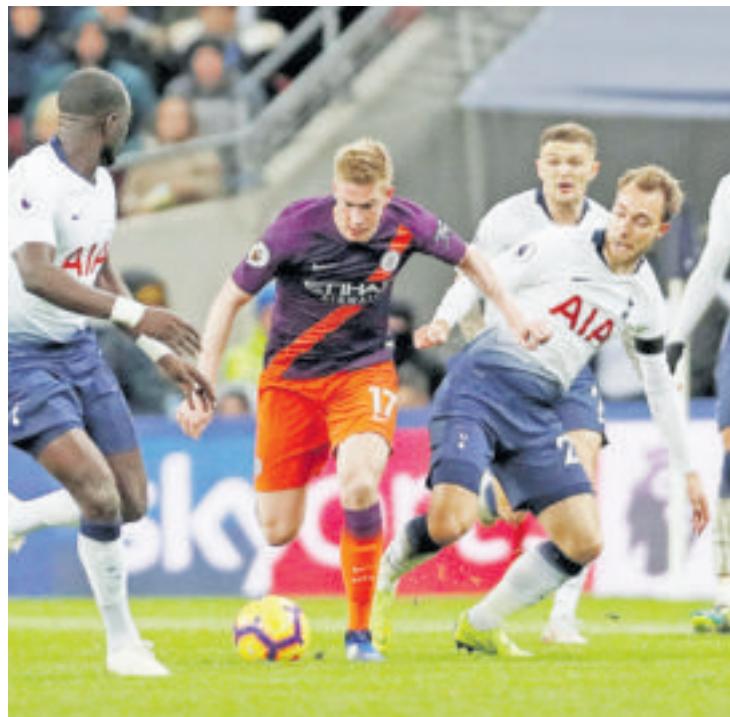


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Tottenham's Christian Eriksen vies for the ball with Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne /REUTERS

PREMIER LEAGUE

Pochettino unsettled

Lack of summer spending upsets Argentine

BY CHRIS SUTTON / Mauricio Pochettino is clearly not a happy man. After building the most promising Tottenham team in a generation, he feels they are being left behind by their rivals.

He admitted exactly that before Monday's defeat by Manchester City, naming Pep Guardiola's side, Manchester United, Liverpool, Chelsea and Arsenal as sides who have been more proactive in the transfer market.

Those are the words of a man rapidly running out of patience. After delivering a top-three finish for the third year in a row, Pochettino publicly urged Tottenham to take risks to improve their squad. Instead, the only risk they took was to upset their highly-coveted manager by failing to bring in a single player over the summer.

Pochettino wants Tottenham to be challenging for the biggest honours. When you are up against the financial might of the Manchester clubs, a strengthened Liverpool and a resurgent Chelsea and Arsenal, you cannot expect to do so without improving your own squad.

The most damning statistic is

that since Pochettino took charge in 2014, Spurs' net spend has been just £29million. He may have guided Spurs to one of their best-ever Premier League starts but his comments are not those of a man who believes his team are equipped to win the title.

Their Champions League campaign lies in tatters and suddenly Wednesday night's clash with West Ham becomes pivotal. The Carabao Cup is not a competition Pochettino has prioritised but it could well prove their best chance of winning a trophy. Lose, and their season could unravel extremely quickly.

Tottenham's leading lights such as Harry Kane, Christian Eriksen and Dele Alli have all remained with the club because they believe they can win things. What must they be thinking when their manager admits that he has never felt so low in four years at Spurs?

The best players want to win everything. Their careers are defined by trophies and medals. That was the attitude of Kyle Walker, who left Tottenham to become a Premier League champion and lift the League Cup with City.

WORLD CUP

World Cup upgrade possible for 2022, insists Infantino

BY MICHAEL CHURCH / Fifa president Gianni Infantino said yesterday that football's governing body is looking into the possibility of increasing the number of teams at the 2022 World Cup and sharing the hosting rights of an expanded tournament with other nations in the region.

