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Has Kenya lost track of Covid deaths?

Kenya, whose overall Covid-19 deaths tally was at 4,350 on Monday, recorded 10 deaths that day, nine of them confirmed after August audit, according to the official ministry report P10

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Covid-19 is still here

Go for vaccine. It is safe and life-saving. Wear a mask, social distance, and wash your hands.

Thousands fail to take up varsity slots

More than 14,000 students who qualified for university have opted to forgo the once-coveted courses.

Some have chosen to join technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges while others did not apply for placement to any institution of higher learning.

Even more worrying, a majority of those who sat the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination might not join post-secondary training under government sponsorship after failing to apply for placement.

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"Our society is diverse, divided and complex. No single man or woman can be our sole messiah. We therefore have no option but to build inclusive political processes. We must therefore urgently embark on uniting, not dividing our people."

ODM leader Raila Odinga

Top in Counties

Six police officers linked to the deaths of the two Embu brothers were arraigned at the Milimani Law Courts on Tuesday under a miscellaneous application. Scan the code to read more details on the story and other breaking news updates.



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The highly publicised break-up of Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua and Ms Lillian Nganga has brought into sharp focus the multi-million-shilling empire the celebrity couple had established. Read all the details on our website by scanning this code.



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'Six Police officers linked to the deaths of the two Embu brothers arrive at the Milimani Law Courts under heavy police escort.' Check out our YouTube channel by scanning this code to watch this and more videos.



Cry my beloved country Young people do not know what future holds

Redemption song: Why Kenya needs to be saved from leaders

Security agents oppress the very people who have employed them

BY MIKE KAREU

We had become accustomed to their brutality though it was not out of choice.

The vicious administration ate up the future of a fragile nation. We had been silenced, not by the loots they gave us, but by poverty. News was never new. Corruption was a tale infused in us.

Justice was sung so often in courts that it faded into the porous walls.

We wanted to fight for liberation, a war of generations and free not our parents but our chil-

dren – children we hoped would not find themselves in the ruins of an extrajudicial killings haven.

It was a hunting ground for those who fought an oppressive regime that ate up its future.

They had advantage in everything, right from the arsenal they acquired using oppressive taxes.

We went hungry night after night so that their firearms would not run empty. We fed and clothed them.

We bought the very vehicles they bundled us in, vehicles from which bodies of our brothers and sisters would be secretly drawn out into thickets and rivers.

We were not from the lavish estates. Our leaders lived there, behind 10-foot walls that kept us at bay. We elected them but they hired powerful security details to keep us away. We came from far and trekked from sewage-filled

The liberty we fought for was of hunger and the death we feared was by the instruments used to maintain law and order.

Mike Karau



slums, from villages that knew not what electricity was, abandoned constituents that only heard tales of piped water, isolated towns that knew little of the magic that was bridging the divide, the divide in whose darkness we were being oppressed. For we were devoid of basic human rights.

Never had we led a demo, not

even exposed the exhaustion that our lives had become.

Every day was a dilemma, a choice between liberty and death. The liberty we fought for was of hunger and the death we feared was by the instruments our government used to maintain law and order.

But there never was order to maintain for lawlessness was drawn from the offices they plotted our deaths.

Lawlessness was a spirit that consumed them the very moment they crossed the bridge, a bridge that separated humans and these creature we fear to name.

Kareu, 20, is a creative writer. Are you aged 10-20 and would like to be Nation's young reporter? Email your 400-600-word article to diversity@ke.nationmedia.com

TODAY



National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi (left) and presidential hopeful Mukhisa Kitui address journalists at Serena Hotel in Nairobi yesterday when they said they are ready to work together under Pro-Change Alliance. EVANS HABIL | NATION STORY ON PAGE 5

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Pursuant to Article 17 (1) of the Nyandarua County Alcoholic Drinks Control Act, 2019, the Nyandarua County Alcoholic Drinks Management Committee under the Department of Youth, Sports, Gender & Social Services invites the general public for submission of objections on the Alcoholic Drinks premises applications done. The list of liquor license applications received, and published on 2nd August, 2021 can be accessed in the sub county Administrator's office notice boards. The written response citing grounds for objection may be addressed to the Secretary, Sub-County Alcoholic Drinks Regulation and Control Committee. The same may be Hand Delivered to the Sub-County Administrator's Office not later than 20th August, 2021 at 5:00 pm.

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1	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Ndaragwa	Ndaragwa	DCC's Boardroom
2	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Ol Joro Orok	Ol Joro Orok	DCC's Boardroom
3	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Ol Kalou	Ol Kalou	County Commissioner's Boardroom
4	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Mirangine (Mirangine & Kanjuri wards)	Gwa-Kiongo	DCC's Boardroom
5	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Kipipiri	Miharati	DCC's Boardroom
6	Friday 27 th August, 2021	8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.	Kinangop (North kinangop zone)	Engineer	DCC's Boardroom next to Gender Office
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The Kenya Alliance of Resident Associations (KARA) in partnership with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) invites you to our virtual Bimonthly Talk Series (BTS) forum with details as below:

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Topic:	Understanding the Implication of the Sectional Properties Act, 2020
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Traders' pain at closure



Mr George Natembaya

BRIEFLY**Nine State officials face possible sacking over Nakuru killer brew**

NAKURU Nine government officers from Bahati Sub-county in Nakuru have been interdicted following the death of ten people from illicit alcohol at Hodidi Hodi. Rift Valley Regional Commissioner George Natembaya gave the directions Monday morning, saying that it was the responsibility of the government to protect its people, and that the leaders had failed to halt illegal alcohol trade. Mercy Koskey

Birth certificate requests go online

NAROK Narok Huduma Centre is in the process of automating birth certificate applications to make issuance of the documents instant. Centre manager Evelyn Katambo said application will be done online through the e-Citizen platform and the documents will be processed the same day. Macharia Mwangi

Jumbos injure man in morning melee

ISILOI A 20-year-old man was Tuesday morning badly injured by two marauding elephants in Isiolo town. The jumbos are believed to have sneaked out of the Buffalo Springs National Reserve Park. The incident sparked fear and panic as traders hurriedly locked their doors while others fled. Waweru Wairimu.

Man gets mercy after killing delinquent son

MERU Meru High Court has sentenced to one year of community service a father who killed his antagonistic son by chopping off his head in Mweru village, Igari. Justice Edward Murithi said the court was convinced that Mr Justo Mwamba M'Irandu, 77, was provoked when he slewed Erick Mwiti. Charles Wanyoro

Outreach Wheels of Hope, which works with vulnerable girls, has also begun a daycare for children of teen moms

Joy as nursing teen joins Form One



Ms Esther Mali, a member of cyclist group Wheels of Hope, feeds a baby in Kilifi County. The community-based organisation has begun a day care programme for children of teenage mothers in the county to enable the mothers resume school. WACHIRA MWANGI NATION

Cyclists' group comes to the rescue of 14-year-old mother

BY NATION TEAM

Motions ran high in Kikambala, Kilifi County, when a 14-year-old mother of a six-month-old baby joined Form One in a boarding school.

Many girls drop out of school due to the stigma associated with teen pregnancy.

Ms Rose Mbeyu (not her real name) sat her Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams while nursing a one-month-old baby.

A 27-year-old neighbour, whom she had entrusted with the safe-keeping of money she earned washing other people's clothes, made her pregnant.

This happened after schools were closed as part of measures to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

"I would give him the money I earned from my laundry work or by selling firewood and from other odd jobs. I feared that if I left it in the house my siblings would steal

it," she said, adding that she lives with her mother and nine siblings.

The 14-year-old decided to work after realising what her father earned in Mombasa was not enough to feed the family.

She recounted to the *Nation* the events of the day when the father of her baby, a married boda boda rider, slept with her.

"He told my friend that he wanted to take us to the beach. We

hopped onto his motorcycle. My friend left me with him near a bush. He then started touching me and asked me to lie down. We argued but he forced me to lie down," she said.

Ms Mbeyu told the man that she could not do what he wanted because she and his wife were friends.

"He told me that was not an issue," she recounts.

Ms Mbeyu was shocked when the man later said he had already made her pregnant.

"He said in a few months I was going to be a mother. I did not understand, until I missed my monthly period," she said.

Teen Moms**Dire situation countrywide**

African Institute for Development Policy Kenya reported 151,433 teen pregnancies between January-May 2020, with Nairobi and Kakamega leading.

Data from Kenya Data and Health Survey (2014) shows that one in every five girls between 15-19 years is either pregnant or already a mother.

The man is still free even after the girl's mother reported the matter to the police.

Ms Mbeyu, however, is all smiles after a group of cyclists called Wheels of Hope offered to raise funds to buy necessities and pay her boarding school fees.

Her mother takes care of the baby when Ms Mbeyu is away in school.

"I am happy that I am back in school. I would like to be a teacher in future and inspire other girls," she said.

Wheels of Hope coordinator Es-

This will inspire other girls who have given birth while in school to know there is always a second chance.

Esther Mali, Wheels of Hope



ther Mali negotiated with the school to allow Ms Mbeyu to visit and breastfeed her daughter on weekends.

"Her mother may not afford to pay her school fees but she is happy that her daughter is back to school. This will inspire other girls who have given birth while in school to know there is always a second chance," said Ms Mali.

The group's coordinator explained that they have also set up a day-care centre for teen mothers, whom they encourage to go back

to school.

The group relies on volunteers to provide clothes, food and upkeep for children from morning to 4pm, when their mothers or caregivers pick them up.

Ms Mbeyu pleaded with well-wishers to help other teen mothers raise their children and complete their education.

Reporting by Siago Cece, Farhiya Hussein and Maureen Ongala

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Politics Leaders also endorsed draft manifesto which puts emphasis on economic revival

OKA fails to name flagbearer as it digs in on 2022 poll deal with Raila

Kalonzo, Mudavadi, Moi and Wetang'ula have insisted their alliance will field candidate in State House race

BY NATION TEAM

The One Kenya Alliance (OKA) principals took a hardline stance on the proposed coalition talks with the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), insisting that they will field their own presidential candidate in next year's General Election.

Sources who attended the two-day OKA conference that ended yesterday in Naivasha, indicated that the alliance has also suspended any coalition talks with ODM until after the anticipated Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) judgment by the Court of Appeal on Friday.

In the Naivasha meeting, OKA leaders also failed to broker a deal on the choice of flagbearer for their new outfit, further creating fissures in the alliance.

Sources who attended the meeting told the *Nation* that even though the four principals declared publicly that one of them will be on the ballot, nobody was willing to step down for the other, and hence the choice of flagbearer was shelved to allow for more talks.

This now means that the September date earlier set by the technical committee for the unveiling of the OKA presidential candidate may not be met.

The alliance which brings together Musalia Mudavadi (ANC), Kalonzo Musyoka (Wiper), Gideon Moi (Kanu) and Moses Wetang'ula of Ford Kenya, resolved to continue consulting as they hit the road to popularise their outfit.

"We hereby unequivocally state that One Kenya Alliance will field a presiden-



From left: One Kenya Alliance principals Musalia Mudavadi, Moses Wetang'ula, Gideon Moi and Kalonzo Musyoka have a conversation during a meeting at the Great Rift Valley Lodge in Naivasha yesterday. CHEBOITE KIGEN I NATION

tial candidate in next year's General Election and the candidate is here," a joint statement read by Ford Kenya deputy party leader Richard Onyanka said.

"The coalition will and must field a candidate in the elections...we are the face of Kenya and OKA is the political outfit to keep an eye on," added Samburu West Member of Parliament Naisula Lesuuda.

Sources told the *Nation* that the leaders resolved to wait for the outcome of the Court of Appeal ruling on the fate of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) before any other engagement with Mr Odinga

for a possible coalition pact.

The leaders argued that the adoption of a wait and see stance will give them options on whether they are going to the negotiating table with Mr Odinga for the expanded executive positions as proposed in the BBI, or as per the positions in the current constitution.

OKA has packaged itself as alternative political force to Mr Odinga and Deputy President William Ruto, while endearing itself to the incumbent and outgoing President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The leaders, however, refused to be

We hereby unequivocally state that One Kenya Alliance will field a presidential candidate in next years' General Election...

OKA statement

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drawn into Mr Odinga's presidential candidature, insisting that they were only focused on popularising the coalition.

Makueni Senator, Mutula Kilonzo, told the Nation that OKA will unveil its presidential candidate "soon", saying they had just received a brief of the Mombasa meeting between President Kenyatta, the four principals and Mr Odinga.

"The aim of the retreat was to strengthen OKA because we want to win in 2022. The issue of a presidential candidate will come at a later stage," Mr Mutula said.

The leaders endorsed a draft manifesto presented to them by the technical committee, but will seek the input of a wider cross section of members in upcoming regional meetings.

The manifesto of the alliance is titled "Just, Inclusive and Prosperous Kenya". The main focus of the OKA strategy includes economic revival, health, education, governance and agriculture.

Reported by Samwel Owino, Macharia Mwangi and Eric Matara

Kiunjuri, Karua and Kuria meet over Mt Kenya unity

BY SIMON CIURI

Seven political party leaders from Mount Kenya yesterday met in Thika to deliberate on the next polls in the latest attempt to consolidate regional support as the succession race gathers pace.

The curious presence of Deputy President William Ruto's allies, former Cabinet Secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri (The Service Party), and Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria (Chama Cha Kazini), caught the eye of many.

Others were Narc-Kenya leader Martha Karua, Thuo Mathenge (The New Democrats), Jacob Gitau (The People's Party of Kenya), Isaiyah Gichu Ndirangu (Party of Democratic Unity) and Esau Kioni of the Democratic Party.

They met under the "Mount Kenya Political Parties" caucus, where they agreed to set up two committees on outreach and campaign issues. Each party will nominate a member.

"Our interest is to form a coalition of parties to address the issues affecting the region in a bid to solidify our voices for socio-economic purpose. We have agreed to come up with a document with irreducible minimums that will be presented to those vying for presidency regardless of their affiliations," said Mr Kiunjuri.

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- Proof of valid tax compliance certificate from Kenya Revenue Authority
- Proof of PIN/VAT registration certificate
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- Must provide a bid bond of 2% of the bid price which must remain valid for 120 days (after expiry of tender validity period) in form of a bank guarantee from a reputable bank/ approved insurance company by Public Procurement Regulatory Authority.
- Duly filled form of tender
- Duly filled confidential business questionnaire
- Serialization of pages of bid documents

In addition, interested bidders must show proof of the following;

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- Audited accounts for the last 2 years
- Adequate tools and equipment
- Key technical staff to be engaged and their qualifications

The complete set of tender documents may be obtained from NG-CDF SOY CONSTITUENCY OFFICE upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs. 1,000** at the Soy Sub County Treasury (Monday –Friday between 8:00am to 5:00pm)

Duly filled set of Tender document in plain sealed envelope, clearly marked with the respective tender number and tender name should be deposited in the tender box at NG-CDF Building Soy constituency on or before 2nd September 2021 at 10:00am and addressed to:

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Unity talks DP expected in Kisii for a youth and women economic empowerment event

Ruto moves to end rifts in Gusii

Deputy governor has represented the DP in many functions and led delegations to Sugoi

BY RUTH MBULA

Deputy President William Ruto has held a meeting with his supporters in Gusii as he seeks to wrest control of the region from the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM).

The DP hosted politicians allied to the "Hustler Movement" at his Karen residence on Monday in a bid to reconcile rival factions.

The meeting was attended by Kisii Deputy Governor Joash Maangi, Bomachoge Chache MP Alfah Miruka and his South Mugirango colleague Silvanus Osoo.

Former South Mugirango MP Omingo Magara, East African Court of Justice judge Charles Nyachae and city lawyer Cliff Ombeta were also at the meeting.

It was the fifth time Dr Ruto met leaders allied to him from the region in an attempt to end the divisions as the 2022 General Election approaches.



Kisii Deputy Governor Joash Maangi and Deputy President William Ruto at Tabaka Mission Hospital in March 2019. The DP met leaders from Kisii and Nyamira counties at his residence on Monday. FILE | NATION

The talks came barely a week after he hosted delegations from Kisii, Kuria, Migori, Homa Bay, Kisumu and Siaya in Elementaita, Nakuru county.

Factions have emerged in the "Hustler" camp in the last few months, each claiming to be in control of the region.

"We must commit to working together and offer authentic leadership. We need well-grounded thoughts to serve the people," the DP said.

"Placing the economy central to our agenda will rebuild the nation."

Mr Maangi said the DP emphasised the need for a unity of purpose and building a formidable team to help him get a big share of the Kisii and Nyamira county votes.

"He is expected to be in Kisii for a youth and women empowerment event two weeks from now," Mr Maangi said.

"Unity is strength. We can achieve

We must commit to working together and offer authentic leadership.

Deputy President William Ruto



many things with teamwork and collaboration."

Former Kisii county ODM chairman Samuel Omwando, now coordinator of the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), has not been in good terms with the deputy governor.

To some, Mr Omwando has the grassroots support, given his former position in ODM.

However, Mr Maangi is the senior-most leader from the region in Dr Ruto's team. He has represented Dr Ruto in many functions and led delegations to Sugoi and Karen.

MPs Joash Nyamoko (North Mugirango), Shadrack Mose (Kitutu Masaba) and Vincent Kemosi (West Mugirango) have not been seeing eye-to-eye with Mr Maangi.

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Muturi, Kituyi, Kibwana in alliance talks

BY SAMWEL OWINO

Kenya's political landscape is about to change with the formation of a "fourth force", the *Daily Nation* has learnt.

An outfit bringing together National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi, Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana and the immediate former UN Conference and Trade Development Secretary General Mukhisa Kituyi looms ahead of the General Election.

The three held a three-hour closed-door meeting at a city hotel on forming the outfit to be known as the National Alliance for Change.

Addressing journalists after the meeting, Mr Muturi, Dr Kituyi and Prof Kibwana said they have worked together before.

"We cannot change this country by doing things the same way. We must depart from our chaotic and divisive politics to chart a new path for Kenya," Mr Muturi said.

"That is why I'm in this conversation with Prof Kibwana and Dr Kituyi. We will expand this to be as inclusive as possible. Nothing stops us from working together for the good of the nation."

In May, Mr Muturi was "crowned" the Mt Kenya spokesman in a disputed ceremony.

His allies later took control of Restore and Build Kenya, a fringe party that analysts believe will be the political vehicle his supporters will use to campaign for him in Embu, Tharaka Nithi and Meru counties.

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Elections Strategy seen as aimed at countering DP's bottom-up model



ODM leader Raila Odinga addresses residents of Nakuru town yesterday after launching his Azimio la Umoja strategy. JOHN NJORGE | NATION

Raila bets on unity plank for 2022 bid

Politicians praise former Prime Minister, saying it's time for him to become Kenya's President

BY STELLA CHERONO AND MARVIN MBUGUA

ODM leader Raila Odinga yesterday launched what he described as a unity, restoration and transformation strategy.

The Azimio la Umoja strategy is seen as aimed at countering Deputy President William Ruto's bottom-up economic model as the race for State House gathers pace ahead of the August 2022 General Election.

Mr Odinga launched the strategy in Nakuru, in DP Ruto's Rift Valley political turf, just hours after Jubilee Party, led by President Kenyatta, formally confirmed it was in coalition talks with ODM.

During the launch, Mr Odinga dismissed the DP's bottom-up campaign platform as an attempt to propagate class wars through "mere words and slogans".

He said wheelbarrows, which have come to symbolise the DP's presidential campaign, will not solve Kenya's problems.

The former Prime Minister asked Kenyans to support the unity bid he and the Head of State were championing for a more prosperous country.

On his stopovers at Uhuru Garden, Pin-cam and Sarova Woodland, among others, Mr Odinga said he and President Kenyatta had identified the problems facing the country and time had come to heal the country and unite Kenyans from all walks of life.

The choice of Nakuru, just 70 kilometres from Naivasha, where the One Kenya Alliance (OKA) announced it will field a presidential candidate of its own, was significant for the ODM leader.

Nakuru was also the place where the surprise truce between President Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto was

cemented in 2012, one year before the two won the March 2013 General Election.

"Sluggish economic growth, insecurity, exclusion from economic and political life, tribal rivalries, corruption, lack of a shared sense of civic responsibility and a divisive electoral process are some of the major issues that the country is facing."

"We cannot continue to bury the truth that this country stagnates every election year; we cannot continue to lie that ours is an equal and happy society. Sooner rather than later, the truth will catch up with us and indeed, it has caught up with us," Mr Odinga said.

He added: "Most sectors of our economy are experiencing severe challenges. Workers in our factories are feeling the pinch. Doctors, teachers, university academic and non-academic staff are all caught in daily battles to make ends meet and they now feel that no matter how hard they try, they cannot make it."

According to Mr Odinga, the country needs to create jobs and absorb educated graduates in order to pull people out of poverty.

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Mr Raila Odinga

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have become tools for emotional and irrational appeals. A section of leaders is taking advantage instead of addressing the problems," said Mr Odinga.

"We must start talking about how to ensure elections are not about government but about governance. A country where elections are not death traps."

He said that together with the President, they had figured out how to address punitive taxation to support investors.

Mr Odinga said that through the Azimio la Umoja strategy, he and President Kenyatta would create the political and ideological environment the country needs.

"We believe that to address the problems afflicting Kenyans in a sustainable manner, we must bring the diversity of our people, their leaders and their problems onto one table and embark on a systematic and transparent search for solutions as equal stakeholders," he said.

Mr Odinga, who was accompanied by Governors Anne Waiguru, Lee Kinyanjui and Wycliffe Oparanya and other leaders, said that ODM and Jubilee leaders would go round the country to unveil a vehicle reflecting the face of Kenya.

Those who accompanied him heaped praises on Mr Odinga, saying they trusted his leadership and that it was time to reward him for his efforts in ensuring that there is democracy in Kenya.

Nominated MP Maina Kamanda likened Mr Odinga to Nelson Mandela who helped liberate South Africa.

"I've fought this man earlier, not because he has done anything to me or my community but because he was standing against one of us. I changed my perspective of him from March 2018. I couldn't imagine this old man agreeing to talk to the President because he was capable of taking power by force," Mr Kamanda said.

The launch also coincided with a meeting between DP Ruto and a section of Central Kenya spiritual leaders at his Karen home where he castigated leaders who were rushing to form political coalitions.

Jubilee Party's top organ endorses pre-election coalition talks with ODM

BY JUSTUS OCHIENG

President Kenyatta's Jubilee Party yesterday cautioned opposition parties against setting conditions in the quest for a broader 2022 coalition as it triggered the formation of an alliance with ODM.

President Kenyatta, sources have told the Nation, is keen on a coalition between Jubilee and ODM, which will then rope in other parties to form a super alliance to beat estranged DP William Ruto.

During a meeting at State House Mombasa last week, the President reportedly told the One Kenya Alliance (OKA) principals to back Mr Raila Odinga's bid.

Yesterday, Jubilee Party's top decision-making organ, the National Management Committee (NMC), held a meeting with its parliamentary leadership and gave express instructions to its secretariat to engage with ODM to draw up a framework agreement on a pre-election coalition.

The new alliance of bitter political rivals-turned-friends will be the crowning moment of the dalliance between Mr Odinga and the Head of State, which started with the March 9, 2018 handshake.

The announcement of the coalition plan came shortly before Mr Odinga, who was in Nakuru, told Kenyans to expect a new political vehicle that will make Kenya a "united, prosperous and equitable country."

Hours later, OKA principals Kalonzo Musyoka (Wiper), Musalia Mudavadi (Amani National Congress), Moses Wetang'ula (Ford-Kenya) and Gideon Moi (Kanu) asserted that their alliance will field a presidential candidate in next year's General Election, declaring "...and the candidate is here".

Jubilee secretary-general Raphael Tuju told journalists that following various high-level consulta-

tions within the ruling party, they resolved to begin hammering a coalition deal with ODM.

"One thing which the party leader is clear about is that we will not have any coalition discussions with any team that gives a pre-condition that certain things have to be done in a certain way," Mr Tuju said in an apparent reference to OKA.

"Anybody who is discussing a coalition agreement with us has to come with an open mind. We can't say that now that we already have a coalition agreement with Kanu, we can't do it with ANC. Those pre-conditions are not an option."

He noted that Jubilee's vision is to bring all Kenyans on board.

The meeting brought together Jubilee NMC members and House leadership, including National Assembly Majority Leader Amos Kimunya and his Senate counterpart Samuel Poghisio, Senate Majority Chief Whip Kimani Wamatangi and National Assembly Majority Chief Whip Emmanuel Wangwe.

Sources within the meeting intimated to the Nation that the meeting had been sanctioned by President Kenyatta, whom they revealed prefers Mr Odinga as his successor.

"You have to read between the lines. Political calculations are not about friendship or being a gentleman but informed by numbers."

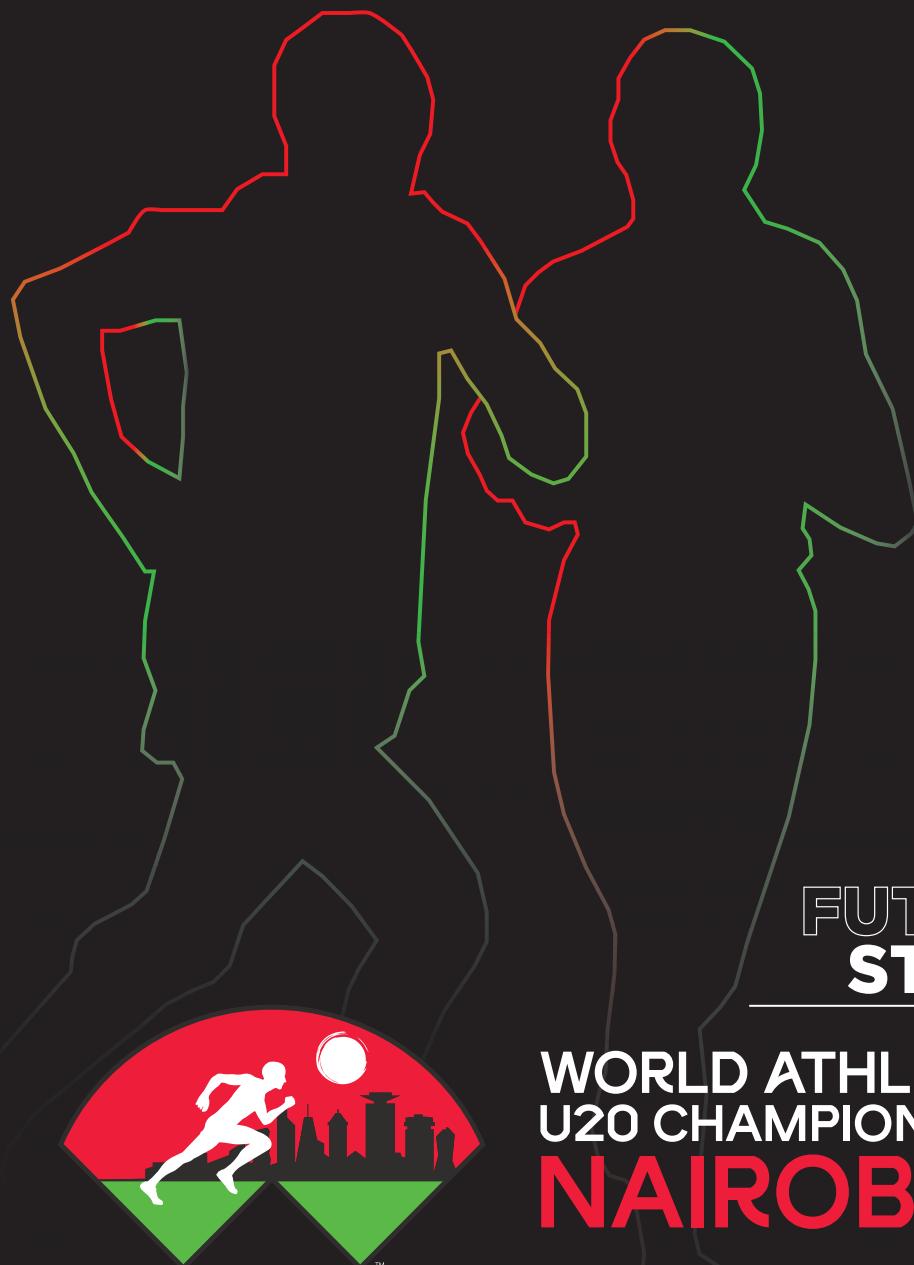
"In terms of parliamentary strength and even the control of counties in this country, Raila has the numbers... You can't expect the President to support a candidate with no capacity," the source said, adding: "The fact is, ODM remains the second in terms of numbers in both Houses. This informs the decision by our party to work with the outfit."

Another source said Jubilee's decision to formally work with ODM should mark an end to the debate on the President's preferred successor.



Jubilee vice-chairman David Murathe confers with Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege after the party's National Management Committee meeting yesterday. The meeting gave the secretariat permission to formally engage with ODM in coalition talks. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

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National News

Under siege In recent years, the politician's life has been about putting out one fire after another

Linturi, the master in passing the buck

In May, the senator had at least 37 criminal cases lined up against him

BY ELVIS ONDIEKI

In Kimeru, one way of illustrating Meru Senator Franklin Mithika Linturi's many problems is "ari mutine jukura"; that is, "he is sheltering under a leaking tree".

Over the past few years, Mr Linturi's has been a life of seeking anticipatory stoppage of prosecution, attending explosive divorce case proceedings, suing to retain his academic papers, and criminal charges hovering above his head.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i told a Senate committee in May that Mr Linturi had at least 37 criminal charges lined up against him following investigations into various issues, chiefly the obtaining of a loan using suspected falsified documents.

One could say the senator has problems from here to Akachiu, that unassuming location in Meru County where he got his primary education.

But regardless of the issues that line up, he always has a fightback. For instance, in the latest case

There are cartels being used to extort and blackmail people... because of my political ambitions.

Meru Senator Mithika Linturi



in which he is accused of sexually assaulting someone's wife at a Nanyuki resort in January, he calls it an extortion plot.

"There are cartels being used to extort and blackmail people and they are now being used by State operatives through KRA (Kenya Revenue Authority) and EACC (Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission) because of my political ambitions," Mr Linturi told radio host Maina Kageni yesterday.

And when Ms Maryanne Kitany, the former chief of staff at the Office of the Deputy President, told a court during a divorce case hearing that they had been married, Mr Linturi refuted it, saying she had asked to be accommodated temporarily in one of his houses. Never mind he was later barred from visiting a house in Runda in which he had been living with Ms Kitany.

Sometimes, he gives no excuses; he just refuses to comment. Such was the case in 2018 when Ms Ed-



Meru Senator Mithika Linturi at the Milimani Law Courts during his divorce case hearing in 2019. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

ith Kananu, who used to be a domestic worker in the senator's home in Maua, Igembe South, fell ill at the home and later died. She was buried without a post-mortem and when the Nation contacted Mr Linturi and when the woman's relatives raised questions, his answer was: "No comment."

The latest controversy has, however, drawn many comments from the senator.

His accusers say that at 3am on January 29, he entered a room at the resort where the woman was sleeping and joined her in bed. She assumed it was her husband; until someone knocked at the door and she opened it to find her husband. They realised the man in the bed was a stranger whom they would later identify as Mr Linturi.

In Mr Linturi's view, it was a kidnap: "Characters not known

to me abducted me and asked for money, which I didn't have. They asked for Sh1 million. They stripped me and took nude photos of me," he told the radio host in a phone interview.

"I went to the police station and got a P3," he said.

Mr Linturi has already applied to a court to stop his prosecution in a controversial turn of events.

The other explanation he has given to the latest controversy is that his political detractors are targeting him because of his support for Deputy President William Ruto.

Mr Linturi's penchant for anticipatory bail applications might also point to a man who doesn't like accidents or surprises.

In March, for instance, he was at the High Court seeking a stoppage of his imminent arrest in connection with Sh530 million borrowed using property belonging to Ms Kitany as collateral.

A month later, during debate on the Building Bridges Initiative Bill in the Senate, he told some colleagues that he was being arrested due to his political views on the document.

Matters of the heart, politics and finances are the rain falling ferociously on Mr Linturi. And his explanations, like a leaking tree, are leaving him exposed.

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Contract No.: KE-CWSB-232660-CW-RFB

1. The Coast Water Works Development Agency (CWWDA) through the Government of Kenya (GoK) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Water and Sanitation Development Project (WSDP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Construction Works for the Second Baricho - Kakuyuni Water Supply Project- Lot 1: Second Baricho - Kakuyuni Pipeline, Contract No. KE-CWSB-232660-CW-RFB**.
2. The Coast Water Works Development Agency (CWWDA), a Parastatal under the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders (Construction Contractors) to undertake the works i.e. Construction works for the Second Baricho - Kakuyuni Water Supply Project- Lot 1: Second Baricho- Kakuyuni Pipeline. The Works include but are not limited to:
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The Contract Period will be Twenty Four (24) months following the date of effectiveness of the Contract, comprising of Twelve (12) months of Construction Period and Twelve (12) months of Defects Liability Period.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014](#) ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from

Chief Executive Officer

Coast Water Works Development Agency

Mikindani Street (Off- Nkrumah road)

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and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 0745 hours to 1630 hours local time from Monday to Friday, except during lunch hour (1230 hours to 1400 hours), during weekends and public holidays at the address given below.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Kshs 1,000 (Kenya Shillings One Thousand Only)**. The method of payment will be cash or Banker's cheque. The Bidding Documents will be collected from the address below upon production of a purchase receipt. The documents can also be downloaded from the website www.cwwda.go.ke. Bidders who download the tender document from the website MUST forward their particulars immediately to procurement@cwwda.go.ke for records and any further tender clarifications and addenda.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **1200 hours Local Time** on **1st October, 2021**. The bid should be clearly marked "**Construction Works for The Second Baricho - Kakuyuni Water Supply Project- Lot 1: Second Baricho - Kakuyuni Pipeline, Contract No. KE-CWSB-232660-CW-RFB**". Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below at **1205 hours Local Time** on, **1st October 2021**.
7. All Bids shall be valid until, **28th January 2022** and shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee of **Kshs. 10,000,000.00 (Kenya Shillings Ten Million Only) which shall remain valid for a further 28 days beyond the bid validity period (i.e. 25th February, 2022)**.
8. The address referred to above is:

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Applicant must have a Bachelor's degree in either systems application or computer science. Minimum five (5) years experience in installation and configuration of systems. He/she should have experience with LAN/WAN networks, good knowledge of internet security and data privacy principles, excellent troubleshooting skills, manage servers, IPs, ability to manage virtual/online Systems, databases and virtual networks.

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Applicant must have a diploma certificate or bachelor's degree in building and constructions and work experience of at least five (5) years as a maintenance officer. He/she should be capable of coordinating maintenance and repair of electrical, plumbing, masonry, carpentry, painting, ventilation and other building systems. Knowledge of Health and Safety Regulations will be an added advantage.

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RECEPTIONIST

Applicant must have a degree in Office Administration of its equivalent and work experience of at least five (5) years as a receptionist. He/she should have experience with telephone operation, front office management, customer service, office equipment and should be computer literate.

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National News

Embu brothers: Court detains six officers

BY JOSEPH WANGUI

Six police officers linked to the murder of two brothers in Embu earlier this month have been detained for 14 days to allow investigations to be completed.

Benson Ndwigwa, 22, and Emmanuel Ndwigwa, 19, died in police custody after they were arrested for allegedly violating the 10pm curfew at Kianjokoma shopping centre on August 1.

When the suspects were arraigned yesterday, it also emerged that they were still in possession of the cell phones of the two victims.

The family claimed the officers may have had a hand in the torching of a police vehicle that was said to have been burnt by residents of Manyatta village during protests.

"The motor vehicle, which was used to ferry the two brothers and which they are alleged to have jumped out, was torched in what we suspect was destruc-



From left: Benson Mputhia, Consolata Kariuki, Nicholas Sang Cheruiyot, Martin Msamali Wanyama, Lilian Cherono Chemuna and James Mwaniki at the Milimani Law Courts yesterday. DENNIS ONSONGO | NATION

tion of evidence," said the family's lawyer, Mr Nelson Havi.

The court said it was convinced that the officers were likely to interfere with investigations and their release could

cause chaos in the community.

"This court cannot close its eyes to the fact that the respondents are police officers. From the investigations, the community and Kenyans want to know what

happened to the deceased," said Milimani Senior Principal Magistrate Daniel Ndungu.

The detained officers are Benson Mputhia, Consolata Kariuki, Nicholas Sang Cheruiyot, Martin Msamali Wanyama, Lilian Cherono Chemuna and James Mwaniki.

An investigator from the Independent Police Oversight Authority (IPOA) Mr Ibrahim Shunu said investigations are ongoing in relation to extraction of data from mobile phones of the victims and potential witnesses. He said the data is critical for the conclusion of the investigations. He said due to heightened tension in the community towards the six officers and the national police service, their release would be risky.

"Before their arrest on August 16, the officers were still on duty at Manyatta police station within the locality where the offence occurred. This caused great apprehension within the community af-

fecting the investigations, lowering public confidence and raising fear among witnesses," said Mr Shunu.

In addition, he said investigations established that the deceased brothers were never booked at any police station following their arrest. Shortly after they were found lying dead on the roadside along the Kirirari-Mbouuri road, over 6.5 kilometres from where they were picked up.

The bodies were collected from the scene by the same officers who are suspected to have killed them and were reported as road traffic accident victims in the Occurrence Book at Embu Police Station.

The postmortem report revealed that the cause of death for the two brothers was a result of severe head injuries due to blunt force trauma," said the investigator.

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London bishop lands in court for touting corona 'divine oil'

BY HELLEN SHIKANDA

A Kenyan bishop based in the UK on Monday appeared in a court on charges of selling a "plague protection kit" disguised as a cure for Covid-19, UK media have reported.

Bishop Climate Wiseman, head of the Kingdom Church in South London, is accused of "fraud and unfair trading offenses" in the Lavender Hill magistrates' court.

The *Evening Standard* newspaper reported that the magistrate hearing the case failed to deliver a judgment, saying that the matter was one of freedom of religion.

The case was moved to another court, the Inner London Crown Court, and the next hearing will be on September 13.

Bishop Wiseman has been under investigation since April last year for advertising the "Covid-19 cure" oil to his church members.

A bottle of the oil, labelled Plague Protection Divine Oil, goes for about £91 (\$11,000).

Media reports indicated that the oil is made from a mixture of cedar wood and hyssop, a garden herb of the mint family.

In Kenya, a Facebook page, Bishop Climate Ministries in Kenya, linked to his main church, also has a series of website links selling different types of anointing oil apart from the religious messages he posts on the blog.

The page has no reviews and its physical location has also not been indicated.

When his story came to the

limelight last year, he told a news agency in the UK that he had sold about 1,000 kits at the time.

"It is by faith that you can be saved from the coronavirus pandemic by covering yourself with the Divine Plague Protection Oil and wearing the scarlet yarn on your body," he wrote on his website, which has since been deactivated following criticism.

That was just a month after the World Health Organization had declared Covid-19 a global pandemic.

At the time, as now, the wind of Covid-19 misinformation had already started blowing and people, out of desperation, fell victim to all kinds of untruths.

Bishop Wiseman did not relent in his bid to sell people the oil despite lacking any scientific approval from health regulatory authorities and being under investigation.

In January this year, he went ahead and advertised his "divine oil" on London buses. His advertisement ran until February 21.

"There Is a God in Heaven, His name is Yahweh! There Is a Prophet in London His Name Is Bishop Climate," read the advert alongside his photo.

No Covid-19 drug has been approved for use by any national health authorities globally or in Kenya. The only pharmaceutical protection in Kenya and globally is a vaccine, and eight of those have been listed for emergency use authorisation.

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Total tally Country had by August 15 lost 4,350 people to the virus

How Kenya is losing track of Covid deaths

Medics say many people are dying at home after contracting coronavirus disease

BY LEON LIDIGU

The Ministry of Health could be massively under-reporting coronavirus deaths due to an unchecked home-based care system, delay in releasing test results, harsh county-imposed restrictions on handling Covid-19-related deaths and high mortality costs.

Kenya, whose overall Covid-19 deaths tally was at 4,350 on Monday, recorded only 10 deaths that day, from a sample size of 5,693 with a positivity rate of 11.9 per cent as per the official ministry report.

Dr Josephine Kibaru Mbae, the former director of Health Services at the Nairobi Metropolitan Services, however, explained that many people are dying at home after contracting Covid-19.

She said: "The people we treat in hospitals are just the tip of the iceberg. We should be liaising more with local administration, like area chiefs, to establish the actual number of deaths."

Some of the reports of deaths the ministry gets are done much later.

"The deaths during home-based care may be reported to chiefs and community health volunteers, but they are not captured in MoH records," she explained.

A businesswoman in Kakamega County said expenses have seen them fail to report a death from Covid-19.

"My relative died of Covid-19-related complications last week and since we have spent all the money we had on his treatment, we opted to preserve the body traditionally, then bury it," she said.

She further disclosed that she had been introduced to private hospital mortuaries that do not notify the government of Covid-19 deaths in exchange for high fees.

Kakamega County General Hospital administrator Titus Mumia noted there could



A grave site of a Covid-19 victim. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

Over 6.4 million Covid-19 recoveries in Africa

Country	Cases	Deaths	Recovery	Rank
South Africa	2,613,569	77,440	2,382,809	1
Morocco	763,363	11,119	673,116	2
Tunisia	625,688	21,905	569,736	3
Ethiopia	289,962	4,489	265,589	4
Liberia	266,894	3,956	208,551	5
Egypt	284,465	16,625	234,250	6
Kenya	222,894	4,354	205,912	7
Zambia	202,787	3,550	196,724	8

Africa	Global
Cases: 7,301,961	Cases: 208,941,288
Deaths: 184,453	Deaths: 4,387,956
Recovered: 6,428,757	Recovered: 187,303,647

Hospital agrees that the cost of handling Covid-19 bodies is scaring away many people.

"Governor Wyycliffe Oparanya recently announced that bodies must be picked up on Fridays between 6am and 10am, after which they must be buried within 72 hours. Some people cannot raise monies to settle everything to comply with that order within that short period and so they look for alternative means to deal with their situation," the attendant explained.

In Kilifi County Health Executive Charles Dadu told the *Nation* that a majority of suspected Covid-19 deaths happening in homes are not recorded. In Nairobi and Machakos, the situation is no different. Doctors explained that the Covid-19 death statistics are not accurate because the country is under-testing for coronavirus.

"The home-based care system is massively flawed. The government does not follow up the way they should and the truth is many people are dying in their homes and they go unrecorded; but for us as hospitals, we send daily reports," a doctor in Machakos said.

A delay in releasing results of Covid-19 tests is also responsible for the inaccurate numbers. "There are patients who succumb to coronavirus before their test results are out, hence they are not usually recorded as Covid-19 deaths," an isolation ward doctor in Nairobi disclosed.

According to the Ministry of Health, its task force, where all deaths are reported and recorded, is doing its best to deliver.

"We have situations whereby someone one day woke up feeling unwell then collapsed and died. When they do the autopsy later, they discover the person was suffering from coronavirus and it is the hospitals that are supposed to notify us," an official at the ministry told the *Nation* on Tuesday.

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Crisis Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi has set up a task force to look into the matter

Coast experiences steep rise in teen pregnancies

Many got into the family way during the long school holiday due to the Covid-19 pandemic

BY NATION TEAM

The number of teenage pregnancies has dramatically increased in Kilifi and Kwale counties even as local authorities channel resources to tackle the problem.

Latest statistics and anecdotal evidence from healthcare workers show thousands of adolescents are out of school despite efforts to end harmful traditional practices that fuel pregnancies.

So bad is the situation that there are even cases of girls dropping out of school at Grade Two due to pregnancy, while many others have been married off to avoid shame.

In one primary school, nine pregnancies were reported after the long school break caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Biting poverty

In Kilifi, 4,271 adolescent girl pregnancies have been reported in the last eight months, compared to 6,928 cases last year. Health experts say the figure could be higher as many pregnant teens don't visit clinics.

The menace has been blamed on biting poverty, conservative culture and lack of sexual and reproductive health services.

Kwale County Director of Education Martin Cheruiyot said that due to polygamy, many children are raised by their grandparents, who cannot provide for them.

"People sire children and leave them. They are left with grandparents who can barely provide anything for them."

"This leaves the girls in the hands of strangers who provide the basic needs then demand sex. These are the majority in the reported cases," he said.

Between 2017 and 2018, Kilifi was in the limelight after record-

ing over 20,000 teenage pregnancies. It had the highest teen rates at 22 per cent, higher than the region's 21 per cent and way above Kenya's average of 18 per cent.

Although the cases reduced from 30 per cent in 2018 to 14.5 per cent last year, the sudden rise in numbers this year has baffled health officials.

Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi recently formed a task force to inquire into the cause of the growing problem.

In Kwale, Samburu and Kinango sub-counties have the highest number of pregnant schoolgirls. In one secondary school in Kinango, 15 cases were reported in February, two of them national exam candidates.

The sub-county had 37 pregnant high school girls in total.

In primary schools, out of 63 reported cases, each of the 37 institutions had at least two cases aged between 13 and 19. Most of the pupils are in Standard Seven and Eight, with one 13-year-old in Grade Two.

In Lunga Lunga Sub-county, nine girls were reported preg-

NUMBERS

4,271

Number of adolescent girls reported pregnant in the past eight months in Kilifi County

13

Age of a girl in Grade Two who fell pregnant in Kinango, Kwale County, this year



nant after the long Covid-19 break in one school, while 11 others were either at home or in class in different institutions. In primary, 74 girls were pregnant, out of which eight had been married off, some were in school and 30 could not be accounted for.

Data from the Ministry of Education offices in Kwale shows that learners between 13 and 19 years of age become mothers while in school, most of them in primary.

Some cases are reported quickly, while others take a while before

Pregnant adolescent girls. The Coast region is recording a high number of teen pregnancy cases.
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the school administration or local authorities know about them.

In a recent case, a 13-year-old Standard Eight girl in Msambweni was impregnated by a neighbour and the parents only reported to the police when she was six months pregnant.

Such cases usually increase during school holidays, especially last year when schools closed for more than eight months.

Reports by Farhiya Hussein, Siago Cece and Maureen Ongala

Boda bodas now 'second parents' to girls

BY NATION TEAM

Kilifi County is home to tens of thousands of boda boda operators who now face embarrassment and mockery as they are seen as the key perpetrators of sexual violence. They are also blamed for pregnancies and early marriages among schoolgirls.

But less discussed is their role as "second parents" to vulnerable girls. Take 21-year-old Baraka from Misifuni village, Kilifi North sub-county. He started a friendship with a neighbour when he was 17 and in Standard Seven while the girl was 16 and in Standard Six in the same primary school. Their friendship started in 2014 after the deaths of their fathers.

Baraka then started doing menial jobs to help his

mother meet their basic needs. He also gave some of his earnings to his girlfriend for exercise books, pens and sanitary towels, and school examinations. The friendship turned into a sexual affair and she became pregnant.

When his girlfriend's mother discovered her daughter had conceived, Baraka was thrown into police cells, wandered the corridors of Kilifi courts and dropped out of Godoma Secondary School in Form Two, damaging the future of a bright boy who had scored 302 marks in his KCPE exams.

"My girlfriend's mother did not raise any issues for all that period I was supporting her, but I became an enemy immediately she fell pregnant," he says. He is serving three years on probation, which will end in

2022. His girlfriend gave birth to a baby girl.

Baraka calls upon the community not to be quick to accuse boda bodas of sexually abusing schoolgirls. "The society should look at both sides of the coin. We don't support vulnerable girls in exchange for sex, but the intimacy comes in the process of the friendship," he says.

Vincent Mwaura says he has not heard of a case where parents have been charged in court for negligence, adding: "Boda boda operators are always the weakest point." He wants child-protection agencies and law enforcers to hold parents to account.

Mr Mwaura says there are cases where boda bodas are supporting poor girls, but their parents are yet to speak because they are safe in school.

Why Kilifi and Kwale lead other devolved units in vice

BY NATION TEAM

Kangaroo courts, poverty and lack of parental supervision are to blame for the high number of teenage pregnancies in Kwale and Kilifi counties.

The informal courts have also been blamed for denying girls who are sexually abused justice.

An investigation by the Nation in the two counties has revealed that most parents of girls who are molested settle the matter outside the formal justice system by getting village elders to intervene. This has turned what should end up with punishment for culprits and justice for the girls into a gravy train for the elders and parents.

In a typical case, three men convene a baraza under a tree in the village to discuss the matter. At the end of it, the parent of the girl is "compensated" with as little as Sh5,000, or chicken, cows, or goats.

"It has become a business... The parents are paid a little money, out of which they pay the village elders," said a child rights activist in Kwale. In some cases, she revealed, chiefs are involved.

Kwale County Commissioner Joseph Kanyiri issued a stern warning against those conducting the cases. He said defilement is listed under the Sexual Offences Act and it was a crime for a man to have sex with a girl under the age of 18.

"We only know of one court and that is by the Judiciary. If there are any other courts, either by elder relatives, or village elders and parents, they are not allowed. All these cases of rape, bestiality and incest cannot be solved under a mango tree," he said.

He told parents to report the cases to police as soon as they occur; for evidence to be gathered and offenders arrested.

Authorities have also told parents to be more responsible. In Kwale for instance, men lure girls with money, which they then use to buy their mothers gifts, Ms Agnes Mwangi, a social worker in Makongeni said.

"The mothers enjoy these gifts without caring where the girls get the money from. They later are shocked when their daughters tell them they are pregnant. For the fathers, most of them are jobless... All they do is get drunk," Ms Mwangi said.

She called for training for parents on how to bring up their teenagers, especially in this age where technology exposes children to many vices.

Ms Janet Karisa, a village chairperson and a volunteer with Kesho Kenya, said many times, boda boda operators take responsibility for the girls, providing them with clothes and sanitary towels.

"The men give money to the girls, and the girls in return end up sleeping with them," she said.

She explained that in conversations with the men, they revealed that most girls were willing to have sex with them in exchange for more monetary benefits.

Mr David Kahindi, a retired chief in Kilifi, praised the ban on disco matanga for helping to reduce the vice, but lamented failure by the community to prioritise education.

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**EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS PLC UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND OTHER DISCLOSURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2021**



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT	EQUITY BANK (KENYA) LIMITED						EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS PLC						GROUP					
	BANK		COMPANY			BANK		COMPANY			BANK		COMPANY					
	30th June 2020	31st Dec 2020	31st Mar 2021	30th June 2020	30th June 2020	31st Dec 2020	31st Mar 2021	30th June 2020	30th June 2020	31st Dec 2020	31st Mar 2021	30th June 2020	30th June 2020	31st Dec 2020	31st Mar 2021	30th June 2021		
	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)		
A. ASSETS																		
1. Cash (both local & foreign)	8,345,301	13,027,022	12,144,613	12,163,130	9,619,088	8,818,038	8,862,544	8,993,260	-	26,188,046	44,484,008	41,256,194	39,812,398	-	-	-		
2. Balances due from Central Bank of Kenya	15,865,945	16,633,521	16,237,082	22,077,388	-	-	-	-	-	15,865,945	16,633,521	16,237,082	22,077,388	-	-	-		
3. Kenya Government and other securities held for dealing purposes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
4. Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
5. Investment securities:	198,148,184	195,157,006	234,854,002	271,327,632	-	-	-	-	-	216,385,915	217,407,885	258,948,036	315,497,412	-	-	-		
a) Held to maturity:	14,454,454	13,390,327	13,099,792	12,804,107	-	-	-	-	-	17,666,301	15,842,417	15,534,961	13,959,679	-	-	-		
a. Kenya Government securities	14,454,454	13,390,327	13,099,792	12,804,107	-	-	-	-	-	14,454,454	13,390,327	13,099,792	12,804,107	-	-	-		
b. Other securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,211,847	2,452,090	2,435,169	1,155,572	-	-	-		
b) Available for sale:	183,693,730	181,766,679	221,754,210	258,523,525	-	-	-	-	-	198,719,614	201,565,468	243,413,075	301,537,733	-	-	-		
a. Kenya Government securities	166,460,811	162,290,072	169,836,898	189,775,625	-	-	-	-	-	166,790,196	162,309,318	169,856,144	189,775,625	-	-	-		
b. Other securities	17,232,919	19,476,607	51,917,312	68,747,900	-	-	-	-	-	31,929,418	39,256,150	73,556,931	111,762,108	-	-	-		
6. Deposits and balances due from local banking institutions	809,849	9,516,400	2,000,000	4,694,432	-	-	-	-	-	13,157,199	29,543,160	59,709,402	60,373,948	-	-	-		
7. Deposits and balances due from banking institutions abroad	9,995,689	80,808,444	89,209,007	85,904,632	-	-	-	-	-	31,366,918	156,432,181	123,787,942	97,227,178	-	-	-		
8. Tax recoverable	-	-	-	-	8,923	54,326	54,326	54,326	-	110,843	279,439	249,227	261,001	-	-	-		
9. Loans and advances to customers (net)	293,741,008	313,065,151	322,515,520	332,824,073	-	-	-	-	-	391,633,218	477,847,189	487,736,312	504,848,616	-	-	-		
10. Balances due from group companies	1,283,328	612,423	452,153	297,894	41,530	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
11. Investments in associates	-	-	-	-	70,193,742	80,451,544	80,451,544	80,451,544	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
12. Investments in subsidiary companies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
13. Investments in joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
14. Investment properties	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,575,912	5,465,510	5,380,046		
15. Property and equipment	5,700,234	5,334,684	5,433,424	4,991,914	12,329	11,814	11,521	11,328	-	11,165,575	15,903,898	15,905,974	15,047,637	-	-	-		
16. Prepaid lease rentals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
17. Intangible assets	6,565,858	6,496,942	6,664,649	7,123,743	-	-	-	-	-	7,540,002	9,621,193	9,543,466	9,810,646	-	-	-		
18. Deferred tax asset	6,769,536	11,268,837	11,229,896	11,543,832	77,191	90,055	90,055	120,626	-	8,279,546	13,206,930	13,108,082	13,402,665	-	-	-		
19. Retirement benefit asset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
20. Other assets	14,786,211	15,729,337	17,236,287	21,781,317	156,450	550,967	550,967	556,851	-	24,775,866	28,157,999	34,494,752	35,998,270	-	-	-		
21. TOTAL ASSETS	562,011,143	667,649,767	717,976,633	774,729,987	80,109,253	89,976,744	90,020,957	90,187,935	746,469,073	1,015,093,315	1,066,441,979	1,119,737,205	-	-	-	-		
B. LIABILITIES																		
22. Balances due to Central Bank of Kenya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
23. Customer deposits	389,304,206	420,236,822	431,449,035	441,548,652	-	-	-	-	-	543,893,929	740,197,229	789,943,370	819,684,096	-	-	-	-	
24. Deposits and balances due to local banking institutions	-	603,550	613,234	602,292	-	-	-	-	-	-	603,550	613,234	602,292	-	-	-	-	
25. Deposits and balances due to foreign banking institutions	34,518,702	75,907,728	121,590,296	141,318,582	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
26. Other money market deposits	-	5,674,800	600,000	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	343,150	9,927,450	1,103,740	3,698,042	-	-	-	-	
27. Borrowed funds	45,962,394	64,279,082	63,412,842	76,350,381	-	10,937,529	11,089,759	10,932,818	-	57,230,292	87,220,864	88,449,389	98,603,415	-	-	-	-	
28. Balances due to group companies	586,010	153,152	14,245	28,249	480,242	20,830	98,595	-	-	90,233	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
29. Tax payable	443,305	720,990	2,816,549	169,481	-	-	-	-	-	815,083	1,640,859	4,235,604	1,137,153	-	-	-	-	
30. Dividends payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,564	1,338,555	1,340,669	1,407,188	-	-	-	
31. Deferred tax liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,404,916	2,407,093	2,299,830	-	-	-	
32. Retirement benefit liability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
33. Other liabilities	13,019,225	13,376,223	11,071,351	13,010,263	9,204	420,000	422,003	727,710	-	20,710,778	33,119,092	37,911,240	37,231,697	-	-	-	-	
34. TOTAL LIABILITIES	483,833,842	580,952,347	631,567,552	676,027,900	489,446	11,378,359	11,610,357	11,660,528	623,109,029	876,452,515	926,004,339	964,663,713	-	-	-	-		
C. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS																		
35. Paid up / assigned capital	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	1,886,837	1,886,837	1,886,837	1,886,837	-	1,886,837	1,886,837	1,886,837	1,886,837	-	-	-	-	
36. Share premium / (discount)	9,964,132	9,964,132	9,964,132	9,964,132	16,062,607	15,325,264	15,325,264	15,325,264	-	16,062,607	15,325,264	15,325,264	15,325,264	-	-	-	-	
37. Revaluation reserve	3,470,579	5,160,545	2,272,995	2,765,438	-	-	-	-	-	4,612,324	4,378,592	[11,305,803]	[5,890,098]	-	-	-	-	
38. Retained earnings / (accumulated losses)	34,742,590	41,572,743	48,717,944	55,972,517	61,670,363	61,386,284	61,198,499	61,315,306	-	108,171,776	118,765,898	127,395,841	136,431,254	-	-	-	-	
39. Statutory loan loss reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	738,780	576,960	576,960	460,843	-	-	-	-	
40. Other reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
41. Proposed dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
42. Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
43. TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	78,177,301	86,697,420	86,409,081	98,702,087	79,619,807	78,598,385	78,410,600	78,527,407	123,360,044	138,640,800	140,437,640	155,073,492	-	-	-	-	-	
44. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	562,011,143	667,649,767	717,976,633	774,729,987	80,109,253	89,976,744	90,020,957	90,187,935	746,469,073	1,015,093,315	1,066,441,979	1,119,737,205	-	-	-	-	-	
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME																		
1. INTEREST INCOME																		
1.1 Loans and advances	15,578,001	34,069,068	8,850,330	18,445,751	-	-	-	-	-	22,510,277	52,033,992	14,164,207	29,208,276	-	-	-	-	-
1.2 Government securities	8,961,727	19,085,254	5,225,834	11,392,668	-	-	-	-	-	9,763,685	20,936,048	5,876,752	12,711,611	-	-	-	-	-
1.3 Deposits and placements with banking institutions	155,403	247,435	82,650	209,168	403,350	422,924	38,847	282,100	-	379,235	548,485	271,985	757,563	-	-	-	-	-
1.4 Other interest income	31,801	246,308	12,735	25,796	-	-	-	-	-	143,049	246,308	28,418	69,126	-	-	-	-	-
1.5 Total interest income	24,726,932	53,649,065	14,171,549	30,073,383	403,350	422,924	38,847	282,100	32,796,246 </									