Fifa decided earlier this year to expand the 2026 World Cup, to be held in the United States, Canada and Mexico, to 48 teams from 32 while leaving the door open to raising the number playing in Qatar in four years' time.

"We have decided to increase the number of teams participating in the World Cup final tournaments from 32 to 48 and this will happen in 2026," Infantino said in an address to the Asian Football Confederation's annual congress. "Will it happen in 2022? We are looking at it. If it is possible, why not?"

Infantino said an expanded tournament would see Asia's allocation rise to 8.5 places from 4.5.

"We have to see if it is possible, if it is feasible. We are discussing with our Qatari friends, we are discussing with our many other friends in the region and we hope that this can happen," he added. "And, if not, we will have tried. We will have tried because we always have to try to do things in a better way."

Tiny Gulf state Qatar, which is home to just over 2.5 million people, was awarded the hosting rights in late 2010 and has been planning for a 32-team tournament since. Infantino acknowledged that to increase the number of teams in 2022 would require the cooperation of other countries in the region.

Qatar, however, has been in dispute with several of its neighbours since June last year, with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the UAE and Egypt cutting diplomatic, transport and trade ties, accusing Doha of financing terrorism. Qatar rejects the charges.



FIFA President Gianni Infantino /
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OPINION

BY MARTIN KEOWN



His reactions after fouls is an effort to escape a card from referees

FERNANDINHO IS CITY'S MASTER OF DARK ARTS

Manchester City may be majestic to watch but in Fernandinho they have a player who is helping them become masters of the dark arts.

The midfielder is their smiling assassin. He was the dirtiest player on the pitch at Wembley during City's win over Tottenham and has been responsible for one fifth of all the free-kicks his side have conceded in the Premier League this season.

But watch what he does after sending an opponent tumbling to the floor. With a big smile on his face, he picks them up and dusts them down. It is a conscious attempt to convince the referee not to show him a yellow card.

It was something I was always told to do, even as a young player. Show sympathy after committing a foul and you'll be more likely to escape a booking. It becomes second nature — though there were some players I was reluctant to help to their feet!

What Fernandinho is doing is nothing new but it has become an important part of his vital role at the base of Pep Guardiola's midfield.

He sits behind the creative midfielders — on Monday night it was David and Bernardo Silva — to shield the defence. Few teams are able to find a way past him to ask questions of City's centre backs.

When the opposition are mounting an attack, he is the player who makes those tap-tackles to disrupt their momentum. He is the one tasked with hurtling across the pitch at great speed to make a last-ditch challenge. He is almost like a goalkeeper playing in midfield. Time and again he will come to City's rescue.

As a result, Fernandinho makes more tackles than any of his team-mates. You would expect that to lead to more fouls but despite giving away 16 free-kicks in his 10 Premier League matches this season — more than



Manchester City's Fernandinho during a past match /REUTERS

any other City player — his yellow card at Wembley on Monday night was just the second he has been shown.

The ferocity of the challenge is important. He has learned that if he is cute with his tackling and clever in the way he reacts, he will avoid serious punishment from referees.

It is a part of his game he has improved under Guardiola. After his first 10 Premier League matches of last season, Fernandinho committed just nine fouls but had been cautioned three times. In Guardiola's first season in charge, he was sent off three times in the space of just six games. He has not been dismissed since.

Fernandinho is not a snarling or overly aggressive individual. From his position in the middle of the pitch, he will be talking to referees during games and that will help improve his reputation with them.

I captained Arsenal for a 20-

game spell when Bruce Rioch was in charge. While I was wearing the armband I do not recall picking up a single booking. As captain, you are the player who is shaking hands with the referee and having a friendly chat with them before kick-off.

I felt that if I committed a borderline foul, I would get the benefit of the doubt. Fernandinho's approach means he is now being afforded similar treatment by the officials.

This Manchester City team has incredible strength in depth. In a huge game against Tottenham they could afford to have Kevin De Bruyne and Leroy Sane on the bench.