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (continued)	EQUITY BANK (KENYA) LIMITED								EQUITY GROUP HOLDINGS PLC							
	BANK				COMPANY				GROUP							
	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	31st Dec 2020 Shs. '000' (Audited)	31st Mar 2021 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	31st Dec 2020 Shs. '000' (Audited)	31st Mar 2021 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	31st Dec 2020 Shs. '000' (Audited)	31st Mar 2021 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2020 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	31st Dec 2020 Shs. '000' (Audited)	31st Mar 2021 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	30th June 2021 Shs. '000' (Un-Audited)	
9.0 Profit / (loss) after exceptional items	9,160,986	14,207,343	9,282,754	18,885,173	549,618	215,442	(187,785)	(101,549)	11,977,492	22,169,790	11,705,154	23,830,973				
10. Current tax	[3,385,738]	[7,599,106]	[2,098,612]	[4,760,394]	[98,921]	[61,687]	-	-	[4,399,682]	[10,306,675]	[2,945,108]	[6,442,140]				
11. Deferred tax	1,398,173	7,395,831	[38,941]	274,995	[7,289]	5,574	-	30,571	1,499,293	8,236,431	[35,995]	555,365				
12. Profit / (loss) after tax and exceptional items	7,173,421	14,004,068	7,145,201	14,399,774	443,408	159,329	(187,785)	(70,978)	9,077,103	20,099,546	8,724,051	17,944,198				
12.1 Minority interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[54,986]	[310,148]	[94,108]	[394,959]				
13. Profit / (loss) after tax and exceptional items and minority interest	7,173,421	14,004,068	7,145,201	14,399,774	443,408	159,329	(187,785)	(70,978)	9,022,117	19,789,398	8,629,943	17,549,239				
14. Other comprehensive income																
14.1 Gains / (losses) from translating the financial statements of foreign operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,183,016	[224,348]	534,645	934,221			
14.2 Fair value changes in available for sale financial assets	1,089,666	2,779,632	[7,433,540]	[2,395,107]	-	-	-	-	-	1,323,260	2,964,356	[7,461,856]	[2,445,727]			
14.3 Revaluation surplus on property and equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
14.4 Share of other comprehensive income of associates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
14.5 Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
15. Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax	1,089,666	2,779,632	[7,433,540]	(2,395,107)	-	-	-	-	-	2,506,276	2,740,008	(6,927,211)	(1,511,506)			
16. Total comprehensive income for the year	8,263,087	16,783,700	[288,339]	12,004,667	443,408	159,329	(187,785)	(70,978)	11,583,379	22,839,554	1,796,840	16,432,692				
EARNINGS PER SHARE - BASIC & DILUTED DIVIDEND PER SHARE - DECLARED	239.11	466.80	238.17	479.99	0.12	0.04	[0.05]	[0.02]	-	2.39	5.24	2.29	4.65			
OTHER DISCLOSURES																
1) NON-PERFORMING LOANS AND ADVANCES																
a) Gross non-performing loans and advances	32,793,328	42,824,644	43,997,552	43,828,066	-	-	-	-	45,550,316	59,392,899	63,485,148	62,196,473				
b) Less interest in suspense	4,720,396	6,157,258	6,727,648	7,243,774	-	-	-	-	5,783,140	8,765,884	7,724,853	8,283,536				
c) Total non-performing loans and advances (a-b)	28,072,932	36,667,386	37,269,904	36,584,292	-	-	-	-	39,767,176	50,627,015	55,760,295	53,912,937				
d) Less loan loss provision	12,372,202	22,350,223	22,069,560	22,651,296	-	-	-	-	16,319,141	28,296,995	27,508,847	31,000,334				
e) Net non-performing loans (c-d)	15,700,730	14,317,163	15,200,344	13,932,996	-	-	-	-	23,448,035	22,330,020	28,251,448	22,912,603				
f) Discounted value of securities	14,382,064	14,317,163	15,200,344	13,932,996	-	-	-	-	22,879,863	22,330,020	28,251,448	22,912,603				
g) Net NPLs exposure (e-f)	1,318,666	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	568,172	-	-	-				
2) INSIDER LOANS AND ADVANCES																
a) Directors, shareholders and associates	4,480,269	4,635,346	4,782,919	5,504,365	-	-	-	-	4,661,838	5,484,014	5,272,890	6,529,929				
b) Employees	5,080,736	5,776,376	5,938,347	6,315,796	-	-	-	-	6,769,370	7,919,910	8,521,838	8,050,728				
c) Total insider loans and advances and other facilities	9,561,005	10,411,722	10,721,266	11,820,161	-	-	-	-	11,431,208	13,403,924	13,794,728	14,580,657				
3) OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS																
a) Letter of credit, guarantees and acceptances	66,896,074	73,879,069	74,200,975	73,163,013	-	-	-	-	84,934,376	104,002,031	98,200,699	97,713,692				
b) Forwards, swaps and options	40,267,371	35,124,888	30,557,250	36,223,366	-	-	-	-	40,267,371	35,124,888	30,557,250	36,223,366				
d) Total contingent liabilities	107,163,445	109,003,957	104,758,225	109,386,379	-	-	-	-	125,201,747	139,126,919	128,757,949	133,937,058				
4) CAPITAL STRENGTH																
a) Core capital	64,350,476	70,268,038	73,879,580	77,192,930	-	-	-	-	110,200,576	119,668,525	125,159,768	129,290,525				
b) Minimum statutory capital	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-	-	4,173,124	4,173,124	4,173,124	4,173,124				
c) Excess / (deficiency)	63,350,476	69,268,038	72,879,580	76,192,930	-	-	-	-	106,027,452	115,495,401	120,986,644	125,117,401				
d) Supplementary capital	21,330,000	21,850,000	21,870,000	20,963,003	-	-	-	-	22,153,778	33,690,907	33,677,458	32,492,294				
e) Total capital (a+d)	85,680,476	92,118,038	95,749,580	98,155,933	-	-	-	-	132,354,354	153,278,432	158,837,226	161,782,819				
f) Total risk weighted assets	524,264,379	566,959,169	620,198,018	651,227,639	-	-	-	-	653,898,060	809,585,432	880,037,514	922,013,197				
Ratios																
g) Core capital / total deposit liabilities	15.2%	14.1%	13.3%	13.2%	-	-	-	-	20.3%	16.2%	15.8%	15.8%				
h) Minimum statutory ratio	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	-	-	-	-	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%				
i) Excess / (deficiency) (g-h)	7.2%	6.1%	5.3%	5.2%	-	-	-	-	12.3%	8.2%	7.8%	7.8%				
j) Core capital / total risk weighted assets	12.3%	12.4%	11.9%	11.9%	-	-	-	-	16.9%	14.8%	14.2%	14.0%				
k) Minimum statutory ratio	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	-	-	-	-	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%				
l) Excess / (deficiency) (j-k)	1.8%	1.9%	1.4%	1.4%	-	-	-	-	6.4%	4.3%	3.7%	3.5%				
m) Total capital / total risk weighted assets	16.3%	16.2%	15.4%	15.1%	-	-	-	-	20.2%	18.9%	18.0%	17.5%				
n) Minimum statutory ratio	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	-	-	-	-	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%				
o) Excess / (deficiency) (m-n)	1.8%	1.7%	0.9%	0.6%	-	-	-	-	5.7%	4.4%	3.5%	3.0%				
p) Adjusted core capital / total deposit liabilities*	15.3%	14.2%	13.4%	13.3%	-	-	-	-	20.6%	16.2%	15.9%	15.8%				
q) Adjusted core capital / total risk weighted assets*	12.4%	12.5%	12.0%	11.9%	-	-	-	-	17.1%	14.8%	14.3%	14.1%				
r) Adjusted total capital / total risk weighted assets*	16.4%	16.3%	15.5%	15.1%	-	-	-	-	20.5%	19.0%	18.1%	17.6%				
5) LIQUIDITY																
a) Liquidity ratio	59.4%	73.1%	81.5%	88.4%	-	-	-	-	54.2%	59.3%	60.6%	62.4%				
b) Minimum statutory ratio	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	-	-	-	-	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%				
c) Excess / (deficiency) (a-b)	39.4%	53.1%	61.5%	68.4%	-	-	-	-	34.2%	39.3%	40.6%	42.4%				

*The adjusted capital ratios include the expected credit loss provisions added back to capital in line with the CBK guidance note issued in April 2018 on implementation of IFRS 9. These financial statements are extracts from the books of the institution. The complete set of financial statements, statutory and qualitative disclosures can be accessed on the Institution's website www.equitygroupholdings.com. They may also be accessed at the institution's head office located at Equity Centre, 9th floor, Hospital Road Upper Hill.

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National News

Tributes Leaders condole with the family, describing the senator as hard-working

How Prengei's wife escaped crash

Family sources told the 'Nation' that Catherine took a different vehicle and travelled ahead of her husband

BY JOSEPH OPENDA
AND MARVIN MBUGUA

Nominated senator Victor Prengei's wife, Catherine, had just alighted from the vehicle in which they were travelling together with her husband moments before he got involved in the fatal crash, the Nation has learnt.

Catherine Prengei and her husband were returning together from their Marioshoni farm in Eastern Mau, and were heading to their Mercy Njeri home on the Nakuru-Kabaraka highway but, on stopping in Nakuru town, she boarded a separate vehicle.

Driving himself

Family sources interviewed at the Umash Funeral Home in Nakuru, said Mrs Prengei took a different vehicle and travelled ahead of her husband.

"The two were together in Nakuru town, but his wife decided to go home earlier leaving him behind. On arriving, she was called and informed that he had been involved in an accident and that



The wreckage of the vehicle that killed nominated senator Victor Prengei (right) at Kaptembwa Police Station yesterday. JOHN NJOROGE | NATION

he had been taken to the War Memorial Hospital," said Daniel Koebe, who spoke on behalf of the family. Mr Koebe said the senator who was driving himself, crashed at Giotto area.

Nakuru County Police Commander Beatrice Kiraguri said the accident occurred around

9:45 pm. She said Mr Prengei was speeding and lost control of the vehicle, veered off the road and hit a wall.

"Prengei sustained injuries and was rushed to War Memorial Hospital but succumbed to injuries while receiving treatment," Ms Kiraguri said.



Friends and family converged at Umash Funeral Home to pay their last respects. Mr Prengei was the first ever MP from the Ogiek community. The senator's elder brother, Mr Joseph Saitoti, said he received the news with shock as they had spent time together just the previous day.

"We shared plans for our fam-

ily. He also had big plans for the Ogiek community and other minority groups," Mr Saitoti said.

Leaders took to social media to condole with the family, describing the youthful senator as a hard-working leader.

Writing on Twitter, Deputy President William Ruto eulogised Prengei as a modest and distinguished public servant committed to the advancement of the minority's cause. "He was progressive and full of ground breaking thoughts that transformed the lives of many," the tweet read.

Tireless champion

Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka described Mr Prengei as an amiable, calm and committed lawmaker who distinguished himself as a tireless champion of minority groups.

Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui mourned Prengei as a quiet and humble leader. Wiper Democratic Movement party leader Kalonzo Musyoka said the country has lost a leader who represented great hopes and aspirations.

Minority rights defender Amos

Ole Mpaka said Prengei's death has dealt a huge blow to marginalised communities. He revealed that he and Prengei had been pushing for a Bill, which aims to protect the rights of special interest groups in terms of representation in the country's leadership.

"We're mourning because we have lost the only person who was representing our interest at the national level," said Ole Mpaka. He appealed to the Jubilee Party leadership to ensure that the position was given to a member of the Ogiek community.

Prengei, 37, was nominated by the Jubilee Party in 2017 to represent the youth at the Senate.

Prengei attended Mariashoni Primary School before joining Moi Secondary School Amalo. He later joined Maseno University for a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

In 2017, he was awarded a masters in Strategic Management by Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology.

After his studies, Prengei was employed by the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission as a deputy returning officer.

Later, he served on the Nakuru County Land Management Board and also on the Betting Control and Licensing Board.

Mr Prengei is survived by a wife and three children.

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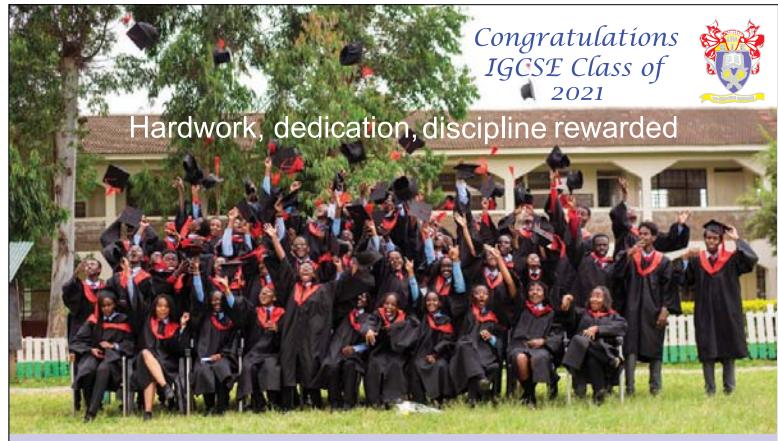
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To fix the economy, we must first mend our toxic politics

Kenyans are being asked, covertly and overtly, to choose between fixing the economy and fixing the politics. The question is, are the two independent of each other and, if not, what comes first?

Indeed, whether to place a premium on politics or the economy has always been a bone of contention not only among diverse scholars but also trade unionists and politicians.

The first example that comes to mind is that of the US presidential election of 1992, in which Democratic Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas defeated incumbent Republican President George H.W. Bush.

It became obvious that the election was about the economy. James Carville, a campaign strategist in Clinton's team, came up with one of the most enduring political campaign slogans in the US presidential election agenda: "It's the economy, stupid!"

For its mature political systems and strong institutions, US elections are issue-based, revolving mostly around the economy, taxes, health and other issues that define the two dominant political parties.

And 10 years after those US elections, some Kenyan politicians and parties came together under the National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) to chart the future of a country only a decade into multipartyism. Of necessity was to fix the politics. Coalition formation and constitutional review took centre stage.

Constitutional change

Two decades later, Deputy President William Ruto is fixated on 'fixing the economy' while former Prime Minister Raila Odinga 'fixing the politics'.

Dr Ruto is categorical that the problem with Kenya is the economy, and has proposed a "bottom-up" economic model. The latter has been categorical, for more than two decades, that, for a sustainable economy, we must first fix the politics. He has consistently religiously championed constitutional change to bring political and, consequently, economic stability.

While we need to fix the economy, politics has a domino effect on everything. And nothing captures the veracity of this fact than the famous phraseology by President Daniel arap Moi, "Siasa mbaya, maisha mbaya" (Bad politics begets poor lifestyles").

Arguably, much of the economic successes, or legacy projects, in the Mwai Kibaki presidency was a re-

sult of the political stability owing to the coalition government formed in 2008. Focus changed from politics to economic development, albeit in tandem with a constitutional review to cement the stability.

To seek a 'good economy' is an exercise in futility if politics is toxic and the political environment unstable. When politics is good, peace abounds and the economy grows. But to fix our politics would mean having a sustainable Constitution that promotes political stability and, thus, a stable economy.

Call me a prophet, if you will, but the administration that comes into office after next year's elections will make constitutional review their first order of business, especially after realising how polarised the country will be under the current dispensation.

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President Mwai Kibaki and PM Raila Odinga sign the Grand Coalition deal on February 28, 2008.

Strong unions best for all

As an organised movement, trade unionism (also called organised labour) originated in the 19th Century in Great Britain, continental Europe and the United States. In many countries, trade unionism is synonymous with the labour movement. Labour unionism took root in Kenya in the early 1930s, driven by the rising trend of violation of Kenyan workers' rights.

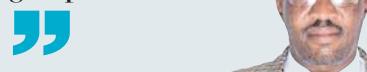
A union's clout is a compelling factor when considering results such as empowerment of its membership. One of the most crucial goals is to achieve elevated equity of influence between the labour and management classes. Consequently, union strength is a feat of this fundamental aim.

A trade unions call to industrial action is usually a gigantic cause of anguish for any employer. But unions only pursue industrial action as a last resort, even with the right to strike being a vital democratic freedom that ensures a fair balance of power at the workplace.

The freedom of workers to join a union and negotiate with employers in a process known as collective bargaining is widely recognised as a fundamental human right across the globe.

One of the biggest challenges for unions in developing countries is splinter groups representing workers in the same organisation. This has a consequence of eroding of worker bargaining power and collective bargaining, wage suppression and deterioration of the union's

One of the biggest challenges for unions is splinter groups



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share of income. More importantly, it reduces the ability of the organ to voice and push labour and professional concerns.

Union strength is in membership density and bargaining coordination. A union is most robust when it represents many members and least consequential when its bargaining rights and revenues are restricted. With the world of work changing very rapidly, strong trade unions can make contributions to societies with robust policy frameworks.

The decline of the union movement is not an option as it can contribute to imbalance of power in the economy and increase in inequality.

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Accepting political financial gifts... subverts the truth of the Gospel and smirks of ecclesial corruption

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Joseph Wandera | Corruption

Illicit campaign funds can subvert our democracy

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has proposed a cap to campaign financing before the 2022 General Election. It wants sources of funds disclosed amid other regulations in a bid to set limits that can ensure a level ground for political players.

However, the National Assembly's Committee on Delegated Legislation seeks to quash the proposed legislation, on technicalities, terming it an "illegality". But in this exchange, the substance of the legislation as it relates to free and fair elections is lost.

A tragic reality around elections in Kenya is the death of critical spirit and vision. This, also, sounds the death knell to credible elections. It is nearly impossible to be elected to Parliament and other elective positions without heavy financing. Thus, the 'influence market' model of corruption is rampant. Essentially money buys people's voices, which is intrinsically disruptive of a democratic system.

It is this illegitimate acquisition of agency while restricting other voices that constitutes corruption. This process skews decision-making as money becomes an incentive to voters. Politicians must amass vast amounts of financial support to be elected and, as a consequence, that silences players with lean war chests while dampening broader resources of persuasion. The corruption destroys the the democracy that ostensibly permits it.

Our electoral system is intrinsically corrupt. The entrenched resistance to significant campaign finance reform currently playing out is but a symptom of this. Most corruption analysts point out that a free flow of information is a bulwark against corruption, exposing and correcting it.

A vibrant press, cellphones and platforms for diverse academic exchanges have the potential to destabilise political corruption. However, the converse is also true: Corruption diminishes the plurality of voices within a society. It consolidates power in the hands of manipulators and blurs the truth.

Democracy is stifled

When only a few individuals possess a voice, linked to a limited range of material qualities — money, power and so on — democracy is stifled. This is an important issue for the religious actors, among other spaces, where this political transaction takes place.

Admittedly, churches have done very little in sustaining the fight against corruption.

Archbishop Jackson ole Sapit is on message when he counsels church leadership to refrain from accepting political financial gifts. It clearly subverts the truth of the Gospel and smirks of ecclesial corruption by being co-opted in placing the leadership of country in the hands, not of the faithful, but of those with money to buy positions or those with relatives already in offices of power.

When church leadership so eagerly receive these political gifts, it impedes their capacity to be servants of change. Let there be vibrant debate on campaign financing, among other electoral challenges; else, we will lose a generation and more.

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Opinion

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Varsity reforms vital for quality higher education

The emerging trend in university admission is a wake-up call for drastic reforms. Enrolments are declining and several programmes going without applicants. The imperative is for the universities to re-examine their programmes and shed the least attractive. Moreover, they have to think of reorganising departments and redistributing resources to serve areas of critical need.

Yesterday, Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha released the admission list of university qualifiers. In total, 142,540 candidates had obtained grade C+ and above at the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations and, therefore, qualified for university. However, of that figure, 134,690 applied for admission while 7,850 declined to. That is a pointer that times are changing. Not all who excel in the Form Four exams seek local university places; they either pursue higher education abroad or join technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutes. With 6,617 qualifiers opting for technical courses, that strikes a positive note for TVET institutions — they are gaining traction with the youngsters, which is good for the economy.

However, that some universities and degree programmes failed to attract applicants is an indicator that the courses have lost relevance and should be abolished. Let universities consolidate and concentrate on marketable programmes. During the momentous years of expansion, universities introduced all sorts of programmes to snap up the huge uptake from high school leavers and working class individuals seeking higher education. That ended with the eradication of cheating in high school exams, resulting in low enrolment. Reforms are inevitable for higher education. Universities must change, prioritise programmes and learn to survive with fewer students to guarantee quality education.

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Broker Afghan peace

Images published in the media of Afghans scrambling onto United States military aeroplanes in Kabul to flee their country as the Taliban regained control of the southwest-central Asian nation have been heart-wrenching. Of course, not all of them will be able to escape and will have to accept the new order. It has taken 20 years of a bitter struggle for the militants to recapture the capital.

The US has been criticised for withdrawing its troops, leaving the vacuum that is being filled by the Taliban. Interestingly, President Joe Biden has defended the withdrawal of American troops after the Taliban takeover that has triggered panic in Kabul. The government that had been shored up by the West for two decades just disintegrated and vanished.

According to President Biden, Americans should not be fighting and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves. The Taliban have captured Kabul and other cities and the civilians fear for their lives under a group known for its brutality from 1996 to 2001. With the US, France, Germany and Australia evacuating their nationals, Afghans have been abandoned in their hour of need.

The international community, especially the United Nations, need to quickly intervene and broker peace among Afghan groups. Even the Taliban cannot afford to ignore all the other segments of the nation. Though triumphant, the regime must reassure the international community that they have also learnt from their previous mistakes. China, Iran and Russia have already sent signals to the Taliban that they are ready for cordial relations with Kabul.

Disappointing, though, is the rather lacklustre UN response, with the Security Council only saying that the international community must ensure Afghanistan does not become a breeding ground for terrorism. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said the "world is watching" and "cannot and must not abandon the people of Afghanistan".

It is, indeed, in the interest of all Afghans, including the Taliban, to build a peaceful nation.

Table turns in Zambia



Save prime hotels from 'vultures'

Two major global hospitality brands, the InterContinental Hotel Group and the Hilton Group, plan to exit their investments in two of the oldest hotels in Nairobi, namely the Nairobi Hilton and Hotel InterContinental. Both are five-star hotels that have been operating since 1969.

The implications of their exit for the economy in terms of lost jobs, the country's position as a tourist destination and our reputation as a good investment location will be far-reaching.

The InterContinental Group and their local partners — the state-owned Tourism Finance Corporation (TFC), Moi family-owned Sovereign Trust Limited and state-controlled Development Bank of Kenya (DBK) — recently placed the hotel on the market, inviting offers and proposals from realtors to either lease or convert the building into a mixed-use property.

The circumstances of the Hilton Group are not too dissimilar. For nearly 10 years, the American owners have more or less been blocked from refurbishing the hotel as the government kept dithering over its plans to sell the 40.5 per cent stake in the property that is held by TFC on its behalf.

Make no mistake, the land and buildings where the InterContinental stands are not being sold because of the ravaging impact on Covid-19 on the hospitality industry. Had the government been wiser, we could have — when the time was ripe — done what wonks call capital recycling. You sell your stake to institutional investors when the time is right and reinvest the entire proceeds in new assets.

As I perused through the archives to track the evolution of decision-making since a 2009 Cabinet meeting decided that government shares in three TFC-owned hotels — namely, the Hilton, the InterContinental and Mountain Lodge — be privatised, I came to the following inescapable conclusion.

The InterContinental is where it is today

Influential local oligarchs, just like the vultures that they are, have all along been quietly circling the hotels

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**Jaindi Kisero
Economy**

because of the hands of men: Toing and froing, dithering and inability to make the right decisions at the right time between the management of TFC, the Moi family, the Ministry of Tourism, the National Treasury and the Privatisation Commission (PIC) is why the hotel has died.

As you look through the files closely, the picture you see is that of machinations by influential local oligarchs who, just like the vultures that they are, have all along been quietly circling the hotels.

They have been pulling strings behind the scenes to, first, block attempts by foreign investors at injecting capital in the businesses; secondly, artificially depress the value of the assets; and, finally, set the stage for the oligarchs to snap up the land and buildings on the cheap.

The scheme was implemented in two stages. First, the foreign investors were literally prevented from injecting capital in the businesses and told to wait until after the government leaves. In the next stage, the oligarchs came up with a scheme after the scheme to make sure that privatisation did not take place as planned.

I have seen a July 2014 letter by TFC's former CEO, Marianne Ndegwa Jordan, to Treasury Cabinet Secretary at the time,

Henry Rotich, pleading with the government to let privatisation proceed. She informed the minister that the American investors were ready to inject \$75 million into refurbishing the hotel and were tired of waiting for the planned privatisation.

As the foreign investors were being forced to wait, the value of the asset kept dwindling. Clever manoeuvres by Sovereign Trust were a major factor in the postponement of the planned privatisation.

I have seen correspondence showing that when the privatisation was about to start in earnest in early 2014, the Moi family wrote to the Privatization Commission offering to purchase the shares owned by the government in the hotel at Sh1.9 billion (\$h25 per share).

A few months later, the company secretaries of the InterContinental Group received a separate letter in which the Moi family had brought down their offer to Sh628 million (\$h107 per share) which the Privatization Commission declined to accept. The privatisation plan collapsed.

Mark you, the Cabinet had directed that the shares be privatised by allowing the local shareholders of the hotel to exercise their preemptive rights. Sovereign Trust, with a 19.38 per cent stake, was, therefore, in pole position to clinch the deal.

The remaining local shareholders hold minimal stakes. The only other significant stake in the company is the 10 per cent indirect share owned by the TransCentury Group in DBK, which, in turn, owns a 12.99 per cent shares in the hotel.

All the Privatization commissioners who resisted the transaction have since left with former chief executive Solomon Kitungu replaced by Joseph Koskey, formerly Sovereign Group CEO.

Call me a conspiracy theorist if you wish. The government should not allow the InterContinental to get into the hands of property merchants. And, let us decide what we want to do with the Hilton.

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With political goodwill, honesty we can achieve gender equality, equity

There is no denying it: Kenya has been placed in an election mood and indications are that we are likely to remain engaged in that manner for a year with the political situation heating up as the 2022 General Election draws near. However, though related, we will be momentarily distracted by anxiety ahead of the Court of Appeal ruling on the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) on Friday. The Justice Daniel Musinga-headed court will deliver its verdict on the constitutional amendment drive that has split the nation down the middle.

The nation waits with bated breath the appellate judges' take on the disputed High Court judgment. Amid all that, the anxiety notwithstanding, it is in order to revisit some of the BBI proposals in regard to gender balance, which proponents hoped would be captured in the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020 and approved by Parliament.

With Parliament's ratification and the consequent citizens' approval, the campaigners anticipated, BBI would spotlight the political, social and economic hurdles and an assortment of other issues that women and girls in the country are confronted with primarily because of their gender. They kept the faith and harboured hope that the BBI enterprise would be the vehicle to dim these ancient unfair practices which include discrimination that the female gender has faced.

Top on the list of matters presented by women, mostly as groups and individuals, at the grassroots and nationally for integration into the BBI Bill was the need to preserve and keep intact the gender achievements as contained in the Constitution. They were at-

Safeguarding inclusivity need not be pegged on the Friday ruling



Njeri Rugene | Gender

tained after years of fighting for reforms, agitation, lobbying and tough negotiations during that lengthy and windy journey by rights campaigners. Fortunately, this struggle is well documented and some players continue to do it as a vital aspect in our history.

In addition to weighty societal issues largely proposed as part of the women agenda, such as the contents of Article 43 on the rights to health, housing, water, food and social security, cases of femicide were on the surge (things have not quite changed for the better).

And so, it was expected that sexual and gender-based violence, particularly against young women and minors, as well as domestic violence, would rightly be on the priority list in the hope that they would be addressed.

Given that the general election is only a year away, it is critical and appropriate that issues that hinder women's participation in the electoral process are dealt with firmly and with finality. Key among these is electoral violence against female candidates, especially during campaigns and on voting day.

Regrettably, it is not just women candidates, aspirants and campaigners who are subjected to this form of gender violence but also female voters. This electoral hooliganism clearly is a major issue that discourages women — mostly potential and able leaders willing to take the reins of leadership — from participating and running for political office.

This form of discrimination and abuse of the political arena that smacks of gender imbalance in favour of men led women to seek a deterrent and protection against electoral violence that is anchored in law. And under BBI, electoral violence against women has been enhanced to aggravated assault with harsher penalties against its perpetrators.

Addressed, too, is the thorny matter of inclusivity, providing a mechanism of, for instance, equal representation of both genders in the Senate while in the county assemblies nomination slots would be based on votes received with the top-up seats having a 10-year sunset clause. Political parties would be obliged to provide two-thirds gender-compliant candidate lists for elective MCA seats.

The BBI Bill also proposes that the gubernatorial candidate and running mate be of opposite gender with the deputy governor legally having a portfolio. That was in an attempt to tackle the hurdles to inclusion and participation of women, especially in politics.

Safeguarding inclusivity need not be pegged on the Friday ruling. BBI or none, Parliament can do it. Political goodwill is the key word, and that is the elephant in the room.

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Weak governance and corruption are the major enablers of environmental crime and degradation



Kevin Omai | Environment

Stop the graft and cure the environment

The past century has seen the average annual temperature of the earth increase steadily, snow and ice caps diminish, with even Mount Kenya at risk, the oceans have warmed and sea levels risen.

There is scientific consensus that climate change is occurring and the biggest contributor is human activity. Climate scientists attribute the increasing frequency of specific extreme weather events to rising temperatures caused predominantly by anthropogenic (that is, human) sources. They predict that these and other observed climate changes, will become severer.

The changes in climate are imposing an increasing burden on governments with limited resources, like ours. Issues such as desertification and flooding, food insecurity, animal migration and increased conflict between human and animals will be high. If we do nothing, indigenous populations, the poor and socially marginalised individuals, women and people with disabilities will be greatly affected.

Weak governance and corruption are the major enablers of environmental crime and degradation. Corruption exacerbates small-scale offences, which sum up to devastating environmental collapse, existentially threatening both animal and human populations. We will no longer have peace with the environment.

Environmental criminals use corruption and fraud to engage in illegal logging, constructions and mining, leaving the environment naked. They exploit gaps in governance to destroy intergenerational and intragenerational sustainability. We can get a clean and secure environment if we win the war on corruption.

Removing opportunities for corruption, tracing illicit financial flows and confiscating the proceeds of crime will help to dismantle the criminal organisations that are exploiting the planet for personal gain and putting our country on an irreplaceable path to destruction.

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An illustration of gender equity. Parliament can create laws to ensure gender balance without having to amend the Constitution, says Njeri Rugene.
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THE CUTTING EDGE by THE WATCHMAN

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To cap it all • The cap on election campaign spending announced by IEBC boss Wafula Chebukati, though good, is a joke, remarks Kevin Lema. "A person who can afford billions for transport, marketing, bribes and so on won't lack Sh2 million to pay fines. They should amend the gazette notice to read 'billion' and politicians will think twice before they break the rules." His contact is kevinlema33@gmail.com.

Bursary boost • The proposal by Dr Kilemi Mwiria, a former Education assistant minister, for a "centrally controlled bursary scheme couldn't have come at a better time", says Dr Odidi Owiti. "The media are awash with stranded deserving candidates while the politically controlled schemes at the constituencies and wards are riddled with nepotism." His contact is wuodawino@gmail.com.

Skill imports • Many huge infrastructural projects are being implemented but there is no robust mentorship programme for our young engineers and technicians, says Thomas Yebesi. "I expected to see trainees from the NYS, military and technical institutions at these projects. It will be a pity if, in 10 years, road or rail construction is still dominated by foreigners." His contact is tomyebesi@yahoo.com.

Thirsty for paint • While the students of Mugoir Girls School in Murang'a County would love to quench their thirst, Joe Gachanja says Coca-Cola Bottlers should urgently do something about its dilapidated billboard. "The signboard at the school gate could do with a fresh coat of paint. I almost missed the entrance during a visit to the chilly ridges of the Aberdares." His contact is jgachanja2001@gmail.com.

Sleeping on the job • Looking at some of the new residential estates on Nairobi's outskirts, Henry Ruhui says something stands out like a sore thumb. "Nothing worries me like the evident lack of planning. I don't see the departments of Planning and Public Health working. You will notice narrow alleys and sewage spewing everywhere." His contact is henryruhui56@gmail.com. Have a well-planned day, won't you?

Opinion

LETTERS

Interrogate political promises

Kenya has entered the homestretch in our political cycle of elections. Unfortunately, the electorate hardly interrogates the successes and failures of the incumbent but is bombarded with political talk by individuals hell-bent on preserving and perpetuating power at any cost. In the name of ideologies and models, the voter is subjected to psychological warfare. In any economic model, there has to be a flow media and, if that is suspect in terms of efficiency, then the model is as good as a poisoned chalice. Yes, we attained political liberation; let us now liberate ourselves from ourselves by refusing mental capture and enslavement.

Muriithi King'au, Laikipia

Road safety the duty of everyone

Road accidents are among the leading causes of death in Kenya. Statistics show more people were killed in road accidents in the past two months than over the same period last year. Some 710 people were killed in road accidents in January and February alone. The main culprits include poor roads and reckless driving. NTSAs should ensure that roads are safe to travel on and curb the increased drink-driving. Traffic police must be firmer, stricter and more decisive and Judiciary should hand stiffer penalties to Highway Code violators. Passengers must also resist bad drivers. Road safety is an individual investment for the greater good.

Kelsie Dorita, Kisumu

Sh1m too little for sports stars

President Kenyatta has announced a Sh1 million reward for Kenya's gold medallists in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. But the amount is too little and has stagnated since Joseph Keter, Kenya's sole gold medalist in the 1996 Atlanta Games, got it. To train for Olympics, Eliud Kipchoge spends at least Sh2 million. Catherine Ndereba used to spend Sh4 million but would be awarded Sh750,000. Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei got Sh7.5 million and Namibia's Christine Mboma a Sh10 million car! Pay Sh5 million for a gold medal, Sh3 million for silver, Sh2 million for bronze, Sh500,000 for participation and Sh250,000 to coaches.

Weldon Oriop Kirui, Narok

Ruling not make-or-break affair

Political eyebrows are set to be raised at the end of this week, when the appellate court either endorses or overturns the High Court ruling that outlawed the BBI report. But Kenya has succeeded, rather paradoxically, in failure to respect court orders and judgment, which results in conflict. The Judiciary exists to fairly resolve inter-personal and institutional disagreements. Should political bigwigs fail to appreciate its role, they render the institution vain. Former PM Raila Odinga and DP William Ruto, the faces of the pro- and anti-BBI camps, respectively, should play the lead role in accepting the outcome of the appeal. We know failure to respect institutions can bring a nation to its knees.

Danson Kiruma, Nairobi

Establish more cancer centres

Cancer is one of the diseases that cause the most deaths in the country. Many people suffer from different types of cancer but some are not even aware of its existence until it is too late. Yet others die without having known what killed them. More people are dying of cancer than they are of Covid-19. The cancer awareness programmes in place are efficient but restricted to certain places. In most remote areas, when somebody is diagnosed with cancer, they think it is a curse that has befallen them or they are bewitched. But even those who know about the disease don't have the resources to visit a cancer centre, let alone receive treatment and care. The Health ministry should build and equip more cancer centres around the country, not limited to the cities and big towns. It should also allocate funds to finance treatment for people living with various cancers but cannot afford it.

Betty Kerubo, Nairobi

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TODAY IN HISTORY



August 18, 1999: President Daniel arap Moi appoints Mr Chris Okemo (right) the Minister for Finance in a straight swap with Francis Masakhala, who was transferred to the Energy ministry. Mr Okemo immediately announced that his priority was to resolve the stalemate over the aid freeze imposed on Kenya by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in July 1997. Here, Mr Masakhala and Mr Okemo congratulate each other during the handover. COMPILED BY MARIA WAMBUA

LETTER OF THE DAY

Change police curriculum to end brutality

It seems the curriculum taught in National Police Service colleges has become too old to fit into the modern times. The number of civilians dying at the hands of the law enforcers is worrying.

This is a call for revision of the training to make the policing unit a copper-bottomed service and not a ruthless force. There has never been a reason for the police to kill or harm; their duty is to prevent that from happening and protect property.

The culture of killing suspects instead of taking them to court has no basis whatsoever, whether in religion, civilisation or traditional African culture. It's an immoral habit that we have imposed on ourselves in a bid to enforce the policies of a few individuals (or protect them) at the ex-

pense of the majority.

The police probably kill to instil fear and show their might; yet the civilians neither threaten nor compete with them. Following the numerous shocking cases of police brutality in country, it's only fair to say that the police are an enemy of civil peace.

Every time there is a need for them to limit civil disorder, they opt to use of excessive force, which provokes the public, turning it into a bitter and uncontrollable confrontation. Sense obviously loses meaning and casualties become the end result.

However bad the crime a suspect has committed is, he or she has the right to be heard as it is a principle of natural justice. Subjecting anyone to brutality is wrong and unacceptable the

world over. And since it's the police who are trained to limit civil disorder and not the civilians, the former should avoid confrontation at all costs. Unarmed citizens will never win a battle against a weapon-wielding force.

The darkest side of this story is that of young people and children being killed by those entrusted with their safety. From Baby Pendo to the Kianjokoma Brothers, we now have a reason to rethink our position on how the police perceive the sanctity of human life. And that should find its way into the training manual.

The manner in which the government has handled police brutality has made the public lose faith in the service. The most serious and severest punishment meted out on rogue officers is

a transfer, surely a slap on the wrist, which becomes the green light to continue their savagery.

But even amid condemnation of the police, some of the men and women in uniform are, admittedly, diligent and fair. We have seen clips of officers rejecting bribes and others assisting the vulnerable in times of need. The government should motivate such officers by promoting them and then use them to transform their rogue colleagues.

Police brutality is a pandemic that ought to be stopped before it consumes us all. The Independent Policing Oversight Authority and the National Police Service Commission must work with other institutions to end the vice.

Arasa Makori, Kisii





NAROK COUNTY GOVERNMENT GROUND-BREAKING OF MAASAI MARA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Glorious dawn for tourism as ground is broken for new Maasai Mara International Airport



Message from the Governor

It is profoundly pleasant to have broken ground for the new Maasai Mara International Airport. This is a timely, visionary and game-changing infrastructural development aimed at opening up the Mara directly to the world. The world is a global village, and Narok County is one of the village cells.

Narok County is the home of Maasai Mara, a premium holiday destination that is globally famous for its exquisite holiday experience – the exceptional population of lions, African leopards and cheetahs, and the annual migration of zebras, Thomsons gazelles, and wildebeests to and from the Serengeti from July to October, known as the Great Migration. During this peri-

od, about 1.5 million wildebeests cross the Great Mara River to find fresher pastures.

Since 2013, the Game Reserve has continually been ranked as Africa's leading National Park. That is not all. Maasai Mara has won many other awards such as the Golden Award for Quality and Business Prestige, in Italy, and the World Travel Market Award for the Best Park in Africa.

Decades upon decades, Kenya's Maasai Mara and conservancies, sandy beaches, breath-taking natural scenery and diverse wildlife, have attracted tourists from around the world to enjoy holidays within our borders, and by extension around the continent.

Through the planned international airport, we the people of Narok will

open our arms and welcome the world to the wild, scenic Mara, and gladly share our Maasai traditions, and make this region part of the world through tourism and holiday experiences.

Kenyans and the residents of Narok owe a debt of gratitude to His Excellency President Uhuru Kenyatta for his definitive transport infrastructure development policy and roll-out, which has enabled the expansion of roads infrastructure across Kenya; the completion of the Isiolo International Airport; and the construction and completion of the new Lamu Port. Now, proudly under his administration, we have broken ground for the construction of the Maasai Mara International Airport, Kenya's only airport in the wild, under his leadership.

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Hon. Samuel Ole Tunai, EGH, Governor of Narok County

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Here comes Africa's newest international airport in a game reserve

A glorious dawn is at hand for the tourism industry as ground-breaking has taken place in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve for the new Maasai Mara International Airport. This is a mind-blowing development, not just for the tourism sector, but for Narok County Government and the wider South Rift region, which stands to draw enormous socio-economic dividends from this new facility.

Opening a new frontier for Kenya's tourism and air travel infrastructure, the Maasai Mara International Airport is going to be an exciting phenomenon.

In presiding over this new development, Narok County Governor, Hon. Samuel Tunai, was joined by the Principal Secretary for Transport, Solomon Kitungu; Principal Secretary for Tourism, Safina Kwekwe; Principal Secretary for Youth Affairs, Charles Sunkuli; management representatives of Kenya Airports Authority and of Maasai Mara Conservancies; and local leaders.

From the stretching open skies above, aeroplanes from around the world will land in the middle of the unfolding grasslands, bushes and rolling hills of Maasai Mara Game Reserve where preys and predators co-exist.



A representation of the upcoming Maasai Mara International Airport at the Mara Game Reserve.



This will be Africa's newest, modern and smart international airport in a game reserve.



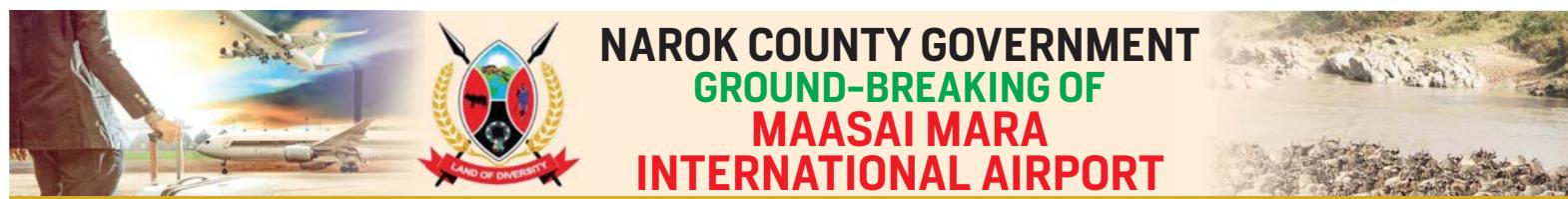
Narok County Governor, Hon. Samuel Tunai, delivering his remarks at the ground-breaking ceremony. He emphasised that due to the pride of place that the Mara holds for holiday goers all over the world, it is important to make it more accessible for domestic and foreign tourists, and to open up the Mara for more opportunities that the world can offer, including filming and conference opportunities.



Governor Samuel Tunai breaking the ground for the Maasai Mara International Airport.



The Maasai Mara International Airport will be one busy and significant airport with capacity to serve over 150 destinations.



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Visioning the Maasai Mara International Airport and its significance

The Mara has six airstrips, which serve about 203 lodges, hotels and tented camps. This is about to change.

Over the last few months, the Narok County Government, the State Department of Transport, the National Land Commission, as well as the Kenya Airports Authority, have worked tirelessly to ensure that what started as a brilliant idea is transformed into reality.

Beyond the reach of any administration since independence, His Excellency President Kenyatta's Government will stand out for unprecedented construction of mega infrastructural projects such as the Isiolo International Airport, the Lamu Port, the SGR, the iconic Nairobi Expressway, among others, and now the initiated Maasai Mara International Airport, Kenya's only international airport in the wild.

Significance of the airport

The tourism sector is one of the key economic drivers in Kenya, generating 8.8 percent of the country's GDP. The industry further contributes about 8.3 percent of the country's total employment, which is equivalent to 1.1 million jobs, according to the Ministry of Tourism.

In Narok County, the tourism sector, especially the Mara, contributes close to 80 percent of its own source revenue, and close to 40 percent of employment opportunities directly and indirectly. On this account alone, the Mara is extremely important to the people of Narok County.

In terms of air travel, aviation provides a worldwide transportation network, which makes it essential for global business and tourism.

It plays a vital role in facilitating economic growth, particularly in developing countries. The aviation industry transports close to two billion passengers annually and 40 percent of interregional exports of goods (by value).

So dominant is the industry that 40 percent of foreign tourists now travel by air. As a consequence, the air transport industry generates a total of 29 mil-

lion jobs globally (through direct, indirect, induced and catalytic impacts). Aviation's global economic impact (direct, indirect, induced and catalytic) is estimated at \$2,960 billion.

The world's 900 airlines have a total fleet of nearly 22,000 aircraft. They serve some 1,670 airports through a route network of several million kilometres managed by about 160 air navigation service providers.

The Maasai Mara is one of the most famous and important wildlife conservation areas in the world. It is a world-class holiday destination celebrated for its exceptional populations of lions, African leopard, cheetahs and African bush elephants. It also hosts the Great Migration, which is one of the Wonders of the World.

At almost every World Tourism Fair, the Mara has been voted as the best global safari destination. We are up there above our tallest competitors in Africa. Yet we strongly believe that the numbers do not march its stellar global fame. Without doubt, the missing link has been an international airport dedicated to it.

The Greater Mara, The Mara Triangle, and several Maasai Conservancies, including Koiyaki, Lemek, Ol Chorro Oirowua, Mara North, Olkinyei, Siana, Maji Moto, Naikara, Ol Derkesi, Kerinkani, Olorien, and Kimintet, altogether constitute part of the Mara Ecosystem, whose sustainability is exceptionally significant for Kenya's tourism sector. Until now, all foreign tourists who wish to access the Mara Ecosystem must either land at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) or Moi International Airport Mombasa, and then charter a local flight to the Mara.

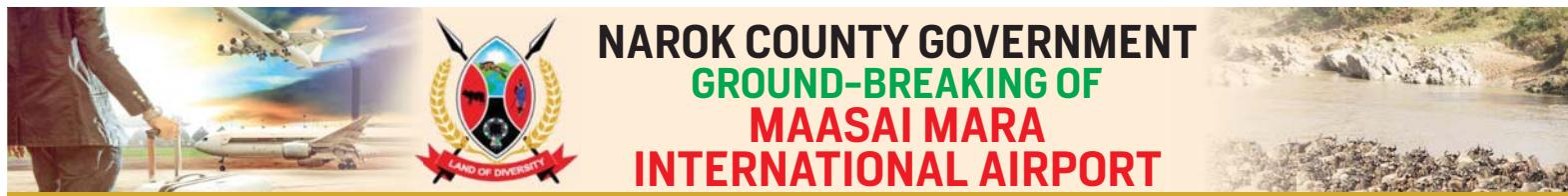
If one wanted to visit the Mara Ecosystem from Serengeti, which is across the border or from Entebbe on the shores of Lake Victoria, one must first fly to Nairobi. The prohibitive cost of such a circular travel as well as the inconveniences of time and space combine to dim the attractiveness of the Mara Ecosystem. With this international airport, the full potential of the Mara Ecosystem will be realised.



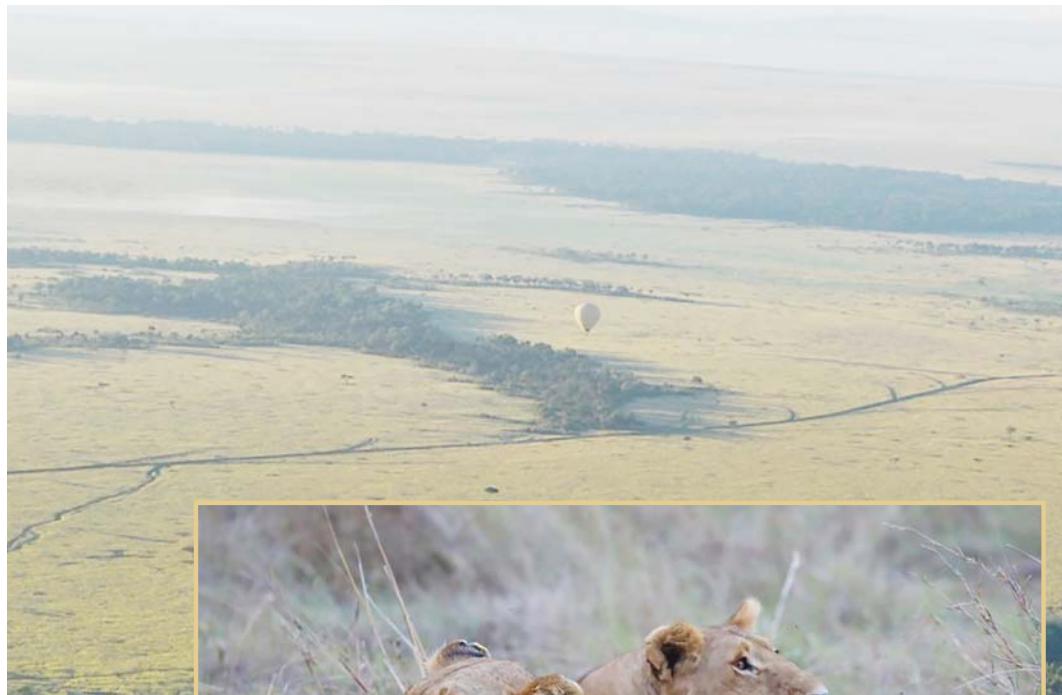
Visitors board an aircraft at the Mara Serena Air Strip, one of the six at the Mara.



Activity at the Mara Serena Air Strip.



Beauty and thrill of the Maasai Mara Game Reserve



A view of the Mara plains, with a hot-air balloon at Maasai Mara Game Reserve.



Two lionesses with a cub at the Maasai Mara plains.



The great plunge of wildebeests as they cross the Mara River.



Wildebeests crossing the crocodile-infested Mara River, into Maasai Mara Game Reserve.

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve covers a total area of 1510sqkm – made up of 820sqkm east of the Mara River (Narok side) and 690sqkm west of the Mara River (Trans-mara side). The game reserve is supported by the group ranches, now community conservancies/wildlife dispersal areas, covering about 3300sqkm. These make up the greater Mara Ecosystem.

The 4810sqkm of wildlife conservation area has been the backbone of the revenues accrued from tourism for both the County Council of Narok, with the Maasai Mara contributing 95 percent of its total budget and the community conservancies having 100 percent of their earnings from tourism.

It is here at the Maasai Mara that the iconic annual wildebeest migration takes place, a spectacle that has secured a place in the Guinness Book of World Records as one of the wonders of the world.

The annual movement of migratory wildebeests and zebras in search of green pasture, defines the Serengeti-Mara Ecosystem (SME) and serves as a primary tourist attraction. The spectacular crossing of the Mara River by these animals is always breath-taking.

Kenya tourism sector is a major foreign exchange earner, topping over 60 billion shillings annually. The success of tourism in the country is anchored on biodiversity, and is thus driven by environmental and wildlife conservation. Kenya boasts of many game parks and reserves, and Maasai Mara is one of them.

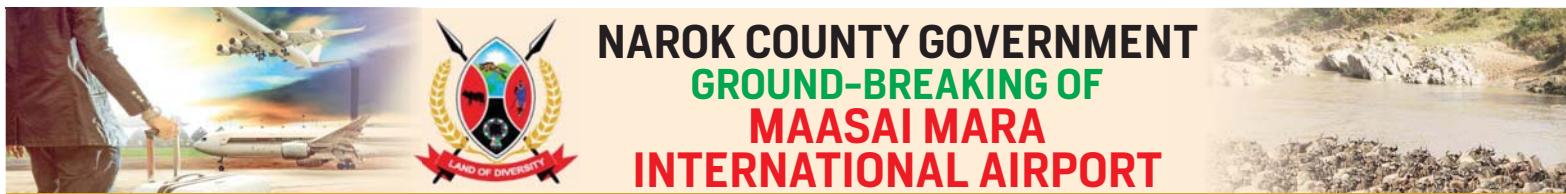
The Maasai Mara National Game Reserve is undeniably the leading destination in Kenya, especially for Safari Tourism. The country's tapestry of wildlife is unrivalled all over the world with regard to variety and population. This makes Kenya one of the unique and popular tourist destinations worldwide. The wide range of animals, birds and safari experiences are found in the Maasai Mara.

Annually, Maasai Mara Game Reserve hosts about one million tourists. Narok County's tourism sector is open for investment, because the potential of the Mara has only been explored to 40 percent. The possibilities of having the Mara fully booked throughout the year are yet to be exploited.

The Maasai Mara International Airport will make this dream a possibility. With this new facility, Kenya is poised to be a leading air logistics hub in the entire peninsula of East, Central and Northern Africa. We have excellent connectivity, world class infrastructure, efficient customs clearance, reliable ground handling.

The Kenyan airports with international arrivals facilities, namely JKIA, Moi International Airport Mombasa, Wilson Airport, and more recently Isiolo International Airport, have Kenya on the map as impressive ports of entry for air travel. It is now timely to have an international airport at the Mara, to match the global recognition of the Maasai Mara as an enviable pre-

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mium holiday destination.

The Maasai Mara Game Reserve has won the World Travel Awards Africa's Leading National Park for four years in a row (2013-2016). As a county government that is in charge of the Mara, we are tremendously delighted with such recognition, and also acutely aware of the responsibility this bestows on us to continue improving the travel experience of international and foreign tourists.

It is a responsibility that the County Government has given absolute priority, and we continue to engage directly with the National Government and its conservation and security agencies, the Kenya Association of Tour Operators (KATO), Kenya Association of Hotelkeepers and Caterers (KAHC), the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMMWCA) and in particular with communities around the park, towards better management of this precious resource.

The tourism industry has witnessed relative stability over the last couple of years, and this is positively reflected in the increasing number of visitors to the reserve.

Since the global recognition of the spectacular annual wildebeest migration as one of the wonders of the world, the Mara has incessantly witnessed a big concentration of travel during the July-October 'Migration Season', which is the high season.

This outlook badly nosedived in 2020 owing to the Covid-19 global pandemic. The year 2020 was the worst in Maasai Mara's tourism history, as well as Kenya's tourism records, due to closure of international airports and the restrictions on foreign and domestic travels as a precautionary measure to curb the spread of corona virus.

At present, with the Ministry of Health protocols in place that give guidelines on human interactions and precautionary

measures taken within the hospitality industry, the arrival of guests, both domestic and foreign, have been on a steady increase.

The Maasai Mara still has the highest concentration of wildlife within all protected areas, and has plenty to offer all year round.

The ground-breaking of the Maasai Mara International Airport crowns the implementation of the Mara Management Plan that was developed by Narok County Government in consultation with the Mara stakeholders such as KATO, KAHC, MMMWCA, local community members and sector experts.