They are blessed with a succession of artists, goalscorers and pace merchants throughout their team but Fernandinho is their only nightwatchman. His nous and guile is every bit as crucial to the success of Guardiola's champions.

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15:50	5616	Dibba Al Fujairah vs Jazira Abu Dhabi	3.90	3.90	1.79
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16:00	1186	Haras El Hodood vs Arab Contractors	2.60	2.87	2.97
16:00	1540	Pakhtakor vs Navbahor Namangan	1.24	4.99	11.07
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16:00	3914	AO Kerkyra vs SKODA Xanthi	3.99	3.12	1.89
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16:00	5414	Buxoro vs Bunyodkor	2.58	3.25	2.47
16:00	5720	PAS Giannina vs Thiella Kamariou	1.15	6.41	13.59
16:15	3894	Esteghlal Tehran vs Saipa Karadj	2.12	2.79	3.72
16:30	4530	Anderlecht vs Lokeren	1.33	5.43	8.96
17:00	1452	Jamshedpur vs Sporting Goa	3.48	3.08	2.05
17:00	3464	A Bou Saada vs RC Relizane	1.66	3.21	5.43
17:35	3461	AL Nasr vs AL Tadamon	1.69	4.04	3.84
17:35	4056	Al Fateh (KSA) vs AL Faiha	2.07	3.51	3.30
18:00	2738	Kryliya Sovetov vs FC Krasnodar	4.13	3.12	2.01
18:00	2813	Al Faisaly (KSA) vs Al-Ettifaq	2.39	3.55	2.71
18:15	2102	CF Villanovense vs Sevilla FC	17.02	7.02	1.18
18:15	4058	Celta Vigo vs Real Sociedad	2.36	3.33	3.06
18:15	4761	Panachaiki vs Olympiakos	8.36	4.51	1.32
18:25	1202	Al Wehda vs Al Shabab Riyadh	1.94	3.52	3.68
18:30	2935	AL Wahda Scc (UAE) vs Shabab AL Ahli Dubai Club	1.86	3.78	3.73
18:30	3606	Petrojet FC vs Misr Leil Makasa	3.01	2.85	2.59
19:00	4587	FC Rostov vs Zenit St Petersburg	3.26	3.05	2.35
19:50	3562	Al Ittihad Jeddah vs Al Raed Club	1.96	3.92	3.28
19:55	4657	AL Arabi vs Kazma SC	2.43	3.62	2.43
20:00	1869	Zulte Waregem vs Standard Liege	3.54	3.80	1.98
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20:00	2604	FK Csikszereda Mercurea Cluj vs Dinamo Bucuresti	8.93	4.90	1.28
20:00	3322	Beroe vs Botev Plovdiv	1.81	3.46	3.87
20:00	3723	Spartak Moscow vs Anzhi Makhachkala	1.32	4.86	10.30
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22:30	2924	Cholet vs Chambly	3.00	3.21	2.41
22:45	1093	Racing Santander vs Betis	6.52	4.18	1.52
22:45	1119	Manchester City vs Fulham	1.14	8.09	19.41
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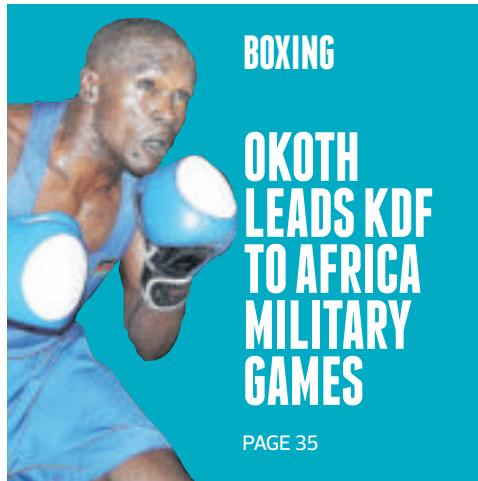
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Karanga fries rivals

23-year-old Kiambu golfer becomes first-ever elite amateur to win Safari Tour leg

BY STAR REPORTER / Kiambu Club's elite amateur Michael Karanga returned an impressive score of 3-under par 69 to win the Limuru leg of the Safari Tour Series with a remarkable 8-under par 280.