With regard to infrastructure development, the County Government, through its cooperation with the National Government, succeeded in lobbying for the tarmacking of the Narok-Sekenani gate road. The tarmacking wiped out the agony endured by tourists travelling by road through the Sekenani gate.



Wildebeest grazing at the Maasai Mara plains.



Majestic lions are a favourite sighting at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.



Cheetahs devouring a wildebeest they have freshly killed at the Mara.



A lion beside skeletal remains of a Buffalo at the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.



Giant Mara River Crocodiles making a feast of a Zebra as it attempts to cross.



The Annual Wildebeest migration takes place between June and October.

How locals participate in the Mara conservation

The Mara has witnessed new conservancies since the establishment of the Mara Community Fund Act. The Act provides that 19 percent of the annual revenue from the Mara goes directly to

supporting local communities.

The area under conservation outside of the reserve is twice the size of the reserve, and the locals derive income from tourism and conservation by leas-

ing out their lands.

This gives the reserve a much needed dispersal area and helps preserve the wildlife and environment.

The Maasai Mara Community Fund

thus provides for a sustainable symbiotic relationship with the local community. Agreeably, the relationship, including the many tangential sustainable outcomes of biodiversity, and pur-

positive cultural heritage conservation, stem from the increased incentives eco-tourism brings to natural resource conservation. This has succeeded in positioning communities as agents of conservation at the Mara.

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Nyamira Court stops employment of two staff in fresh hiring row **P.24**

Nyandarua Cess row had threatened to derail 106-kilometre road projects



Central Regional Commissioner Wilfred Nyagwanga addresses journalists outside his office in Nyeri town on May 26, 2020. FILE IN NATION

New hope for road projects as State moves to end levies row

Talks underway to have county government allow contractor to move material for free

BY STEVE NJUGUNA

The national government has moved to resolve the cess barrier stand-off between a contractor and the Nyandarua County Government that had threatened to stall the construction of a multi-billion-shilling road project in Ndaragua constituency.

Though started 15 months ago, work on the Maili Kumi-Ndaragua and Maili Kumi-Shamata road project is still lagging behind at three percent, with the contractor citing harassment from the Nyandarua County Revenue Department that was demanding levies for transportation of construction materials.

Central Regional Commissioner Wilfred Nyagwanga said his team was consulting the

Nyandarua County Government to allow China Railway Number 10 Engineering Group Limited, who are in charge of building the 106-kilometre roads, to move their materials freely without the cess barrier restrictions.

The regional administrator further said that the national government wanted to see to it that the Sh3.6 billion project was completed on time.

"National government projects should be undertaken without hitches as they are meant to serve all including the county government," said Mr Nyagwanga in Ol Kalou town during a meeting with national government projects' implementing agencies. He assured residents that the project will be completed on time as promised by the President.

"The contractor will continue to move the material and if any issue arises we will be able to talk with the county government and everything will be cleared," said Mr Nyagwanga.

He noted that the completion of the roads in the far-flung constituency will ease access to the newly inaugurated Aberdare Sub-county headquarters in Shamata, while opening up the region for development.

Shamata area is also rich agriculturally and the roads will be a

PROJECT COST

Sh3.6bn

The total cost of the two roads that will cover a total distance of 106 kilometres.

reprieve to potato and vegetable farmers transporting their produce to the market.

Nyandarua County Commissioner Benson Leparmorijo had earlier warned the contractor that the firm was at risk of losing the contracts for not showing seriousness in his work.

Kenya Rural Roads Authority regional manager Willy Mburu said work on the 52km Tumaini-Kanyiriri road is complete, with 2km of Kapteni-Ndunyu Njeru road already tarmacked.

Work on the Kabazi-Tumaini roads is ongoing while the tendering process of Kanyiriri-Gilgil road is in the process, according to Mr Mburu.

The county will have an additional 365 kilometres of tarmac once the ongoing contracts are completed, with Ndaragua Constituency set to benefit from the 106km access roads.

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Lamu

Operators steer clear of packing their boats to capacity

BY KALUME KAZUNGU

Boat operators will not resume full carrying capacity until they are furnished with the necessary anti-Covid-19 gear.

The boat operators are appealing to the government through the Kenya Maritime Authority (KMA), the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and well-wishers to supply them with thermo guns, sanitiser and hand-washing equipment, among others, to be set up at all jetties.

In March this year, the government introduced the passenger limit order for public service vehicles (PSVs) as a way of preventing the spread of Covid-19. The directive also applied to marine vessels used in public transport.

Lamu Boat Operators Association Chairman Hassan Awadh cited the lack of important equipment to screen passengers in the over 10 jetties in the Lamu archipelago as the cause for their hesitance to resume full capacity operations.

Spread of Covid-19

He explained that most boat operators are poor and cannot afford the necessary equipment and materials to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

A speed boat with a capacity of nine passengers has to carry five, while larger boats with a capacity of 150 passengers have been carrying around 90.

Boat operator Abdallah Musa said he was surprised government had allowed full capacity for public transport when the Delta variant is spreading.

Mr Ahmed Omar, a passenger, lauded the boat operators: "They have proved they are more concerned with life rather than just [doing] business."

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Governor Wilberforce Ottichilo

Budget row: 2,000 county workers miss July salary

VIHIGA • More than 2,000 county government workers are yet to receive their July salaries amid a budget stalemate that many fear could prolong as the dispute drags in court. The county government is yet to get the approval to use 30 per cent of its funds as ordered by the High Court on July 21. In a memo, Governor Wilberforce Ottichilo's administration said it is still addressing the delay with relevant authorities so as to gain access to 30 per cent of the Sh5.8 billion budget. Derick Luvega

IDPs seek Uhuru help in compensation row

KAKAMEGA • More than 60,000 victims of the 2007/2008 post-election violence in Western region have urged President Uhuru Kenyatta to intervene and have their pending compensation dues paid. Through the National Internally Displaced Persons Network, the IDPs said they were yet to be compensated despite forwarding their details to the Interior ministry. Gerald Bwisa

RIFT VALLEY Brothers convicted of raping sister-in-law

UASINGISHU • Two brothers who have been found guilty of gang raping their sister in-law three years ago will be sentenced on August 30. An Eldoret court on Monday found Mike Mutai and John Mutai guilty of raping their sister in-law who is a widow on March 19, 2018. Then Eldoret Chief Magistrate Charles Obulutsa said the evidence produced in court by the prosecution satisfied the court beyond doubt. Titus Ominde

Student charged with robbery with violence

UASINGISHU • A college student in Eldoret was yesterday charged with robbery with violence. Mr John Mungai Kinuthia was accused of robbing Ms Judith Makolo Paschalia of six mobile phones valued at Sh136,696 on August 13. The accused denied the charges before Eldoret Senior Principal Magistrate Richard Odendo. He was released on Sh500,000 bond with similar surety. The case will be heard on August 30. Titus Ominde

Nyamira**Court stops employment of two staff in fresh row over hiring**

BY RUTH MBULA

Governor Amos Nyaribo has received yet another blow after the courts stopped the appointment of two employees in the Human Resource department.

This comes after a local resident, Mr Vincent Ormao, filed a petition at the Employment and Labour Relations Court in Nairobi seeking to stop the hiring of Mr Godfrey Kiriago and Ms Elmelda Kemunto as director human resource and payroll manager respectively.

Justice Maureen Onyango on Monday certified the application urgent. The court ordered the status quo be maintained pending inter-parties hearing of the application.

Non-vacant positions

In documents filed in court, Mr Ormao argues that the two officers were hired to fill non-vacant positions.

"I am contesting hiring of staff to fill non-vacant posts. Also, the interested parties are past 55 years [and are therefore] not eligible for secondment," says the petitioner in court documents.

Mr Kiriago and Ms Kemunto are aged 55 and 58 years respectively. Mr Nyaribo, the county government, the county secretary, the County Public Service Board chairman and secretary and the two staff members have been cited as respondents.

Mr Ormao argues that the respondents' actions of filling the two positions yet there are substantive office holders who are on the county's payroll and discharging their duties amounts to an illegal and unfair administrative action.

"The respondents have breached the employment terms of the existing employees and will lead to wastage of public funds unless they are stopped," the petitioner says.

Mombasa Hundreds of traders were evicted from the public beach**Traders' pain at closure of 'Pirates', Mama Ngina park**

MPs want county officials to explain why traders have been locked out

BY WINNIE ATIENO

Members of Parliament are planning to summon the Mombasa County government to explain the circumstances that led to the demolition of kiosks and eviction of hundreds of traders from Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach.

The Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry, and Cooperatives further wants the county government to explain why traders not have been allowed to operate at the Mama Ngina Waterfront Park despite its reopening by the national government a month ago.

The committee wants the county government to reopen Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach — popularly known as "Pirates"—which has remained shut for almost two years to make way for its Sh200 million upgrade.

Hundreds of traders including beach operators, boat riders, and tour guides were evicted from the beach to pave way for its rehabilitation, incurring huge losses. In January 2019, Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala had announced plans by



Traders at the Mama Ngina Waterfront Park in Mombasa on July 1. The county government has been accused of allowing some traders and locking out others. FILE | NATION

There are genuine concerns. At the Mama Ngina Waterfront Park, some traders have been allowed to operate. This is favouritism.

Committee chair Jones Mlolwa



the national government to upgrade the beach at a cost of Sh200 million. But, almost three years later, work is yet to start.

Committee chairperson Jones Mlolwa said lawmakers received a petition from Mvita MP Abduls-wamad Nassir on the concerns of traders regarding the Jomo Kenyatta Public Beach and Mama Ngina Waterfront Park.

"There are genuine concerns. For instance, at the Mama Ngina Waterfront Park, some traders have been allowed to operate. This is favouritism. As a committee, we have resolved to summon the county government to reopen the beach even as he encouraged the traders to go for vaccination.

ers," he said. Mr Mlolwa said the committee will also have talks with officials from the Ministry of Health on when the government will fully reopen the two recreational facilities for traders.

"In two weeks' time, we will find a solution to the challenges affecting traders in the two tourism facilities thereafter we will announce our verdict. We cannot shut the country forever. If hotels have been reopened, let small businesses be reopened. They also want to survive," he said.

Mr Nassir urged the county government to reopen the beach even as he encouraged the traders to go for vaccination.

Hospitality sector players led by Kenya Coast Tourism Association CEO Julius Owino urged Mr Balala they fast-track the upgrade of

the beach.

"Construction has taken too long, keeping domestic tourists — a key market — away," Mr Owino said. He sought to address concerns about rising crime rates at the beach.

"We only have an issue with the infrastructure. The project should be fast-tracked to ensure that construction commences. The biggest problem we have at the beach is the issue of beach boys and girls. We have tried to train them to be operators but we lack legislation to sustain the programme," said Mr Owino.

The hotelier said there are around 3,000 beach operators in Mombasa but only 1,000 are registered with the association.

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Wajir**Teacher named as deputy governor**

BY MANASE OTSIALO

Governor Ahmed Muktar has nominated a teacher, Mr Hashim Musa Yussuf, for the deputy governor's position.

The position fell vacant after Mr Muktar, who was the former deputy governor, was sworn in as governor to replace Mr Mohamud Mohamed who was impeached in April over misuse of public funds and abuse of office.

Mr Yussuf's name was last week forwarded to the Assembly Committee on Appointment for vetting. In an exclusive interview, Mr Yusuf said he was ready to take up the position.

The Moi University graduate said that, despite being picked to serve for only 11 months until the next General Election, he was willing to help steer the county's leadership.

He described his nomination as proof of the governor's confidence in him. Mr Yussuf who ran for Wajir East MP in 2017, says he was dropped in favour of Mr Rashid Kassim by clan elders.

"I will focus on issues such as drug and substance abuse, unemployment and health care," he said.

An alumnus of Wajir Secondary School, Mr Yussuf taught at Saburini Secondary School before serving as a principal at Khorof Harar and Ahmed Liban secondary schools. He is the current Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association chairman in Wajir County.

Governor Muktar described Mr Yussuf as an accomplished educationist.

The former governor, Mr Mohamed, has since moved to court protesting his removal from office and the matter is still pending.

Turkana Due to drought, the livestock are currently weak and are fetching little or no income for the pastoralists

Plea for feeds to save starving livestock

Prolonged drought has resulted from delayed March-April-May rains

BY SAMMY LUTTA

The county government has issued an urgent appeal for animal feeds from the national government and development partners to rescue thousands of livestock from dying from hunger.

Pastoral Economy Executive Philip Aemun said more than four million goats and sheep in the county are at risk of being wiped out by prolonged drought that has resulted from delayed March-April-May rains.

"Generally, most traditional and reliable grazing fields are depleted due to overgrazing threatening pastoralism which is the main source of livelihood for majority of locals," Mr Aemun said.

He noted that statistics from the National Drought Management Authority indicated that the whole county is at great risk of drought except for some parts.

The county official noted that due to lack of pasture, livestock are currently weak and are fetching little or no income for pastoralists.

"There is an urgent need for concerted efforts from all stakeholders in the livestock sector to rescue our pastoralists by cushioning them through provision of livestock feeds," Mr Aemun said.

He acknowledged support from The Frontier Children Development Organisation, which on Monday donated 300 bags of livestock feeds to support victims of desert locust invasion in Turkana Central, Loima and Turkana North sub-counties.

The organization, he said, provided 150 households with dairy

goats at Turkwel, Labei/Kotaruk, Kanamkemer, Lodwar Township and Lakezone Wards with feeds worth Shs850,000.

"Supplementary livestock feeds will also improve the health of livestock that will eventually assure pastoralists of a higher income," Mr Aemun said.

The county official at the same

time called for a livestock offtake programme targeting weak livestock especially in remote areas where locals are pure pastoralists.

Mr Aemun, who was accompanied by Livestock Chief Officer Abdulahi Yusuf, said that the devolved unit was also considering seeks to placing more emphasis on rangeland management as solution to limited pasture during drought. Mr Yusuf however challenged locals to embrace diversification of livelihoods and

stop overdependence on pastoralism that is always threatened by drought and insecurity.

"Locals should also embrace poultry keeping, apiculture and crop production to ensure they develop resilience to drought," he said.

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There is urgent need ... to rescue our pastoralists

Mr Philip Aemun



KAKUZI PLC

EXTRACT FROM THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS TO 30 JUNE 2021

The unaudited results for the Kakuzi Group for the period of six months to 30 June 2021 and the comparative figures for the previous year are as follows:

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income			
	30 June 2021 Shs'000	30 June 2020 Shs'000	
Sales	888,949	889,909	
Profit before fair value gain in non-current biological assets and income tax	256,094	186,022	
Fair value gain in non-current biological assets	20,569	18,095	
Profit before income tax	276,663	204,117	
Income tax (expense)/credit	(82,025)	68,670	
Profit for the period	194,638	272,787	
Other Comprehensive Income:			
<i>Items that are not reclassified to profit or loss:</i>			
Remeasurement of post-employment benefit obligations (net of tax)	-	-	
Total comprehensive income	194,638	272,787	
	Shs	Shs	
Earnings per share (Shs):			
Basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share	9.93	13.92	

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position				Audited
	30 June 2021 Shs'000	30 June 2020 Shs'000	31 December 2020 Shs'000	
EQUITY				
Share capital	98,000	98,000	98,000	
Other reserves	31,953	31,463	31,953	
Retained earnings	5,278,334	5,087,249	5,083,696	
Proposed dividends	-	-	352,800	
Total equity	5,408,287	5,216,712	5,566,449	
Non-current liabilities	1,082,661	914,503	1,080,470	
	6,490,948	6,131,215	6,646,919	
REPRESENTED BY				
Non-current assets	3,919,268	3,920,666	3,990,042	
Cash and cash balances	1,198,311	1,013,062	1,670,124	
Other current assets	1,798,417	1,568,992	1,246,650	
Current liabilities	(425,048)	(371,505)	(259,897)	
Net current assets	2,571,680	2,210,549	2,656,877	
	6,490,948	6,131,215	6,646,919	

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash flows			
	30 June 2021 Shs'000	30 June 2020 Shs'000	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1,670,124	1,696,130	
Net cash used in operating activities	(17,917)	(226,022)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(82,021)	(195,489)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(352,803)	(274,413)	
Effect of exchange rate differences on cash and cash equivalents	(19,072)	12,856	
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(471,813)	(683,068)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	1,198,311	1,013,062	

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity					
	Share capital Shs'000	Other reserves Shs'000	Retained earnings Shs'000	Proposed dividends Shs'000	Total Equity Shs'000
At start of the period	98,000	31,953	5,083,696	352,800	5,566,449
Profit for the period	-	-	194,638	-	194,638
Dividends paid	-	-	-	(352,800)	(352,800)
At end of period	98,000	31,953	5,278,334	-	5,408,287

RESULTS:

The profit before tax for the half-year period ending June 2021 was KSh 276.7 million compared to KSh 204.1 million posted within the same period last year.

The harvesting of our flagship products, avocado and macadamia, began in earnest in June. The preliminary production data available at this stage indicates that the avocado crop output to market is significantly lower than 2020, whilst the macadamia crop is in line with earlier projections.

We anticipate that the COVID-19 Pandemic will continue to disrupt the potential of our markets to absorb our produce to a certain degree for the rest of this year. This is due to the market slowdown associated with lockdown and related restrictions. At this stage, it is too early to predict the full impact of these developments on the Company's full year performance, but we continue to actively monitor

The Directors do not recommend the payment of an interim dividend.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

NICHOLAS NG'ANG'A
CHAIRMAN
17 AUGUST 2021

150

Number of households that Frontier Children Development Organisation targeted with a donation of livestock feeds.



COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF WAJIR
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES AND IRRIGATION
KENYA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROJECT (KCSAP)

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE	REQUEST FOR QUOTATION	CIVIL WORKS		
COUNTRY: KENYA	NAME OF THE PROJECT: KENYA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE PROJECT	CREDIT NO: P154784		
RFQ NO	TENDER NO	TENDER NAME	BID BOND	CLOSING DATE
KE-WAJIR COUNTY-239488-CW-RFQ	WCG/DALFI/KCSAP/OT/26/2021-2022	CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LIVESTOCK MARKET AT KHOROF HARAR TOWN IN WAJIR EAST	400,000	1 ST SEPTEMBER 2021 10.00AM
KE-WAJIR COUNTY-239491-CW-RFQ	WCG/DALFI/KCSAP/OT/27/2021-2022	CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LIVESTOCK MARKET AT DIIF TOWN IN WAJIR SOUTH	400,000	1 ST SEPTEMBER 2021 10.00AM

1. The Government of Kenya has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project (KCSAP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LIVESTOCK MARKETS AT KHOROF HARAR TOWN IN WAJIR EAST AND DIIF TOWN IN WAJIR SOUTH
2. The County Government of Wajir - now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF MODERN LIVESTOCK MARKETS AS INDICATED ABOVE.
3. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Wajir County website www.wajir.go.ke free of charge but will be required to register with supplychain@wajir.go.ke for purpose of any addendum and clarification.
4. A MANDATORY Pre-Tender Site Visit shall be conducted by the employer on the respective dates indicated in the bidding documents. Registration will take place between 10.00am - 10.30am at the respective town centres, after which the team will proceed to the proposed market sites. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, please ensure you adhere to the Ministry of Health Guidelines.
5. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security as indicated above from a reputable Commercial bank.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below and submitted on or before WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021 at 10.00a.m. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend.
7. Completed tender documents (Original and a copy) are to be enclosed in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked with tender reference numbers indicated above and be deposited in the Tender Box situated at ground floor Wajir County headquarters, and be addressed to:

County Chief Officer Agriculture,
 Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Irrigation,
 County Government of Wajir,
 P.O. Box 9-70200 Wajir.



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OFFICE OF THE CLERK

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA ON THE NYERI COUNTY VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES BILL 2021 AND THE NYERI COUNTY SOCIAL ASSISTANCE BILL, 2021

Pursuant to Article 196 (1) (b) of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010, Section 87 of the County Governments Act, 2012 and Standing order 123 (3), the County Assembly of Nyeri Committees on **Education, Science and Technology** and **Gender, Social Services and Special Programmes** invite the Members of the public, private sector organizations, interested parties and all stakeholders to submit any representations that they may have on the **Nyeri County Vocational Training Centres Bill, 2021** and the **Nyeri County Social Assistance Bill, 2021** respectively.

The representations may be made by way of written memorandum to;

The Clerk, County Assembly of Nyeri P. O. Box 162-10100 Nyeri, hand delivered to the Office of the Clerk, County Assembly Building, Ruring'u Nyeri, or emailed to info@nyeriassembly.go.ke to be received on or before **25th August, 2021**.

The Bills can be obtained from the County Assembly of Nyeri website <http://www.nyeriassembly.go.ke/bills/>

Clerk,
 County Assembly of Nyeri



National Environment Management Authority

Popo Road, off Mombasa Road P.O. BOX 67839-00200, Nairobi, Kenya,

Tel: 0724 253398, 0735 013046 E-mail: dgnema@nema.go.ke Website: www.nema.go.ke

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DREDGING/DE-SILTATION AND SAND HARVESTING AT SONDU MIRIU RIVER DELTA AT THE BOUNDARY OF HOMA BAY AND KISUMU COUNTIES

Pursuant to Regulation 21 of the Environmental Management and Coordination (Impact Assessment and Audit) Regulations, 2003, the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has received an Environmental Impact Assessment Study Report for the above proposed project.

The proponent, Mango Tree Marine Limited, proposes to undertake dredging/de-siltation and sand harvesting in Sondu Miriu River Delta at the boundary of Homa Bay and Kisumu Counties.

The following are the anticipated impacts and proposed mitigation measures:

Possible Impacts	Mitigation measures
Increased turbidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid dumping of dredged materials inside the lake; Recycle sand as building material; Transport other non-utilised dredged materials such as mud and clay through the pipeline to reclaim the derelict former sand harvesting sites within the area; Carry out spot dredging to allow fish to move from high turbidity and suspended sediments areas by horizontal or vertical movements; Avoid dredging near the fish breeding areas during the long and short rainy period; Avoid dredging activities in areas along the delta and 100m wide from the shoreline; and Limit the dredging to the mouth of the river, the near open lake waters and unblocking the old river mouth.
Physical damage/injury or mortality on biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid dredging near the fish breeding areas during the long and short rainy period; Avoid dredging activities in areas along the delta and 100m wide from the shoreline; Vegetation at the edge of delta facing the lake should not be destroyed; and Limit the dredging to the mouth of the river, the near open lake waters and unblocking the old river mouth.
Oil Spill Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect the used oils and re-use or dispose of appropriately using expertise from licensed waste handlers; and Seek to reduce probabilities of accidental and/or operational spills through enforcement of oil spill management systems.
Occupational Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the dredger is licensed by the IMO and KMA; Create awareness among Lake users on the presence of the dredger and its activities as well as the require safety precautions; Dredger should have an early warning system for local fishermen within the delta to prevent navigational accidents and loss of life in case of potential collision with the fishing boats; Hire qualified and well-trained personnel for the dredging works; The proponent to obtain insurance cover for employees of the dredger site and ensure appropriate compensation in the event of accidents; Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for ship crew, workers and visitors to the dredging site; Recruit qualified and experienced Occupational Safety Officers to train and enforce compliance with safety measures; Comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2007; and All accidents should be reported, investigated and corrective action taken to prevent reoccurrence.
Social Grievances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide sufficient and timely information to communities about the dredging project and its activities, plus an approximate implementation schedule; Employ locals in liaison with local leaders and administration in unskilled and semi-skilled duties; Carry out regular meaningful community consultations and dialogue throughout the implementation of the dredging project; and Comply with the National sand harvesting guidelines, 2007 and the provisions of the Mining Act, 2016

The full report of the proposed project is available for inspection during working hours at:

1. Principal Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, NHIF Building, 12th Floor, Ragati Road, Upper Hill, P.O. BOX 30126-00100, NAIROBI
2. Director General, NEMA Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, P.O. BOX 67839-00200, NAIROBI
3. County Director of Environment KISUMU COUNTY
4. County Director of Environment HOMA BAY COUNTY

A copy of the EIA report can be downloaded at www.nema.go.ke

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision-making process for this project. Kindly quote ref. no. NEMA/EIA/5/2/1884

Comments can also be e-mailed to dgnema@nema.go.ke

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Somali army kills 300 Shabaab fighters

MOGADISHU, TUESDAY

Somali National Army (SNA) said on Monday that its forces killed more than 300 al-Shabaab militants and injured several others during joint security operations in central and southern regions in less than a month.

SNA said the government forces, supported by regional security officers, also destroyed 20 al-Shabaab hideouts and four vehicles with improvised explosive devices during the operations that began late July.

Army commanders who led the operations told the military radio that the joint security forces retook five towns and 16 villages in Mudug, Hiran, Lower and Middle Shabelle and Lower Juba regions.

Explosive-laden vehicles

The SNA, which has intensified security operations across the country amid national elections, has vowed to sustain the onslaught against the militant group until their fighters are subdued.

The elite forces Danab killed 19 al-Shabaab militants in separate joint operations in the southern region on Sunday, the statement said.

The SNA added that its forces killed 10 al-Shabaab fighters and destroyed four explosive-laden vehicles that were heading to Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia, in a planned operation in Dugule and Farsole villages in the Lower Shabelle region.

Nine other militants were killed near Baidoa in the Bay region, southwest Somalia earlier on Sunday, the military said.

Government forces have intensified operations against al-Shabaab fighters in southern and central regions in the recent past, but the militants are still in control of the rural areas, conducting ambushes and planting landmines. (Xinhua)

Storm batters earthquake-hit Haiti



Haitians clean up what remains of their home yesterday, as houses near the coast were damaged by the overflow of the sea after the earthquake in Port-a-Piment. The country had barely recovered from the earthquake when it was hit by a tropical storm. PHOTO | AFP

Goodwill gesture Arrivals to be tested for Covid-19 before being isolated

Uganda agrees to host 2,000 Afghan refugees

Kabul was the last major city to fall, prompting president to flee

KAMPALA, TUESDAY

Uganda is to take in 2,000 refugees who fled Afghanistan after Taliban took power on Sunday.

The first group of 500 Afghans was expected to arrive at Entebbe Airport on Tuesday.

The deal was agreed following a request from the US government, Refugee Minister Esther Anyakun said.

Uganda has a long history of welcoming refugees and plays host to around 1.3 million people who have fled conflict or other disasters.

Uganda has the largest number of refugees in Africa and is the largest host in the world.

The Afghan arrivals will be

tested for coronavirus before they are sent to isolation centres, Anyakun said.

The United States will cover the costs.

The Taliban has returned to power 20 years after being overthrown by a United States-led intervention.

The group was able to seize control after most foreign troops pulled out.

The lightning advance of the Taliban over 10 days prompted tens of thousands of people to flee their homes, many arriving in the Afghan capital, Kabul, while others headed to neighbouring countries.

Kabul was the last major city to fall, prompting Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to flee the country on Sunday.

Many desperate residents then headed to the airport where US troops were organising evacuations for foreigners and vulnerable Afghans.

More than 90 per cent of refugees in Uganda come from the

Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan.

Refugees live in settlements or villages alongside locals.

Some are given plots and allowed to work.

Meanwhile, Albania and Kosovo have accepted a US request to temporarily take in Afghan refugees seeking visas to enter the United States.

In Tirana, Prime Minister Edi Rama Rama said US President Joe Biden's administration asked fellow NATO member Al-

Without hesitation and conditions, I gave my consent to that operation.

Vjosa Osmani, President of Kosovo

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bania to assess if it could serve as a transit country for a number of Afghans whose final destination is the United States.

"We will not say 'No', not just because our great allies ask us to, but because we are Albanian," Rama said.

Sources told Reuters that Biden's administration held discussions with Kosovo, Albania and other countries about protecting US-affiliated Afghans from Taliban reprisals until they complete the approval of their visas.

Kosovo President Vjosa Osmani said the government had been in contact with US authorities about housing Afghan refugees since mid-July.

"Without hesitation and conditions, I gave my consent to that operation," Osmani said.

She added that Afghans would be vetted by US security authorities, saying they would stay in Kosovo until their documentation for immigration visas is arranged. (BBC and Al Jazeera)

Race crisis
Ramaphosa changes tune on violence in S. Africa **P.28**

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KAMPALA

Uganda resumes airing lessons

Uganda has resumed airing lessons on radio for upper primary and secondary levels as schools in the country remain closed due to the coronavirus pandemic. The lessons, airing on different stations across the East African country, are expected to run through September, according to a statement released by the Ministry of Education. (Xinhua)

YAOUNDÉ
Thousands flee ethnic clashes

More than 10,000 people have fled northern Cameroon after clashes between fishermen and herders from two neighbouring communities. The clashes have led to 20 deaths. Clashes broke out in Logone-Birni, near the Chadian border, following a dispute between an Moscou fisherman and a Chou Arab herder. (BBC)

ABIDJAN
Côte d'Ivoire starts Ebola vaccination

Côte d'Ivoire has begun a vaccination programme against Ebola after the country confirmed its first infection since 1994. Health official Serge Ehole said they plan to have vaccinated all the 2,000 people they consider exposed from the community and the health and security system by Wednesday. The infected teenager had arrived in Abidjan on a bus from neighbouring Guinea. (BBC)

YAOUNDÉ
Biya in mask as he arrives home

Cameroon's President Paul Biya has worn a mask for the second time since the coronavirus pandemic started. President Biya returned to the country on Monday after weeks of a private stay in Geneva, Switzerland. The Cameroonian leader only wore a mask once, during his sister's burial. His not wearing a face mask had become a subject of discussion in the country. (BBC)

International News

Mozambique military offensive 'faces little resistance'

MAPUTO, TUESDAY

Mozambique military chief has said the offensive in Cabo Delgado faces little resistance because militants may have discarded their weapons and disguised themselves as civilians.

"That's why we continue to pursue them and screening any arrivals, particularly those who claim to be from Palma, which until recently was deserted," Brig Chongo Vidgal said.

He added that 95 per cent of the militants are Mozambicans.

Last year, the group captured Palma town and the strategic port of Mocimboa da Praia.

Mocimboa da Praia was retaken last week after a campaign led by the Rwandan soldiers, who were deployed to the region last month, as part of a bilateral deal.

Vidgal said Rwandans have better equipment but added that Mozambican troops "have a high sense of patriotism". (BBC)



Rwandan soldiers in Mocimboa da Praia. PHOTO | AFP

The capitulation Men shed their Western clothes for traditional garb, schools remain shut

Taliban moves to reopen Kabul, Biden defends exit

UN Security Council says international community must ensure Afghanistan does not breed terrorists

KABUL, TUESDAY

The Taliban moved to quickly restart the Afghan capital on Tuesday following their stunning takeover of Kabul and told government staff to return to work, though residents reacted cautiously.

Tens of thousands of people have attempted to escape the rule expected under Taliban, or fearing retribution for siding with the US-backed government that ruled for two decades.

Evacuation flights from the airport restarted on Tuesday after chaos the previous day in which crowds mobbed the tarmac, with some people desperately clinging to a US military plane as it prepared for take-off.

Taliban led a regime from 1996 to 2001, infamous for a brutal rule in which girls could not go to school and people were often stoned to death.

US-led forces invaded following the September 11 attacks, in response to the Taliban giving sanctuary to al-Qaeda, and overthrew them.

Now the Taliban are back in power, they have sought to project an air of restraint and moderation, including by announcing a general amnesty for government workers.

"Those working in any part or department of the government should resume their duties with full satisfaction...without fear," a Taliban statement said.

Some shops reopened as traffic police were back on the streets, while

its officials planned a first diplomatic meeting – with the Russian ambassador.

A Taliban official gave an interview to a female journalist on a local news channel.

However schools and universities remain closed, few women took to the streets and men shed their Western clothes for traditional garb.

"The fear is there," said a shopkeeper who asked not to be named after opening his small provisions store.

The UN Security Council said on Monday the international community must ensure Afghanistan does not become a breeding ground for terrorism.

"The world is watching," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

Taliban took control of the country on Sunday when president Ashraf Ghani fled and the insurgents walked into Kabul.

The collapse came after President Joe Biden withdrew US troops, under the false belief that the Afghan army – with billions of dollars in American funding and training – was strong enough to withstand the Taliban.

In his first comments since the Taliban victory, Biden admitted the advance unfolded more quickly than expected.

But he heaped criticism on Ghani's government, insisting he has no regrets and emphasised US troops could not defend a nation whose leaders "gave up and fled".



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Joe Biden

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"We gave them every chance to determine their future. We could not provide them with the will to fight," Biden said on Monday.

"American troops cannot and should not be fighting in a war and dying in a war that Afghan forces are not willing to fight for themselves."

The US has come under criticism for its handling of the evacuation of Afghans. The US had sent 6,000 troops to ensure the safe evacuation of embassy staff, as well as Afghans who worked as interpreters or in other support roles. (AFP)

Taliban fighters on a pick-up truck move around a market in Kabul yesterday. Few women are leaving their houses. PHOTO | AFP

Hichilema promises 'better democracy'

LUSAKA, TUESDAY

Zambian president-elect Hakainde Hichilema on Monday slammed the southern African country's outgoing "brutal" regime while promising a better democracy in his debut address to the nation, hours after winning the top job in a landslide.

Shortly after President Edgar Lungu conceded, the business tycoon and veteran opposition leader said his camp has been victims of a "brutal regime that is exiting".

"I will be president of all Zambians, of those that voted for me and of those that did not," Hichilema said.

After a campaign dominated by the country's economic woes and marred by sporadic violence, Hichilema garnered 2,810,757 votes against 1,814,201 for Lungu, according to nearly final results.

Lungu conceded, saying he congratulated "my brother... Hichilema for becoming the seventh republican president".

In a nationally televised address, Lungu thanked Zambians for "a great opportunity to be your president".

"I will forever cherish and appreciate the authority you invested in me," Lungu said. (AFP)



President-elect Hakainde Hichilema. PHOTO | AFP

Racial factors behind unrest and murders, S.Africa police say

BY CHRIS ERASMUS

A month on from the unrest which gripped South Africa in the wake of the jailing of former president Jacob Zuma, the Cyril Ramaphosa government is singing a different tune and laying blame on racism as the cause of deaths.

About 330 people died and billions of dollars in damage was done as looting and shop-burning

mobs followed on the heels of organised criminal and politically-motivated wayshowers.

More than 130 malls and shopping districts were destroyed. During the height of the chaos, private security firms shoulder-to-shoulder with armed citizens held off mobs, preventing destruction of property in Durban.

In widely circulated social media posts, white and Indian civilians are seen forming a line across

a road into Phoenix, shooting at rock-throwing elements, with occasional incoming fire.

At least 36 people were killed in and around Phoenix. Even during the mayhem, with police slow to react and the army being called in by Ramaphosa, he and his ministers were praising the "brave" citizens who helped end the looting and violence.

Initially, Ramaphosa blamed ethnic mobilisation as a major factor, later stepping away from that.

What were once hailed as brave actions have morphed into what Police Minister Bheki Cele now calls heinous crimes, adding that 36 people have been arrested. In an apparent attempt to appease anger among black communities, Cele promised to hunt down those responsible for "vigilantism".

"What happened in Phoenix were criminal acts of the worst kind, which also took a racial turn. These acts have no place in our society," he said.

Business. 98.4%



Growth in half-year profit for Equity Group

Lamu port to set up dedicated cargo areas

BY GERALD ANDAE

The Port of Lamu will open dedicated berths to handle specialised cargo as the facility seeks to attract more regional business.

This will see the recently commissioned port build specific points for specialised products such as agriculture goods, live stock and crude oil.

Acting Kenya Ports Authority Chief Executive Officer James Mwangemi, said this will not only serve transhipment market, but all kinds of cargo destined for the hinterland and transit markets.

"As part of diversification of the port, there are plans to develop specialised berths to handle agribulk, livestock, crude oil among other specialised products," Mr Mwangemi said yesterday.

Masterplan

While defending Lamu port's viability, Mr Mwangemi said their master plan 2018-2047 showed the port of Mombasa can only be developed up to berth 29.

"And even with that additional wiggle room to expand, it placed a small caveat that further development would require massive capital investment by way of reclamation and dredging," he said, adding, "any demand for port facilities beyond berth 29 would need to be located elsewhere."

Mr Mwangemi said there is a market of over 385 million people in Eastern Africa and the unexploited economic opportunities in these countries, noting that there is enough pie for everyone and room to cooperate.



A scanner at Lamu port.

Financials Regional lender shakes off Covid scourge to grow returns

Equity Group's half-year profit jumps to Sh17.9bn



Mr James Mwangi, group managing director and group chief executive, Equity Group Holdings, with group head of financial and regulatory reporting Mary Nteere in Nairobi yesterday during announcement of a 98 per cent growth in half-year profit to Sh17.9 billion, up from Sh9.1 billion the previous year. DIANA NGILA | NATION

The 98 per cent rise driven by growth in interest and cut in loan loss provisioning

BY PATRICK ALUSHULA

Equity Group net profit for the first six months to June grew 98.4 per cent to Sh17.9 billion driven by growth in interest and non-interest income and cuts in provisioning for loan defaults.

The group's earnings rose from Sh9.02 billion recorded in a similar period last year as revenues across the subsidiaries — except South Sudan — increased.

The six-month earnings are equivalent to 90 per cent of the Sh17.9 billion the group posted in full-year 2020, placing it on a recovery path from Covid-induced economic hardships that had hit profits for all lenders.

"The strong capital and liquidity ratios have positioned the group well for continued execution of the offensive strategy particularly in light of improving asset quality and an improving operating environment," said Mr James Mwangi, chief ex-

ecutive at Equity Group in Nairobi yesterday.

Equity slashed loan loss provisioning by 66 per cent to Sh2.6 billion in contrast with Sh7.6 billion that had been made in the preceding similar period.

The Sh5 billion cut in provisioning for loan defaults, added to the record half-year profits for the lender that last year beat KCB Group to number one in profitability.

Net interest income grew 26 per cent to Sh31.2 billion in line with 29 per cent growth in loan book to Sh504.8 billion.

High-income position

Non-interest income, mainly derived from fees and commission, increased by 45 per cent to Sh20.4 billion, giving the lender a high-income position.

Gross non-performing loans stood at Sh43.82 billion at the end of June compared with Sh42.82 billion, with the muted rise helped by recoveries and re-

payments.

Out of the Sh171 billion Covid-19 restructured loan book, Sh162 billion is classified as per-

IN NUMBERS

2.6bn

Amount of money in loan-loss provisions that group provided for down from Sh7.6 billion

31.2bn

Amount of money that net interest income raked in during the half year

162bn

Covid-19 restructured loans that are currently performing

forming while Sh5 billion is in default.

Mr Mwangi said Sh6 billion has been fully repaid while Sh64 billion remains under Covid-19 moratorium, constituting 11 per cent of Equity's entire loan book.

All the subsidiaries — except South Sudan — posted growths in profit, taking their share in total earnings to 21 per cent.

Equity's rebound followed easing Covid-19 control measures that has triggered a gradual recovery in the economy, prompting banks to boost lending amid repayment of defaulted loans.

Mounting defaults

Slowed lending followed reduced economic activity after Kenya's first Covid-19 case in March last year, and costs linked to mounting defaults that ensued, which cut lenders' profits by 29.5 per cent last year.

Central Bank of Kenya data shows that the pre-tax earnings in the five months had risen by 42 per cent to Sh76.4 billion from Sh53.9 billion posted in a similar period last year.

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FINANCE

Sidian Bank nets Sh275m profit

Sidian Bank has posted a Sh274.7 million net profit in the six months to June, reversing a loss of Sh85.8 million recorded a year earlier. The improved performance was supported by a rise in both interest and non-interest income while operating expenses went down. Brian Ngugi

ICT

Nokia deal links schools to net

Nokia's partnership with Safaricom has connected 90 schools in rural and informal settlements to the internet in Kenya. The initiative, which plans to scale broadband connection to all schools by 2030, now serves 32,670 students in rural and informal urban settlements.

Albert Mwazighe

MANUFACTURING

More trouble for Britania owing to Sh17.3m debt

Biscuit maker Britania has received another setback after it was placed under administration over a Sh17.3 million debt owed to food manufacturer Uzuri Foods Ltd. In an advert by PKF Consulting Ltd on August 17, the company says it has appointed Mr Peter Kahi (of PKF Consulting), as Britania's administrator.

Peter Mburu

ICT

Strathmore signs cyber safety pact

Strathmore University has signed a partnership with Technology Service Providers of Kenya to provide usable cyber security data for players, institutions and the public. The deal also seeks to create awareness among wananchi on cyber security issues and take lead roles towards curbing cases of insecurity. Kevin Rotich

Stocks

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Last 12 Mths	Security	Prices	Yesterday	Previous	Shares
High	Low				
15.00	Eaadads Ord 1.25	12.40	11.30	100	
405.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	415.00	415.00	100	
101.00	8.00 Kapchoruar Tea Kenya Plc Ord	82.00	82.25	500	
340.00	260.00 The Limuru Tea Co. Ord 20.00	300.00			
20.00	16.75 Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	19.90	19.70	1,700	
154.75	130.00 Williamson Tea Kenyai Plc Ord 500	135.00	131.00	400	
36.00	20.00 Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	34.50			

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20.00	16.75 Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	19.90	19.70	1,700	
154.75	130.00 Williamson Tea Kenyai Plc Ord 500	135.00	131.00	400	

Automobiles & Accessories

36.00	20.00 Car & General (K) Ord 5.00	34.50			

Banking

10.30	8.60 ABSA Bank Kenya Ord 0.50	10.00	9.80	647,000	
38.80	26.00 BK Group Ord 0.80	38.55			
69.00	57.50 Diamond Trust Bank Ord 4.00	64.00	64.25	506,600	
53.50	39.25 Equity Group Holdings Ord 0.50	53.00	51.00	958,800	
4.10	3.40 HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	3.90	4.00	7,500	
46.95	20.50 I & M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	22.80	22.95	495,700	
46.95	40.00 KCB Group Ord 1.00	49.90	48.10	1,088,700	
6.50	3.22 National Bank of Kenya Ord 5.00	4.12			
27.85	24.25 NCBA Group Ord 5.00	25.40	25.30	394,000	
94.50	78.00 Stanbic Holdings Ord 5.00	94.00	86.00	800	
137.00	127.00 Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord. 5.00	131.00	131.00	141,400	
13.95	11.90 The Co-op Bank of Kenya Ord 1.00	13.70	13.80	1,002,000	

Commercial & Services

5.10	0.45 Deacons (East Africa) Ord 2.50	0.45			
1.10	0.90 Eveready EA Ord 1.00	0.93	0.95	6,200	
4.90	4.00 Express Kenya Ord 5.00	4.14			
0.00	0.00 Homeboy Entertainment Plc Ord 0.50	4.66			
9.50	0.80 Kenya Airways Ord 1.00	3.83			
4.53	3.70 Longhorn Publishers Ord 1.00	4.00	4.00	6,400	
13.80	4.20 Nairobi Business Ventures Ord 1.00	5.24	5.50	160,300	
26.25	14.35 Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	25.10	28.00	10,100	
3.80	3.01 Sameer Africa Ord. 5.00	3.29	3.17	2,000	
20.00	15.00 Standard Group Ord 5.00	18.00	20.00	400	
16.25	13.20 TPS Eastern Africa Ord 1.00	14.90			
0.29	0.22 Uchumi Supermarket Ord 5.00	0.23	0.23	500	
6.24	4.31 WPP ScanGroup PLC Ord. 1.00	4.37	4.35	71,700	

Construction & Allied

8.35	2.40 ARM Cement Ord 1.00	5.55			
41.85	34.00 Bamuri Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	38.40	38.15	10,900	
42.80	19.05 Crown Paints Kenya Ord 5.00	25.35	25.80	31,400	
14.2	1.18 E.A. Cables Ord 0.50	1.42	1.45	2,900	
9.54	7.20 E.A. Portland Cement Ord 5.00	8.66	8.66	2,400	

Energy & Petroleum

4.70	3.90 KenGen Ord 2.50	4.19	4.17	343,600	
1.45	1.29 KP & L Co Plc Ord. 2.50	1.39	1.40	84,300	
5.50	4.50 KP & L Plc 4% Pref. 20.00	4.53			
6.00	6.00 KP & L Plc 7% Pref. 20.00	6.00			
26.75	23.55 Total Kenya Ltd 5.00	24.50	24.95	100	
7.00	5.44 Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	6.56	6.86	700	

Insurance

8.50	6.60 Britam Holdings Ord 0.10	8.04	8.22	26,600	
3.50	2.01 CIC Insurance Group Ord.100	3.10	2.16	7,900	
5.50	4.50 KP & L Plc 4% Pref. 20.00	4.53			
6.00	6.00 KP & L Plc 7% Pref. 20.00	6.00			
202.00	276.00 Jubilee Holdings Ord 5.00	359.75	359.75	6,800	
2.80	2.28 Kenya Re Corporation Ord 2.50	2.49	2.51	262,800	
10.30	6.60 Liberty Kenya Holdings Ord 1.00	9.24	9.24	100	
11.70	9.00 Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	11.10	11.50	9,900	

Investment

18.00	14.05 Centum Investment Co Ord 0.50	15.50	15.55	38,000	
0.45	0.37 Home Afrika Ltd Ord. 1.00	0.38	0.37	35,100	
1.50	1.50 Kurutwi Ventures Ltd Ord. 100.00	1,500.00			
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PUBLIC AUCTION

PROPERTY IN JOMVU AREA OF MIRITINI IN MOMBASA COUNTY

Under instructions received from the HIGH COURT - MILIMANI COMMERCIAL COURT [NAIROBI] in HC/C NO. 351 of 2013 we shall sell by Public Auction the under mentioned property with all improvements thereof on TUESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2021 at 11.00 AM AT OUR OFFICES SITUATE AT SYNDICATE BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR, MERU ROAD, MOMBASA.
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47.99	42.00 British American Tobacco Kenya Ord 10.00	457.00	456.00	400	
12.90	10.00 Carabac Investments Ord 1.00	12.45	12.45	800	
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14.00	10.40 Keny Orchards Ord 5.00	10.40			
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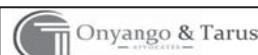


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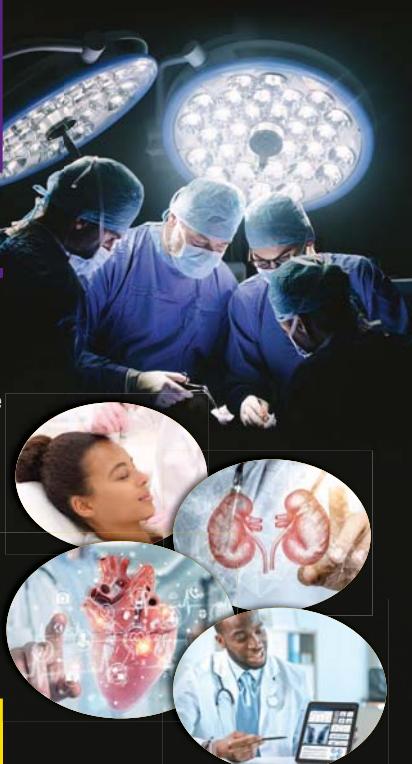
Market in Kenya

The **Daily Nation** has scheduled a consumer update on the depth of medical specialisation in Kenya. Much focus will be on the specialist healthcare market, highlighting emergent developments, including skills and technologies, among other topics of interest.

As our readers get captured with the eye-opening stories we plan to run, specialist health care facilities are invited to profile their services to the attention of the readers.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our Principals the charges we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned Properties together with all the improvements erected thereon.

ON THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 10.00AM AT OUR OFFICE AT NAIROBI WEST, SAMIMA SUITES, ROOM NO. 11 KISAINI ROAD.

1. All that parcel of land known as Ngong/ Ngong/3014a Measuring Approx. 0.1010 Ha or thereabouts registered in the names of Phelister Kwambaka Migiro of P.O. Box 779 - 00200, Nairobi. Erected thereon is an incomplete double storey house of five (5x) bedrooms and five (5x) shower rooms, with an attached garage. **SITUATION**- The property is situated on an unmarked road approximately 1.5 kilometers South of Ngong-Matasia-Kisian Road and approximately 0.5 kilometers South of Ngong Town, within Bondeini area, Ngong, Kajiado County. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

2. All that parcel of land known as Kitengela/Kitengela/22722 Measuring Approx. 2.30 Ha or thereabouts registered in the names of Geoffrey Gichohi Muiyal of P.O. Box 23 - 50202, Athi River. The property is not developed. **SITUATION**- The property is located about 3.2 kilometers off Ongata-Rongai-Kitengela road at a turn off about 4.5 kilometers after Tula Trading Centre within Rangau, Kajiado County. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

ON FRIDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 11.30 AM AT ISIBANIA POST OFFICE

1. All that parcel of land known as Kimili/Kimakuyu/3687 Measuring Approx. 0.2 Ha or thereabouts registered in the names of Fred Mukhwana Simiyu of P.O. Box 3125 - 30200, Kitale. Erected thereon is an incomplete bungalow (partly semi permanent) ablation block, 2 semi-permanent structures (ignored) and a well. **SITUATION**- The property is situated within square area of Kimakuyu in Bungoma County, Route of access from Bungoma town centre is via Bungoma-Kimakuyu road upto Kamukuya market; turn left onto Kamukuya-Sosio-Chemarsi road and move upto St. Mary's Girls Secondary School, proceed for approximately 300 meters past the main entrance and second set of traffic lights and right turn onto Kimakuyu road and move for about 500 meters to access the subject property. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

2. All that parcel of land known as Bungoma/Kimakuyu/1184 Measuring approx. 1.00 Ha or thereabouts registered in the names of Pascal Barasa Mayende of P.O. Box 3051-30200 Kitale. The plot is partly planted to assorted subsistence crops and partly improved with a semi permanent structure (ignored). **SITUATION**- The property is located within Kimakuyu area, Bungoma County, Access is via Kitale - Sunna road for approximately 2.0 kilometers upto Swara Resort, to the North-East of Kitale Town, turning right towards Lessos trading center- Kwanzo Boys School for approximately 845 meters then left at Lessos Center for roughly 300 meters to access the subject property, the property lies opposite Christian Conquerors Church. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

ON MONDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 12.30PM AT BUNGOMA POST OFFICE

All that parcel of land known as Kimili/Kimakuyu/3687 Measuring Approx. 0.2 Ha or thereabouts registered in the names of Fred Mukhwana Simiyu of P.O. Box 3125 - 30200 Kitale. The plot is partly planted to assorted subsistence crops and partly improved with a semi permanent structure (ignored) and a well. **SITUATION**- The property is situated within square area of Kimakuyu in Bungoma County, Route of access from Bungoma town centre is via Bungoma-Kimakuyu road upto Kamukuya market; turn left onto Kamukuya-Sosio-Chemarsi road and move upto St. Mary's Girls Secondary School, proceed for approximately 300 meters past the main entrance and second set of traffic lights and right turn onto Kimakuyu road and move for about 500 meters to access the subject property. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

ON TUESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2021 AT 10.00 AM AT KITALE POST OFFICE

All that parcel of land known as Kitale Municipality Block 1/Lessos/78 Measuring Approx. 0.06 of Ha or thereabouts, Erected on the property are Two (2No.) of semi-permanent structures whose values have been ignored for purpose of the report and valuation. **SITUATION**- The Property is situated within Lessos Trading Centre in Lessos area, Lessos location, Kitale Division, Trans Nzoia County. Access is via Kitale - Sunna road for approximately 2.0 kilometers upto Swara Resort, to the North-East of Kitale Town, turning right towards Lessos trading center- Kwanzo Boys School for approximately 845 meters then left at Lessos Center for roughly 300 meters to access the subject property, the property lies opposite Christian Conquerors Church. **TENURE**- Freehold interest.

CONDITIONS OF SALE

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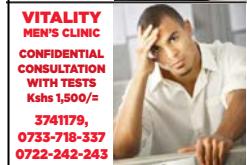
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA IN THE PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT LAMU ELC CASE NO. E003 OF 2021

KENNEDY KAUNDA OYUGI PLAINTIFF
MICHAEL JUWA OMOLLO 1ST DEFENDANT
LAND REGISTRAR-LAMU..... 2ND DEFENDANT
SETTLEMENT FUND TRUSTEE-LAMU..... 3RD DEFENDANT
ATTORNEY GENERAL 4TH DEFENDANT

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TO: Michael Juma Omollo

TAKE NOTICE THAT a suit has been filed against you at the Principal Magistrate's court at Lamu in which you are named as the 1st Defendant. A copy of the Summons, Notice of motion, plaint, verifying affidavit, witness statements and list of documents can be obtained at the Principal Magistrate's Court at Lamu or at M/s Angelina Plaza & Associates Advocates, Danicha Plaza, Nairobi-Mombasa-Malindi Highway, P.O Box 234-80109 Mombasa.

FURTHER notice that you are required to enter appearance within Twenty One (21) days from the date of this advertisement failure of which the Plaintiffs shall proceed with the suit and judgment may be given your absence notwithstanding.

Dated at Lamu this 4th day of August 2021,
ANGELINA OMOLLO & ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFFS

DRAWN & FILED BY:
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Advocates

Danicha Plaza, 3rd Floor
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PUBLIC NOTICE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owner(s) of property Title No. Naivasha/ Marangu Block 23/76 located in Kayole Roho Safi area proposes to extend the use of the property to include ATC Kenya operations Limited GSM/Base Transceiver Station subject to approval by the County Government of Nakuru. Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019 EXTENSION OF USER

The Registered Owner of property Title No. Makueni/ Kitengeli 19/1049 located in Misiani area proposes to extend the use of the property to include ATC Kenya operations Limited GSM/Base Transceiver Station subject to approval by the County Government of Makueni. Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The CECM in charge of physical and land use planning, County Government of Makueni, P.O. Box 79-90300, Makueni

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of the parcel No. Nararima/ Block 2/2/2/2/2 situated in Kieni East kabati area, proposes to change the use from Agricultural to Commercial (Cottages) subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institutions and organization with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of plot No. Bahati/ Kabatini Block V 16598 situated in Kieni Sub-County, within Nakuru County proposes to Change the Use of the Parcel from Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Flat) subject to approval by County Government of Nakuru.

Individuals, Institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (No. 13 of 2019) CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner(s) of parcel No. I/148/ Maseno, Located in Kisumu, Maseno Town wishes to change use from Residential to Commercial (Restaurant & Guest House), subject to approval by the County Government of Kisumu. Any organization, individual etc with objection to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

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The registered owner of plot No. Naivasha/ Marangu Block 3/69 situated in Kieni Sub-County, Nakuru County proposes to Change the Use of the Parcel from Residential to Commercial subject to approval by County Government of Nakuru. Individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (PLUPA) NO. 13 OF 2019: CHANGE OF USE

FROM RESIDENTIAL TO MULTIPLE TOWN HOUSES ON LR. No. 2259/731, OFF KAREN ROAD, KAREN - NAIROBI:

The owner of the above-mentioned plot measuring about 1.5980 hectares wishes to see the above referred development permission subject to approval by the County Government of Nairobi. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organization(s) with material objection(s) are requested to do so in writing within fourteen (14) days from effect of the date hereof pursuant to the requirements of the PLUPA; and address them to:

The Director General Nairobi Metropolitan Services /NCCG C/O P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of Plot L.R. 12081/13 along Enterprise Road, Nairobi wishes to change the use from Integrated factory for the manufacture of vehicle tyres and tubes flaps, camel back, and tyre and tube repair, and retread materials with ancillary office functions to Light Industrial, subject to approval by the County Government of Nairobi.

Anyone with an objection to the proposed change of use should do so in writing within (14) days to the DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NAIROBI METROPOLITAN SERVICES, P.O BOX 30430 00100 NAIROBI

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of the parcel No. 12081/13 located in Karen, Nairobi wishes to change the use from Residential to Commercial subject to approval by the County Government of Nairobi.