On the first nine, the 23-year-old, returned 8-pars and shot a lone bogey at the par-3 7th for a total of 37. On the back nine, he sunk birdies on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 15th and held par on the rest of the holes for a total of 32.

Karanga returned scores of 68, 74, 69 and 69 for the four rounds consecutively, becomes the first-ever elite amateur to win the Safari Tour Series—grabbing the bragging rights for both the tournament's Silver Salver and trophy.

Karanga said he was happy with his overall performance, adding that playing alongside Kenya's top professional golfers gave him the motivation to excel.

KOGL Finance Director Joe Wangai (left), presents the Safari Tour trophy and Silver Salver to Kiambu Club's elite amateur, Michael Karanga

/COURTESY

"I am delighted with this win and hope to carry the momentum to the next event. It was humbling playing alongside Kenya's top players as I learnt a lot from them, and also got great motivation to play well. I believe this is the reason I excelled at this event," he said.

Meanwhile, winner of the Vet Lab leg, Greg Snow, shot a steady final round to finish 1-under par 71 for a tournament total of 5-under par 283. He started the leg with a bogey at the 1st hole before holing an eagle at the Par-5 3rd. He sunk a birdie at the Par-3 7th for a first nine total of 34. On the back nine, he dropped shots on the par-4 13th and the par-4 17th but holed a birdie at the Par-5 15th for a back nine total of 37.

For his efforts, Snow took home a cheque of Sh150,000 for emerging top Pro at the event. Vet Lab's elite amateur, Edwin Mudanyi, and

David Opati finished the tournament tied for third after returning a tournament total of 2-under par 286, while Windsor's Riz Charania finished in fifth, and was the tournament's third-ranking pro, with a tournament total of 1-over par 289.

David Opati and Riz Charania took home Sh100,000 and Sh60,000 respectively. Speaking at the prize-giving ceremony, Kenya Open Golf Limited finance director, Joe Wangai, said it was encouraging to see many Kenyan professional golfers consistently taking part in the Safari Tour tournaments.

"I am pleased by the partnership we have with the local professionals through this tour. Their continued participation points to the seriousness with which they have embraced it, and confirm to us that we are close to achieving our shared objective of having our own win the Kenya Open," he said.

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FOOTBALL

Gor hope to field formidable side against Everton

BY AGNES MAKHANDIA / Gor Mahia hope to field their strongest side against English Premier League side, Everton as they seek to stage a good performance in SportPesa Trophy on November 6 at the Goodison Park in United Kingdom.

Unlike last year when champions gave every player a chance against Everton in Tanzania, assistant coach Zedekiah "Zico" Otieno said they will be competitive this time round. Gor got a second chance to play Everton after emerging the winner of the second edition of the regional SportPesa Super Cup match held last June in Nakuru.

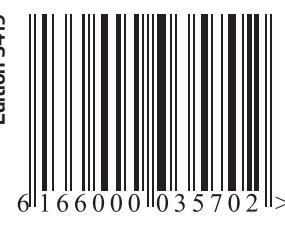
Giants Gor lost to the European side 2-1 at the National Stadium in Dar last year and Otieno vowed not to tinker with the line-up this time but to field a strong side and make good substitutions. Otieno said the players are in the right frame of mind and raring to go even as they plan to conduct their last training session today at Camp Toyoyo ground. The team departs to the host nation tomorrow.

"We started training last Thursday ahead of this trip and so far the players have adjusted well and are ready to give a good account of themselves away. During the last encounter, we were able to contain them and managed to score a goal. We intend to carry our local form to UK and push for good performance and results," said the tactician.

"Lucky enough, we have been given a chance by our sponsor to carry the whole squad for the UK trip save for two players who had issues with their documentation."



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