Individuals, institutions or organizations with objections or comments should submit them in writing within 14 days of the date of this notice to:

The Director General Nairobi Metropolitan Services /NCCG C/O P.O. Box 30075 - 00100, Nairobi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The owner of land L.R. Nos. KABARE/ NYANGATI/6980 & 9936 situated at Samson corner, along Embu - Mwea road, Kirinyaga County wishes to change user of his property from Agricultural to Residential Multi-Dwelling Units (Petrol Service Station) subject to the approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions etc with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The County Executive Committee Member (CECM), Kirinyaga County Government P. o. Box 260 - 10304 KUTUS

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 CHANGE OF USE

The owner of land L.R. Nos. NGARIAMA/ NGIRIAMA/2461 situated with Difathas corner, Embu - Mwea road, Kirinyaga County wishes to Extend the use of his parcel of land from Agricultural to include Petrol Service Station, subject to the approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions etc, with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to;

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, NO. 13 OF 2019

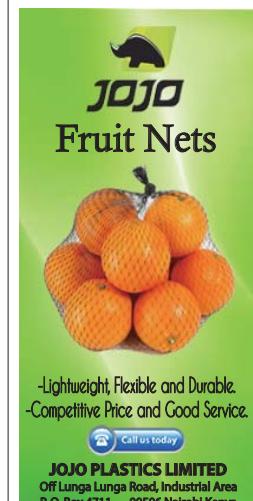
CHANGE OF USE

The owner of plot No. D103 & R05 situated within Sagana Township, along Nairobi - Nyeri road, Kirinyaga County wishes to Extend the use of his land from commercial to include Petrol Service Station, subject to the approval by the County Government of Kirinyaga. Individuals, institutions etc, with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

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Death and Funeral Announcement**Jonathan Musili Muia (Mwai)**

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of Jonathan Musili Muia which occurred on 09/08/2021, after a short illness. He was born in 1958 in Ngaakaa Village, Mukuku Sub-location, Waia Division, Mbooni East Sub-county.

Son of the late Muia Kyengo and the late Nzasi Muia, and Muthikwa Muia.

Husband to the late Josephine Wayua and Charity Kirwa Musili. A caring father of Albanus Nyamai, Purity Ngina, Jackson Kyengo, Judith Ndau, Meshack Makau, Evans Kyalo, Marietta Mumbua, Calvin Kirwa, Morris Mutinda and Shawn Kibet. Loving father-in-law to Marryanne Nyamai, Esther Kyengo and Caroline Makau.

Brother to David Ngumbi, the late Barnice Muthini, Josephine Kasele, Rose John, Alice Kamwethya, Franciscash Nthenya, and the late Anthony Muthiani.

Step-brother to Benson Nzioka, Cosmus Muema, Mulonzi, Mueni Maitha, Nduku Musau and Ndinda.

Doting grandfather of Brian Maundu, Alex Musili, Alvin Makau, Tessy Wayua, Lesley Kyalo, Abigael Mwende, Jason Musili, Liam Musili, Aiden Tatiyia, Emmah Wayua and Ivanah Ndau.

He was full of love and compassion for his extended family, and a treasured friend and mentor to many.

There will be a requiem service on Thursday 19th August, at AIC Milimani, starting 2.00pm.

The cortège leaves Montezuma Funeral Home on Saturday 21st August, for burial in his home at Kisau Ngaakaa Village.

Death and Funeral Announcement**Charles Odhiambo Obungu**

Sunrise 7th April, 1968 - Sunset 10th August, 2021

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Charles Odhiambo Obungu of US Embassy (USAID) on Tuesday 10th August, 2021, after a long illness bravely borne.

Beloved son of the late Silas Obungu and the late Julia Obungu of Kogudi village, Oyugis-Homabay County. Husband to Millicent Buuya and devoted father to Julia Obungu, Tanya Kiza & Sila Obungu.

Beloved brother to the late Ainea Obungu, Jane Obungu, Millie Ahenda, Editor Owade, the late Violet Obungu, Susan Obungu, Jair Obungu, Jacinta Chiama and Nelson Obungu.

Cherished Brother-in-law to Ambassador Paddy Ahenda, Lumumba Owade, Stephen Chiama and Joyce Obungu. Loving Uncle to Belinda, Ken, Vivian, Ainea, Irene, Mevis, John, Petty, Janet, Brian, Belva, Seje, Alspercer, Ochieng, Brad, Kip, Atieno, Junior, Silas, Nigel, Khama, Apollo, Julia & Janelle.

Family and friends are meeting daily at his home in Kileleshwa (Next to Kileleshwa Police Station), for prayers and funeral arrangements. There will be a fundraising at All Saints Cathedral, on Wednesday 18th August, 2021, at 1700hrs, you are also invited to make your fare-thee-well contributions to Pay-bill Business No. (8026793). Account: (Your Name). A memorial service will be held on Friday 20th August 2021, at Nairobi Central SDA Church (Maxwell) at 1000hrs.

The cortège will leave Montezuma Funeral Home - Nairobi, on Sunday 22nd August, 2021, at 7.30am, followed by the burial on Monday 23rd August, 2021, at the Obungu's family Home in Kogudi Village, Nyafare School, Kawere East Sub-Location, Homabay County.

"Shine on your way"

In God's Hands you rest, In our hearts you remain forever. Fare thee well "Charlie."



Maina Kariuki
February 5th 1955 - August 15th 2021

Journey's End

The family of Maina Kariuki announce his passing on 15th August 2021.

Devoted husband of Lucy Kariuki.

Loving father to Kariuki Kariuki, Njoki & Mwangi Kariuki, Nduati Kariuki and Geff Kang'ong'a Mwai.

Doting guka to Nimo Kariuki, Nduata Kariuki and Maina Mwangi.

Maina was a beloved son of the late Peter Kariuki and the late Sera Wanjiru Kariuki (Nyina wa Maina). Son-in-law of Christine Wangui and the late Mwangi Ayub Kariuki.

Brother to Margaret & the late James Njenga (Mama Nganga), Hon. Nduati & Nelius Kariuki, Rosemary & the late John Kahuki, the late Anne & James Muthundo, Felicity & Hon. Norman Nyagah, the late Richard Nduati, Gladys & Ben Sellers and the late Njeri Kariuki.

Brother in law to Patrick Kariuki, Catherine & Don Price, Anthony Kariuki, John & Kathy Kariuki, Elizabeth Kariuki-Cissé, Jimmy & Irene Kariuki, Theresa Kariuki Harris, George & Fridah Kariuki.

Uncle, Guka, and friend to many.

Maina lived a full life for which we the family are eternally grateful.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, 19th August 2021, 9:30 am, at Nairobi Chapel, Ngong Road. The cortège will leave Lee Funeral Home at 8.30 a.m.

There will be a private family interment on Friday, 20th August 2021.

COVID-19 protocols will be strictly observed.

Both services will be streamed live on: https://youtu.be/OPGee_OpHTI

"For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him."

1 Thessalonians 14

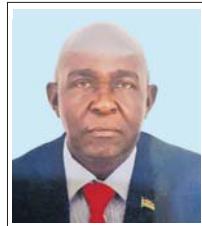
Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow and sadness that we announce the death of Mr. Alfred Wambua Kitaka which occurred on 13th August 2021 after a short illness.

Loving Husband of Teresia Wambua, father of Marion Mwende, Sarah Minoo and Faith Wambua, Grandfather of Ariella Wanbui. Son of Eliud Kitaka and Sarah Kitaka. Son-in-law of Joshua Matheka and Rhoda Matheka. Brother of Joyce, James, Reginald, Judy, Rebecca, Mary, Jackline, Mueni and Simon. Brother-in-law of Josphine, Margaret, Jane, Mirriam, Emmanuel, Charles, Mwanthi, Waita & Katambo.

Burial is scheduled for 20th August 2021 at his home Mukaa, Kithumba village, Makueni County.

Forever in our hearts.



**Alfred Wambua
Kitaka**

A Celebration of the Life & Times of



**Mama Ebisia
Mora Apima**

1920 - 2021

It is with a humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the passing on of Mama Ebisia Mora Apima of Keera Location, Charachani Sub-location Nyamira County. Mama passed-on on the 9th of August, 2021, after a short illness. Wife of the late Mzee Francis Apima Nyamagosa. Mother of the late Anna, the late Kwamboka, Kemunto, the late Zacharia, Ezekiel, Nyaribo, Nelson, Alice, Kingi, Nyangarei, Esther, David Apima (SOB), Central Police Nairobi, Peter, Risper, Isaac Ntulele Police, George of Kisumu Bus Park Police. Mother-in-law of Pelina, Esther, Margaret Apima (France), Chepkochi Vilighi Police, Margaret Kingi, amongst others. Grandmother of 68, Great-grandmother of 108 and Great-great-grandmother of 13, amongst others. Grandmother of Robert Njoroge, Advocate Nairobi, Tom Ochenge, Deputy Headteacher, Erone Primary, Samuel, Joshua, Evans, Frodah (US), Dr. Apel Apima of Annex Nakuru, Dr. Maureen Bosibori, Mathew, Enoch, Mike, Derrick, Dennis, Justin, Rware, Dr. Sammy Apima Masinde Muliro University, Yvonne, Rachel, Ednah, Kazuri, Peter Nyamongo (OCS), Janet (UoN). Friends and Relatives meeting daily, to prepare for the interment of the body on the 20th August, 2021, at the Apima Family Home in Bonorito Village, Nyamira County. The cortège will leave the Omboga Funeral Home for the funeral Procession, farewell and final rites for our beloved Mama on the same day. **May the Peace of God Comfort the family!**

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



**Annie Muthoni
Gikandi**

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Annie Muthoni Gikandi of the Office of the Auditor General, KENAO.

Mother to Evans Gikandi Muthoni. The first-born daughter of the late Julius Gikandi and the late Mary Wambui.

Sister to William and Grace Kuguru, Duncan and Margaret Ndirangu, Priscilla and Elijah Mwangi and Charity and Kenneth Maina.

An aunt to Wambui, Nyakio & Muthoni Kuguru, Cindy, Adrian & Wanjiro Ndirangu, Mburu, Dana & Maya Mwangi, Nathan & Nataina Maina. Cousin and friend to many.

The cortège leaves Jamii Hospital Mortuary on Friday, 20th August, 2021, for final interment at their Kiamaia home.

Fare thee well Muthoni, we loved you, but God loved you more. Amen!

Death and Funeral Announcement



Mama Priscah Bonareri Nyangahu
Sunrise: 1953 - Sunset: 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the resting of Mama Priscah Bonareri Nyangahu which occurred on 12th August 2021 at Nakuru Nursing Home, Nakuru County.

Daughter of the late Alexander Obwocha and the Late Mama Jeness Nyaboke. Wife of the Late Patrick Nyangahu Machuru. Mother to Valentine Machuru, Bartholomew Ondigo, Roseline Nyanchama, Drusila Nyaboke and Donald Nyangahu. Step-mother to Morara and Gregory.

Sister to the late Onsabwa, Maisiba, Monyene, Agnes, Nyabuto, Maranga and Momanyi. Mother-in-law to Risper, Brenda, Gordon and Carolynne. Grandmother to 13 grandchildren.

The cortège leaves PNN Mortuary, Nakuru at 8:00AM on Friday 20th August, 2021 followed by a requiem mass at 10:00AM.

Her final journey will take place at her home in Nyansabakwa, Nyamira County on Saturday 21st August, 2021. The burial service will be at St. Charles Lwanga, Nyansabakwa at 10:00AM on the same day.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2nd Timothy 4:7.

Celebration of Life



**Ruth Khabaya
Bandi**

DOB: 1950 - Died: 09/08/2021

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Ruth Khabaya Bandi while undergoing treatment at the Nakuru County Referral Hospital on Monday, 09/08/2021. She was born in Nakuru town, Nakuru County. Amos Bandi Mazaviri of Ischeno Ibwirende Village, Kirinyaga Sub-Location, Shibiye Location, Kakamega East District of Kakamega County. She was the daughter of Johanna Aiyia of Buyemi and Elizabeth Munyasa of Bushingala. Sister to Keffa, Jonathan, Matofai, Agnete, Sussy, Dorica, and Gladys. Sister-in-law to the Late Nathan Lusamiali and the Late Samuel Khasala, Isachenko, Ibwirende, Nakuru. Daughter of Sophia, Hosea (KHB), Dorah (BBROOD), Jessie (Kisile), David, Odem, Allan (Guki Ranch), the Late Elizabeth and Faith (Mago Primary Sch). Mother-in-law to Ruth, Isabella, Joan, Kimalu, Ondolo, Muthmania, and Cynthia. Auntie to Saul, Joel, Lilian, Norman, Obed, Abigail, Nancy, Albert, Fatma, Lumumba, Musi, Muchesa, and Carey Francis. Grandmother to 21 grandchildren, including Griffin, Precious, Peter, Deborah, Sydney, Steven, Ruth, Britney, Julianne, Daniel, and many others. In-laws to Vivian, Clinton and Jayson. The cortège leaves Evans Sunrise Mortuary – Nakuru on Friday, 20/08/2021 for burial at her home in Ischeno on Saturday, 21/08/2021. "We loved you Ruth, but God loved you more, Rest in Eternal Peace, Amen"

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the sudden demise of Engineer Simon Mureithi Kamondo of Psychotek Ventures Nyamakima after a short illness.

Son of George Kamondo Mureithi of Chinga Tea factory and Christine Muthoni Kamondo Srn. Ass. Chief Gichche Sublocation. Fiancée to Christine Kinjira.

Brother to King'ori Kamondo of Central Bank of Kenya, Nyawira Kamondo of Isinya and Gachuhu Kamondo of Moscat Hardware Kitengela.

Cousin to Mureithi Gachuhu, Gaskru Gitimbi, Mureithi Wachobio, Nyawira Kinjira, Harriet Nyawira, Mureithi Muchiri, Flora Wanibugu, Pt. Wanja, Sabina Wachinga, Gachuhu Njoki, Warimu Gachuhu, Wanjiro Murugari and many others.

Family and friends are meeting for prayers and burial arrangements at his parent's home Ruiru, Gichche, Othaya.

The cortège will leave Kiria-ini Mission Hospital Mortuary for the final send-off Service at St. Joseph Gichche Catholic Church, Chinga, Othaya on Saturday 21/08/2021 at 11:00AM.

Fare thee well Engineer Simon Mureithi Kamondo



**Engineer Simon
Mureithi
Kamondo**

Death and Funeral Announcement

We announce the passing on of Tito Joseph Wandai, Pastor of Deliverance Church Piave that occurred on 12th August, 2021.

Son of the late Joseph Wandai and Wakarima. He was husband of Phyllis Mumbi and caring father of Beth Wakarima, Joseph Wandai and Michael Kinyua.

Son-in-law of the late John Gakuya and Hannah Wanjiro.

Brother of Samuel Githuku, the late Hannah Wanjiro, and Monica Gathoni. Uncle and step brother of many. Grandfather of Ann Katharina, Christian Maina, Heavenly Njeri, and Phillis Mumbi.

The cortège leaves Umash Funeral Home - Nakuru on Thursday 8:30am, on 19th August, 2021m to Nakuru South for burial at 10:00am.



**Tito Joseph
Wandai**

Celebration of Life

It is with sadness and acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Macharia James Methu, Formerly Rent Tribunal and Wawame Properties, which occurred on 12th August, 2021, after short illness at Coptic Hospital, Nairobi. Son of James Methu Macharia and the late Hannah Wangechi. Brother of the late Edward Karukuri, the late Jane Wambui, Ephatua Mwangi, Kenneth Mugi (South Africa), the late Lois Wanjiro and the late Wanjiro. Loving husband of the late Mary Wanjiro Macharia. Loving and caring father of the late Anne Wangechi, Grace Njoki Karu (Mombasa), James Methu, Jennifer Wambui and Patrick Waweru. Father-in-law of Jesse Karu Makumi (Mombasa). Grandfather of Lillian Wambui, Cynthia Wanjiro, Vivian Wangechi, Alex Macharia, Faith Wanjiro and Felicia Wanjiro and great grandfather of Khloe Wanjiro, Kyla Ndinda, Kyle Methu, Kaelynne Wambui, Kelsie Wanjiro. Friends and relatives are meeting daily at his home in Huruma, Nairobi from 2:00pm - 6:00pm for prayers and to condole with the family. Contributions towards funeral expenses can be sent to Mpesa number: 0722164256 or 0713258990. The cortège will leave Kenyatta University Mortuary on Friday 20/08/2021, at 7:00am and followed by burial service at Kirui village, Kanyanya-ini Location, Kangema Division, Muranga County. All MoH protocols will be strictly observed at both functions. **Macharia, we loved you dearly, but God loved you more. Rest in peace Dad, grandpa & friend!**



**Macharia James
Methu**

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



**Elizabeth Betty
Githaiga**

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of Elizabeth Betty Githaiga formerly of Postal Corporation of Kenya on 10/08/2021 after a short illness. She was the daughter to the late Geoffrey and the late Margaret Wamuyu Githaiga of Weru wa Mwaki, Iruri Sub-location, Nyeri.

Loving mother to Richard Hugo Githaiga (Wakirubu) Sheikh Karume and Cyrix Systems & Lucy Njungua, Margaret Wambui Githaiga (Batu) & Victor Njungua (P&G), Florence Gathoni and Kehan (USA). Sister to the late Julius and Gladys Muchemi (South C) Charles and Margaret Murithi (USA) Jennifer Wanjiku (formerly NCC) Alice and Peter Macharia (Embu) Henry Wanjau, Josiah Ndirangu (formerly Postal Corporation of Kenya) and Purity Ndirangu. Doting grandmother to Robert Hugo and Josephine Wanjiru, Betty Muringo, Geoffrey Kangeri, Simon Njungua, Faith Wangeci and many others. Great grandmother to Adel and Roman.

Friends and relatives are meeting daily at Kenyatta Road, for prayers and funeral arrangements. The cortège leaves Kenyatta University Mortuary (Thika Road), on Thursday 19/08/2021, at 06:00am, for burial the same day at Weru wa Mwaki farm, Iruri Village, Ruguru Location, Mathira East, Nyeri County.

Death and Funeral Announcement



Francis Njuguna Ngarama (Kigunda)
Sunrise: 1940 - Sunset: 14th August, 2021

It is with deep sorrow and distress that we announce the demise of Francis Njuguna Ngarama (Kigunda). He hails from Mathana "A" Kambaa Gitunguri Sub-County Kiambu County.

Son of the late Daniel Ngarama Ngirage and the late Mary Wanjiro Ngarama. Husband to the late Cecilia Waithira Njuguna, Virginia Waithira Njuguna and Mary Wanjiro Njuguna.

Father to Joseph Ngarama Karuru (Former Councillor Gitonga), Pauline Wambui Karuru, Moses Ngarama (Nakuru), Ann Wanjiro, Lydia Ngirage, Mary Njeri, Miriam Nduta, Rose Wanjiro, Beatrice Wanjiro, Elizabeth Njeri Mbuga, Alice Njeri, Daniel Ngarama (Mathana), Mercy Njoki, Beatrice Wambui, Monica Ngirage, Ruth Njambi and Beth Wambui.

Brother to George Mburi Ngarama (Nakuru), Mercy Njoki Ndung'u (Nairobi) and late Elizabeth Njeri, late Peter Chege, Late James Kimani and the late Mary Wanjiro. He was a father-in-law, Uncle and grandfather of many.

Friends and relatives meet daily at his home from 4:00pm for prayers and funeral arrangements. The cortège will leave Muoko Funeral Home Gitunguri on Friday 20th August, 2021 at 9:00am followed by Church Service at AIPCK Mathana Church at 10:00am. Thereafter the burial Ceremony will follow at his home situated at Mathana "A".

May his dear soul rest in Eternal Peace. AMEN

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Death and Funeral Announcement**Patrick Kaibung'a M'itaru**

It is with humble acceptance that we announce the sudden demise of Patrick Kaibung'a M'itaru, that occurred on 14/08/2021, formerly of Kenyatta University, Philosophy & Religious Studies Department.

Son of the late Henry M'itaru and the late Carola M'itaru. Husband of Rose Muthoni Kaibung'a. Father of Lucy Washika, Stella Kaibung'a, Makena Kaibung'a, Henry Kaibung'a and Paul Kaibung'a. Father-in-law of John Washika and David Kalya. Grandfather of Jerome, Imani, Samantha and Itaru.

Brother of the late Mary Baariu, the late Martha Mugambi, Anastasia Kobia, Susan Mbogo, Saverina Mwenda, Rosa Kamenchu, and the late George Bainumuya. Brother-in-law of the late Clement Baariu, the late Johnson Kiraithe, the late Romano Kobia, the late Stanley Mbogo, Tony Mwenda, Simon Kamenchu Angelica Bainumuya, James Maingi, Susanna Kiburi, Peter, Mary, the late Gitonga, Kaome, Mwiti and Edward. Son-in-law of James and Margaret M'Maranya. Uncle of many.

Family and friends are meeting at his home in Ruiru, Imani Estate and his village home in Charuru Village, Tigania East at 4:00pm. There will be a requiem mass at the Kenyatta University Catholic Church on Monday 23/08/2021, at 10:00am, after which the cortège will proceed to Meru.

There will be mass at Tigania Catholic Parish, in Muthara on Tuesday 24/08/2021, at 10:00am, followed by the burial at his home in Charuru Village, Tigania East. COVID-19 Protocols to be observed.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.'

**Death And Funeral Announcement****Mr. Nixon Kavagi Kimiya**
18/08/1976 – 10/08/2021

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Mr. Nixon Kavagi Kimiya of Ogola Okello & Co. Advocates LLP. The death occurred on 10th August 2021 at the Murang'a Level 5 Referral Hospital after a short illness.

He was son of the late Mzee Alfred Kinyangi Lugaka and Mama Margaret Muonja Kinyangi; husband to Miriam Wanjohi Kavagi of Gakoe Mixed Secondary School And son in law to the late Joseph Wanjohi and Margaret Wanjiru. Father to Sylvia Muonja (St. Francis Mang'u), Wayne Kinyangi (Bethlehem Academy), and Ted Babu (Juja St. Peters Academy). Brother to Josephine, Evelyn, Jenkins, Hannington, Gerald, Eunice and Alvin. A brother in-law to Late Kimondo, Millicent, Julius, Charity, Josphat, Late Emmah, Rose, Dorcus and Joyce Murithi. He was a friend, cousin and uncle to many.

Friends and family are meeting daily at his home in Juja Town from 4:00pm every day.

The cortège leaves Thika Road Montezuma Monalisa Kabati on 20th August 2021 for Vihiga County. The burial will be at his home in Kitulu Village, South Maragoli, Vihiga County on 21st August 2021.

We loved you but God loved you more! Rest in Peace Warrior!

**Celebration of a Life Well Lived****Francis Maina Mwangi (Gachuhi)**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the promotion to glory of Francis Maina Mwangi of Kimana Loitoktok.

Husband to Grace Nyambura Maina.

He is the first born of the late, Mwangi wa Gachuhi and the late Waithera.

Father of the late Nancy Waithera, Joe Kirimi of Stedmak Group of Hotels, Josephat Chege, Esther Wangari, Lucas Gikonyo, Benson Kimani, Joyce Wanjiro, the late Mercy Wanjeri, the late Eva Wanja, Jackson Njagi and Peter Mbugi.

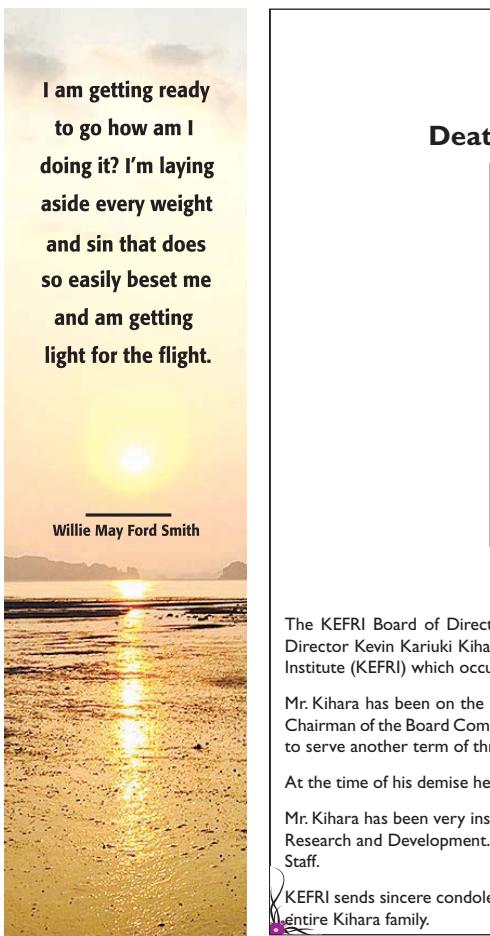
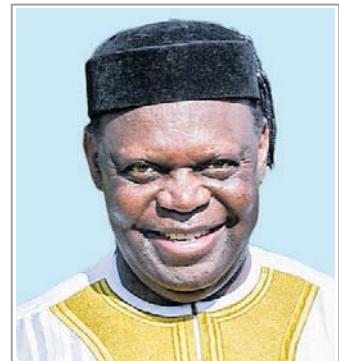
Family and Friends are meeting daily from Tuesday 17th August, 2021, at Stedmak Gardens Hotel Karen Nairobi, as from 3:00pm and at his home in Kimana Loitoktok.

The body will leave Umash Funeral Home - Nairobi, at 6:00am on Friday 20th August, 2021 and burial thereafter at his home in Kimana Loitoktok next to Kimana Police Station.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race, I kept the Faith. ~ 2nd Timothy 4:7

I am getting ready
to go how am I
doing it? I'm laying
aside every weight
and sin that does
so easily beset me
and am getting
light for the flight.

Willie May Ford Smith

**Death and Funeral Announcement****Simeon Ogendo (Wuod Mayor)**

It is with our deepest sorrow and acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden demise of Simeon Ogendo (Wuod Mayor), CEO Swinton Insurance brokers/Chartered insurer-UK.

Son of the late Simeon Ogendo and the late Mama Jael Otieno of Kasagam Kwyo-Kisumu County.

Beloved husband of Mary Ogendo (UK) and Jackie Ogendo.

Father to Kennedy Okech, Geoffrey Otieno, Frederick Onyango, Jael-Joy Akinyi, Sydney, Teddy and Tandy. Father in-law to Samira Okech. Grand-dad to Maria Achienget.

Treasured brother to Mary Adoyo, Roselyn Oyuga, the late Jeconia Sijenje and the late Pamela Awino.

Cherished uncle and cousin to many.

Funeral Service will take place at All Saints Cathedral on Thursday 19th August at 12:00 noon.

The cortège leaves Montezuma Monalisa Funeral Home on Friday 20/08/2021 for JKIA, then flown to Kisumu for a Church Service and interment on Saturday 21/08/2021.

A Fundraising will be held on Wednesday 18/08/2021 at 5:00pm at Kuche Kuche (Nyayo Stadium).

M-PESA contributions to be channelled through 0722707667.

'Though we will miss him greatly, we rejoice in the knowledge that God gives and he takes away, so blessed be the name of the Lord.' (Job 1:21)



Kenya Forestry Research Institute

Death and Funeral Announcement**Kevin Kariuki Kihara**

24th August, 1975 – 15th August, 2021

The KEFRI Board of Directors, Management and Staff regret to announce the passing to glory of Director Kevin Kariuki Kihara who was an Independent Board Director of Kenya Forestry Research Institute (KEFRI) which occurred at the Aga Khan Hospital Nairobi after a short illness.

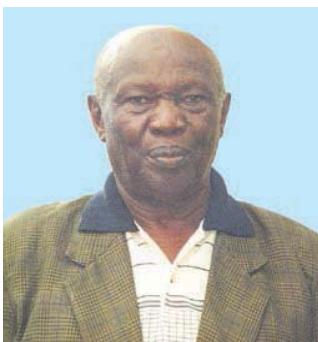
Mr. Kihara has been on the KEFRI Board as an Independent Director since June, 2016 serving as the Chairman of the Board Committee of Finance and Administration. On 3rd May, 2019 he was reappointed to serve another term of three (3) years.

At the time of his demise he was the Chairman of the Board Committee of Research & Development.

Mr. Kihara has been very instrumental especially on financial matters and lately very passionate about Research and Development. He will be dearly missed by his fellow Board Directors, Management and Staff.

KEFRI sends sincere condolences to the family during this difficult moment. May the Lord comfort the entire Kihara family.

In Loving Memory 10th Anniversary



James Njenga Mathu

1920-2011

It's ten years since you left us and the heartache in us no one can heal.

Life has never been the same without you. You shall forever live in our hearts.

We dearly miss you.

Keep resting with the Angels.

Death and Funeral Announcement



Jemimah Mukai Venda

03/02/1955 ~ 12/08/2021

It is with deep sorrow and humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the promotion to glory of Retired Teacher Jemimah Mukai Venda, which occurred on 12th August, 2021, after a long illness.

Beloved wife of Pastor Michael Venda Ndetema of AIC Antioch Mauluni (Director Kasue Pharmacy Ltd). Mother of Jeconiah Mutinda (Kasue Pharmacy), Richard Mwangangi (Nzinkani Contractors Ltd), Pamela Nzambi (ODPP) and Malchijah Kyeni (M.E.C). Mother-in-law of Anne (Kasue Pharmacy), Peninah (Kitui), Amon (Nandi County) and Mercy (Machakos University). Grandmother of Shealthish, Shelminith, Fendorah, Fiona, Elnathan, Elhanan, Miguel and Michelle.

A loving daughter of the late Pastor Eliud Kyasi and the late Jedidah Kathuo. Daughter-in-law of the late Peter Ndetema and the late Alice Nzambi. Sister of Susan, Benjamin, the late Dorothy, the late Dominic, Morris, the late Josphat, the late Alex, Evelyn, the late Augustus, Beatrice, Rosemary and the late Phoebe.

Sister-in-law of the late Jackson, Christine, Angeline, the late Grace, Joyce, Margaret, Beatrice and Phoebe. Aunt and mother of many including Love for Kitui (Orphans Ministry). An in-law to Fredrick Musyima's Family, the late Wilfred Mwikya's Family, the late Bishop Muge's Family and Faith Mulului's Family.

Family and friends are meeting daily at her home in Mauluni village, Mutonguni Location, Kitui West, for prayers and funeral arrangements. There will be a fundraising today 18th August, 2021, from 2.00pm, at her residence in Mauluni in Kitui.

The cortège will leave Tribute Funeral Home - Syongila, on 20th August, 2021, at 8.00am, for funeral service at her home in Mauluni village. Covid19 protocols apply.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ~ 2nd Timothy 4:7

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the death of Clr. Mrs. Florentina Kimoi Chepsergen of Kibino Village, Baringo Central Sub County in Baringo County which occurred on August 7, 2021 Medihel Hospital, Nakuru.

Daughter of The Late Joachim Cheserem and the late Paulina Cheserem of Kituro. Wife to Mr. Richard Chepsergen, mother to Nixon Kibet (Boreish SACCO), Joel Kibet (Atlanta USA), Gladys Kibet (Afribridge Trade Exporters, Mombasa), Nelly Kibet (Tennessee, USA), Connie Kibet (Kabarnet High school). She had a step daughter: the late Irene Kibet.

Mother-in-law to Carolyn (Kabarak University), Joyce (USA), Victor (Vivo Energy Mombasa) Mike (USA) and Gilbert (Wilson Airport, Nairobi).

Daughter in law to The late Chepsergen arap Chesang and the late Kokop Jepkemoi, Kokop Kimugul and Kokop Jepkoch.

Sister to the late Flora, Kiprop Cheserem (Chairman, Kabarnet Municipality) Late Monica, late Moses, Divina, late Kenneth, Regina and Esther of Kituro. Sister-in-law to Amb. Michael, late Julius, Cllr. Benjamin, Peter, John, Daniel, William, Paul, Mary, Sally, Steve, Francis, late Rael, Sr. Margaret, late Henry, Pascalia, Rogers and Bridget

Loving Grandmother to Brian, Vincent, Marion, Wayne, Victor, Ashley, Rogers, Mercy, Abigail, Tyrese, Jeremy, Veronica, Bernice, Wayne Kemei, Ivy Allan, Ian and Gift.

Aunt to Fridah Jeshire among others.

The late Clr. Mrs. Florentina Kimoi will be laid to rest on Friday August 20, 2021 at Kabarnet farm in Kabarak, Nakuru County.

The cortège leaves PNIN Funeral Home on Friday 20th August 2021 for the funeral service followed by burial at her Kabarnet farm home, Nakuru County beginning from 9:30am

Fare thee well Mum, in God's hands you rest, in our hearts you remain forever.



Cllr. Mrs. Florentina Kimoi Chepsergen

Celebrating Life

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing on of Laurenzia Muthoni Nyaga, formerly of Embu Level 5 Referral Hospital, which occurred on 11th August, 2021, at the Embu Level 5 Hospital.

Beloved wife of George Nyaga Ireri (formerly of Provincial Administration, Embu). Devoted mother to Mukami Nyaga (UNWFP - Somalia), Ssgt. Mwenda Nyaga (KDF - Navy), SPTE Lennox Nyaga (KDF - Army), Eric Nyaga (NITA). Mother-in-love to Carolyne Mwenda (Msa).

Grandmother to Alvin Nyaga, Jensive Waithera and Bryshore Baraka. Beloved daughter to John Kigundu Simba and the late Joyce Kaari Kigundu. Adored daughter in love to William Ireri Migwi and Asenath Mutitu Ireri of Kiriri.

Friends and relatives are meeting at their home in Gakwegori village daily at 5.00pm to condole with the family.

The cortège will depart from Embu Funeral Home, Level 5 for a memorial and burial service that will be held on Friday 20th August, 2021, at the family home in Gakwegori.

Psalms 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.



Laurenzia Muthoni Nyaga

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the sudden death of Mr. Michael Muathe Musau, on Monday 9th August, 2021, after short illness bravely borne.

Son of the late Mr & Mrs Musau Mbolozi (Nyimba) of Kathama Mbuni Mwala Machakos County. Husband of the late Isabella Wayua Musau. Brother of Kivuva and Jane, the late Teresiah, Kathryn and Victoria, Francis and the late Margaret.

Father of Kevin and the late Victoria, Blaise and Meriorth, Fabian and Lydia. Grandfather of Ian, Renee, Pona, Zara, Andree, Nicole, Eeve and Gayle.

In-law of the late Mr & Mrs Wambua Kitisya of Matungulu Machakos County. Brother-in-law of Munyao, Mbithi, Fred, Shelkhu, Mutunga the late Kaunda, Musa and Rose. An uncle and friend to many.

Contributions may be sent to Michael Musau funeral fund Paybill: (8040951), Account number: (Your Name).

The cortège will leave Machakos Montezuma Funeral Home on Friday 20th August, 2021, at 8.30am, for funeral services at the family firm in Koma Matungulu, Machakos, starting from 11.00am.

Michael we loved you may your soul rest in eternal peace. Amen!



Michael Muathe Musau

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with solemn hearts that we regret to announce the death of Margaret Wairimu Munene (Maggie) of Oceanair Safaris Limited. Our beloved Margaret passed away on 7th August, 2021, while undergoing treatment in hospital after a short illness.

Margaret is the daughter of the late Rewell Munene and Rose Munene. She is the Wife of Eric Bakajika and Mother to Joel Munene (Jojo). She is survived by her siblings; Lilian Wangui, Ann Njeri and Munger Munene, her nephews Jamal and Kago and her niece Nadia.

Funeral arrangements meeting for Friends and Family is being held at Katana Restaurant on Kirichwa Road off Ngong Road daily at 4.00pm.

The Funeral service will be held on Friday 20th August, 2021, starting from, 10.30am, at the Family farm in Ol'jororok (Oraimita Location, Oraimita Sub-location, Oraimita Scheme. Near Oraimita Primary School) Nyandarua County, where she will later be laid to rest.

May the Almighty God rest her soul in eternal peace.
"You are loved beyond measure and will be dearly missed."



Margaret Wairimu Munene

Sunrise: 23rd February, 1982

Sunset: 7th August, 2021

Celebration of a Life Well Lived

It is with deep shock and sorrow that we announce the passing on to glory of Maureen Akello Opil, beloved daughter of Emmanuel Opil and Margaret Nyako of Ugambe Village, Uganda Sub-County, which occurred on 9th August 2021 at Avenue Hospital, Kisumu after a short illness.

Loving wife of Kennedy Ochola. Daughter-in-law to Grace and Gordon Ochola. Doting mother to Briana Atieno Omundi, Brian Elly Omundi, Bianca Wema Omundi and baby Briella Blessing Ochola.

Sister to Sherine Ojijo, Beatrice Opil, Dorothy Opil, Lilian Opil, the late Cyrus Robert Opil, Jacqueline Opil, Memory Opil and the late Faith Opil.

Sister-in-law to Ojijo Odhiambo, the late Allan Opiyo, Alfred Obiero, Patrick Silwe, Eric Oyamo, Evelyn and Martin Okumu, Sophie and Isaac Ochola, Sheena and Shadrack Ochola, Millicent and Bob Azam and Quinter and Willy Ochola.

Niece to Marsiana and the late William Rawayo, Francesca, Grace and Apollo Opil, Grace and the late Christopher Odour, the late Margaret and late Wilson Opiyo, Catherine and late Washington Okello, Sophie and Sylvan Amalla, Caren and Wilson Obama among others. Aunt and Cousin to many.

Burial will take place on Friday 20th August 2021 at Kodero Village, Tura Sublocation, Kakola Location, Nyando Sub-County, Kisumu County from 8.00am.

Forever Cherished, Forever Treasured, Forever in our hearts.



Maureen Akello Opil

Sunrise 11th April 1988

Sunset 9th August 2021

THOUGH NOTHING CAN BRING BACK THE HOUR OF SPLENDOR

IN THE GRASS,

OR GLORY IN THE FLOWER.

**WE WILL GRIEVE NOT,
RATHER FIND STRENGTH IN
WHAT REMAINS BEHIND.**

-WILLIAM WORDSWORTH-

I AM GETTING READY TO GO HOW AM I DOING IT? I'M LAYING ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT AND SIN THAT DOES SO EASILY BESET ME AND AM GETTING LIGHT FOR THE FLIGHT.

WILLIE MAY FOR SMITH

Death and Funeral Announcement



Jane Phoebe Achieng Wamiya

Sunrise 23/08/2005 - Sunset 15/08/2021

It is with sadness and pain that we announce the promotion to glory of Jane Phoebe Achieng Wamiya (fondly known as JP), on the morning of 15th August, 2021. She was a Student at Braeside School - Year 10.

Loving and most treasured daughter of Peace Makhanu Wamiya and Dickson Wamiya. Grandchild of the late Jane and James Wamiya of Doho, Kisa West and Dorothy and Robert Makhanu of Kimili. Auntie to Walter Wamiya. Sister to Dorah Nandwa and Elaine Nere Wamiya.

Niece to the late Michael, the late David, Lucy, Eunice, Jacqueline, Nancy, Beryl (Canada) and the late Wellington, Fiona and David Makhanu, amongst others. Cousin to Dennis, Randy, Yvonne, Charlie, Edwin, Nicole, Samantha, Manase, Dickson, Amani Wamiya, amongst others.

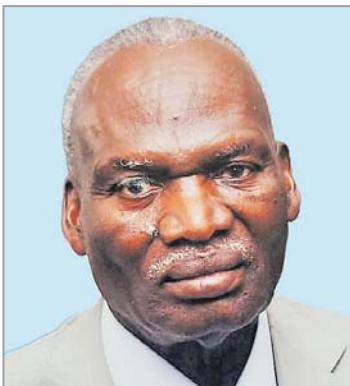
Family and friends are meeting today Wednesday 18th August, 2021, at Sagret Hotel - Milmiani, from 5.00pm. Contributions towards the hospital and funeral expenses can be made via Mpesa pay-bill number: (8040957). Account number: (Your name).

There will be a funeral service in Nairobi at Nairobi Central SDA Church, on Thursday 19th August at 1.00pm. The burial will take place on Sunday 22nd August, 2021, at her father's home in Dudi, Doho, Kisa West, Khwiseri, Kakamega County, from 10.00am. All Government COVID-19 prevention protocol to be strictly adhered to and live streaming will be available.

Matthew 19:14 - "But Jesus said "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Fly with the angels "Didy" till we meet again.

Celebration of a Life Well Lived



Donald Joseph Obama (DJO) Okiro

28/07/1929 - 14/08/2021

With humble acceptance of God's will we announce the death of Donald Joseph Obama (DJO) Okiro, formerly of East African Community, Ministry of Energy and Kenya Airways.

Husband of Damaris Aoko Okiro. Son of Mzee Okiro Olianga & Mama Roselida Okiro of Orlang Kasborg Kogweno, Homa Bay County, & Son-in-law of Pastor Elisha Arunga & Mama Abigail Arunga of Kanyamwa, Kokoto. Father of Mary Atieno, Martin Okiro, Peter Owuor, Job Odhiambo, Lucy Omingo, Caroline Krhoda, Eric Ochieng, Dr. Emelda Okiro Ebali, Dr. Patricia Okiro Mogere. Father-in-law of Prof. George Krhoda, Dorine Atetwe, Sarah Mekubo, Svitana Okiro, John Omingo, Velma Kisaka, Oscar Ebali, Dr Edwin Mogere.

Brother of Edward Orinda Okiro, Samuel Okiro, Dennis Ouma Opiyo, Charles Ariwi, Joshua Amol, Hesbon Sure Ogudo, Zablon Adipo, Pst. Gideon Obongo, Tabitha Aroka, Grace Ochola, John Okiro, Charles Owiny Obongo. In-law of Derrick & Beldina Choto, Enos & Elizabeth Oyoo, John & Judith Adhiambo Arunga, Judy Akoth Arunga, Dr. Robert & Petroline Arunga, Eng. Philip & Phelgona Okundi, Lillian Okundi, Peter & Willykister Arunga, David & Marcia Arunga, Tabitha Okiro, Phoebe Orinda, Dorcas Okiro, Lina Okiro, George & Lily Kidende, George & Grace Omumbo. Grandfather of Michael, Valerie, Joseph, Nina, Tyler, Trevor, Sarah, Kimberly, Gaelle, Lisa, Emma, Randy, Melisa, Keysha, Terisa, Gabriel, Cai, Kani, Kelani Great-grandfather of Kwe.

Daily meetings are going on at his home in Kiungani, Kitale County. There will be a meeting in Mountainview Estate, Podo Court House Number 102, on Thursday August 19th and on Saturday 21st August, 2021.

There will be a funeral service on Tuesday 24th August, 2021, from 9:00am, at his home in Kiungani. Burial will be on 25/08/2021, in Orlang Kasborg Kogweno, Homa Bay County. Contributions towards defraying the funeral costs may be sent to **Mpesa Pay-bill: (7944759)**.

Jeremiah 29:11 ~ "For I know the plans I have for you..."

Death and Funeral Announcement

It is with profound pain and deep sorrow that the Okeyo family announces the demise of Mama Margaret Akoth Buodo Okeyo of Kamango village, Awach Sub-location, Nyakach sub county Kisumu which occurred on 3rd August, 2021, at 5:15pm, at Tayiba Medical Centre in Kisumu. Mama suffered from chronic heart condition that was complicated by kidney failure.

Daughter of the late Mzee Zakaria Magawi and the late Rusalina Magawi of Jimo East (Ndori School), Nyakach Sub-county, Kisumu County. Wife of the late Pitalis Okeyo Ngela of Kamango village, Awach sub-location, Nyakach Sub-county, Kisumu County. Co-wife of Elsa Onieko.

Sister of the late Mama Agnes Ondego, the late Mama Anna Omollo, the late Joseph Abondo the late Bishop Paul Agwanda and the late Johannes Onieko.

Mother of the late William Ochieng, Atieno Okeyo, Professor Stephen Olus (Uzima University), Monica Ochieng (Ksm), Felix Otiemo (Maseno University), the late Dr. Pamela Koga, Florence Owuor (Equity Bank), George Okeyo, Bernard Okeyo, Kennedy Okeyo, late Emily Okeyo and Eric Villa (KSA). Step-mother of David, Phoebe, Daisy, Dan, Emily and Alice.

Mother-in-law of Sabina Ochieng' (KHN), Dr. Rosemary Obara-Okeyo (LREB), late Paul Ochieng, Lucy Otieno, the late Steven Omondi Koga (Nyakach Kadiang'a), Prof. Alfred Owuor (Unl), Belinda Otieno, Caroline Atieno, Carolyn Oluch and Christine Indiaka (NMS).

Grandmother of Victor, Sammy, Erick, Vitalis, Vivian, Patricia, Rozina, Gregory, Valerie, Antony, Theodore, Victor, Joyce, Clifford, Margaret, Alvins, Frazies, Fidel, Nancy, Lillian, Janah, Natalie, Ashley, Shana, Martha, Abel, Natasha, Pars, Morgan, Renee, Samantha, Israel, Irene, Geoffrey, Gabriellah, Breath, Immanuelah, Aira, Amaril and Alby.

Great-grandmother of Angelo, Glorious, Mike and Rosemary, Anita, Amilia, Victor, Amaria, Victor, Jeremy, Jason, Victoria, Anna and Cloyd.

Sister-in-law of the late Otero Ngila, the late Joram Owire Ngila, the late Anna Oyieng Midega (Nyakach Kadiang'a), the late Dismus Omollo Ngila, the late Charles Ausa Ngila, Wilfrida Owire, Siprina Owire, and Olisa Owire.

Burial will be on 21st August at her home in Kamango Village, Awach, Nyakach Sub-county, Kisumu County.

Mama, we remain ignited by the wholesome love you expressed for all your children, relatives and friends.

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.

So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ~ Romans 14:8



**Margaret Akoth
Buodo Okeyo**

Appreciation



Richard Kegode Lukuyu

The family of the late Richard Kegode Lukuyu, wishes to express immense gratitude to all those who stood by us during our time of sorrow. Thank you for caring enough to come to the funeral and for all the support you showed us. Grief is too heavy to carry alone, and your support helped lighten our load. The care and concern you showed were reminders that Richard touched so many lives in his lifetime.

It was very meaningful to us for you to share in our grief. Saying goodbye to a loved one is never easy, and we were deeply moved by your kindness and care which were like a refreshing wind to our saddened spirits.

Specifically, our special thanks go to God, the East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends (North) Quakers, the Kegode family, Danera family, our extended family, the KATTI community, all the KATTI Principals, The Rift Valley Technical Training Institute, The Aldai Technical Training Institute, The Kitale National Polytechnic, Kapsabet Girls High School, Kitale School, The Alliance High School Old Boys, Egerton University alumni, Hill School class of '82, Kubujo Mission Hospital, the community, neighbors and all our friends.

Richard will remain in our hearts forever and always.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Death and Funeral Announcement



Josephine Kamene Mutisya

1942-2021

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the death of Josephine Kamene Mutisya. She was a church leader for many years and also a member Catholic Women Association - St. Joachim Catholic Church - Mukuyuni, Kitwii Parish Kangundo.

Wife of the late Barnaba Mutisya of Mukuyuni Village in Kangundo.

Mother of Patrick Mutua (Kianzabe), Prexides Mwikali (Gov of Mks Tab. Office), Francis Wambua, Mbula Mutisya (Germany), Vincent Mutuku (Mbaku Funeral - Nairobi), Thadeus Mutinta Mutisya (Nhlike Farm Kiyambe Village Mwala), Pascal Mutisya (Nairobi) and Januaris Ndeto.

Mother-in-law of Agnes Mutua, Robert Kikuu (MKSTTC), Catherine Wambua, Florence Mutuku, Teresia Mutunga (Pumwani Hospital), Anne Mwendwa and Elizabeth Ndeto.

Grandmother of John Bosco, Mathew (GSM), Mary (Machakos), CO Barnabas Mutua (St. Mary's Hospital), Mary (Kisii), Christine (Beiersdorf), George, Benjamin Wambua (Safaricom), Frederick Wambua, Webster Mwendwa Mutisya (Germany), Joachim, Pascal, William Mutinda, Lorenza, Fabian, Barnabas Mutisya, Fidelis and Mary.

Family and in-laws Mbaa Ndeto Kanga (Kikambani village Kangundo) Mbaaa Loki (Mukuyuni Village Kangundo).

Great-grandmother of Jayden and Sansa.

Family members and friends are meeting daily at her home Mukuyuni Village, Kangundo Sub-county.

The cortège will leave Lee Funeral Home - Nairobi on Friday 20th August, 2021, at 7.00am for mass and funeral services at St. Joachim Catholic Church - Mukuyuni, Kitwii Parish and thereafter Burial at her home Mukuyuni Village (Katitu Sub-location Kangundo Sub-county).

For You, Lord Jesus, are, "...the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), and You "...have come that we might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)"

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior." (Isaiah 12:2)

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

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BACK THE HOUR OF SPLENDOR
IN THE GRASS,

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RATHER FIND STRENGTH IN
WHAT REMAINS BEHIND.

-WILLIAM WORDSWORTH-

Sport



Athletics

Visitors for World Athletics Under 20 Championships impressed by Kenya's beauty and preparations
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Athletics Consistent competitions will help reduce athlete drop out rate, says Coe **P42,43**

FKF PREMIER LEAGUE

Tusker have one hand on the trophy

BY CECIL ODONGO

Eleven-time champions Tusker could clinch the 2020/21 Football Kenya Federation Premier League title today if they win against Nzoia Sugar at Sudi Stadium in Bungoma County.

League victory will validate the brewers' participation in the CAF Champions League following a chorus of opposition that they got the ticket by default. Tusker were awarded the continental slot because they were on top of the league standings as at the June 30 CAF deadline for submission of names of member countries' participants.

Tusker's closest challengers KCB, who stand a very dim chance of lifting the trophy, host fourth placed AFC Leopards at Thika Stadium in one of the eight matches lined up today at various venues as the league enters the penultimate round.

Tusker are on 61 points, three above KCB in the league that will end on Sunday. Should the two teams finish level on points, the brewers will emerge victorious because of a superior goal difference compared to the bankers.

For KCB to turn the tables, they must beat AFC Leopards and Nairobi City Stars, on the other hand, Tusker must lose or draw against Nzoia Sugar and Bidco United.

A win and a draw in the last two games will still hand the brewers a 12th league title even if KCB garner maximum points.

The relegation battle also takes centre stage with bottom placed Western Stima and 15th placed Mathare United having tricky fixtures today. Stima who have 22 points, two less than the "Slum Boys" play Wazito in an early kick off at Thika while Mathare host struggling Ulinzi Stars at Ruaraka Grounds.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Wazito v Western Stima (ASK Grounds, Nakuru 3pm)
Nzoia v Tusker (Sudi Stadium, 3.15pm)
Posta Rangers v Gor (Ruaraka, 1pm)
KCB v AFC (Thika Stadium, 3.15pm)
Mathare v Ulinzi (Ruaraka, 1pm)
Bidco v Sharks (Thika Stadium, 1pm)
Homeboyz v Vihiga Utd (Bukhungu, 1pm)
Sofapaka v Bandari (Wundanyi, 3pm)

GOLF

Junior player Zurovac wins Limuru Open

Vet Lab Sports Club's Leo Zurovac completed a double in the Junior Golf Foundation series after clinching the Limuru Junior Open, a world amateur ranking event at Limuru Country Club yesterday. Zurovac, who two weeks ago won the Kenya Junior Stroke Play championship at Muthaiga, yesterday shot a final round 71 for a 54-hole total of 223 gross. The 17-year-old, currently playing off plus three handicap, had carded 71 and 81 in the first round. Taking the girls' title was Belinda Wanjiro now playing off 12, who posted a total of 270 gross made up of 93, 86 and 91. The overall net title went to Nehemiah Dinkins with a score of 183 nett. In the 18 to 21 years category, another Vet Lab junior Steve Orinda posted 227 gross made up of rounds of 79, 75 and 73 to win well ahead of Emmanuel Njugu of Muthaiga on 242, with Stephen Kihiu taking the net title on 187 nett. The 15 to 17 years division winner was Lee Kimathi of Windsors with a score of 243, winning ahead of Mikael Kihara on 249 gross. Njukia Kihara took the net title with a score of 210 nett. Muthaiga's Junaid Manji once again emerged top in the 12 to 14 years category after posting 263 gross and Itimu Kiruti on 279 was second. Larry Ngala

FIBA AFROBASKET MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP: Aug. 24-Sep 5 in Kigali

Basketball Kenya expected to play another friendly against Senegal

Key players delay naming of team

Morans' technical bench hasn't picked final squad owing to Owili, Awich's absence



BY JOSEPH KANYI

The final men's basketball national team for the 2021 AfroBasket championship may not be named until Friday because key players are yet to report to camp.

Australia-based centre Desmond Blacio Owili and all-round talent Joel Awich from the USA are expected to arrive in the country today.

Kenya Morans will be returning to the premier basketball competition on the continent for the first time after 28 years. The championship will be held from August 24 to September 5 at Kigali Indoor Arena in Rwanda.

Tyler Ogwae, who turns out for Bakken Bears Club, jetted in on Sunday bringing the number players at the Nyayo Stadium Gymnasium residential camp to 13. His arrival boosted morale in the camp given that he scored the buzzer beater two points that earned Kenya qualification in Yaounde, Cameroon in February.

"The team is in high spirits and is stronger with the arrival of the international players. We are now looking forward to the Senegal friendly match to test our game fully," forward Ariel Okall told Nation Sport.

The players in camp are Ongwae, Victor Ochieng, Fidel Okoth, Valentine Nyakinda, Ronnie Gundo, Tom "Bush" Wamukota, Griffin Ligare, Okall, Albert Onyango, Faheem Juma, Victor Bosire, Joseph Khaumba and Derrick Ogech.

The team suffered a setback following the withdrawal of Australia-based small forward Preston Bungei. He excused himself from the team to pursue Australian residency which requires that he stays in that country for six months continuously.

The technical bench headed by Australian coach Liz Mills is working to fill Bungei's position.

On Monday, Morans narrowly defeated Kenya Basketball Federation Premier League reigning champions Ulinzi Warriors 75-72 in their first friendly match at Nyayo Indoor Gymnasium.

Morans assistant coach Sadat Gaya was meant to test the team's strength.

"After Monday's game, we are now focused on polishing the team's skills based on what we observed. We have to make some adjustments on how to execute both offensively and defensively. We have the picture of what we wanted and we can pick it from there," said Gaya.

Morans are expected to play five-time continental champions Senegal in a friendly match on August 22 at the magnificent Kigali Indoor Arena.

National Men's basketball team Morans moments before their friendly match against Ulinzi Warriors at Nyayo Indoor Gymnasium in Nairobi on Monday. Morans won 75-72.
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Froome and Cavendish set for Tour of Germany

Additional regions where Japan has expanded a state of emergency due high Covid-19 cases ahead of Paralympic Games.

BERLIN

Legendary sprinter Mark Cavendish and four-time Tour de France winner Chris Froome are set to be included in a star-studded field for this month's Tour of Germany. Cavendish and Froome will race in the four-stage race from August 26-29. Deceuninck Quick-Step rider Cavendish, 36, won four stages on this year's Tour de France to take the green points jersey. (AFP)



An official takes a Covid-19 test at Moi International Sports Centre. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION

Having a daily Covid-19 test is no laughing matter

Taking a daily antigen test is like repeating the rite of passage ritual in some African cultures daily, one coach said yesterday. A nurse conducts the whole procedure in less than five seconds. It is tingly like nettle, and grown up men grunt like animals facing the knife. Those who have sniffed tobacco say the sting one gets from the Covid-19 test is short, brutal and annoying because it leaves one with teardrops. Kenya is now conducting possibly the biggest mass test daily for over 2,000 people.

Being cleared for the event feels like 'escaping hell'

You cannot run or hide if you have not tested for coronavirus if you are covering the World Athletics Under 20 Championships. A positive test means immediate isolation and evacuation from the premises. After an agonising 10-minute wait, when strangers strike conversations to hide the feeling of uneasiness, an officer arrives with names of those who have escaped "going to hell" for level two of agony. You move to the next queue to have your name cleared in the system with a bar code on your accreditation card to show that you are Covid-19 free.

Bagful of goodies puts technical officials at ease

The technical officials are a happy lot after the World U-20 meet Chief Executive Officer Mike Rabar gave them goodies to make their work easier following teething problems in the last four days. The team will no longer have packed lunch in plastic containers, feed in the open or undergo antigen tests with others. They will be served buffet lunch, escorted to their hotels by police, have plenty of face masks and sanitisers and Covid-19 tests will be done at their hotels.

Grand opening First Lady and Patron Margaret Kenyatta, athletics chief Seb Coe laud efficient preparations

Kenya gives world first-class welcome

No expense spared as athletes from 115 countries march past during the opening ceremony at a tastefully decorated Kasarani

BY BERNARD ROTICH

There was pomp, colour and fanfare when the 2021 World Athletics Under 20 Championships were officially opened in Nairobi yesterday.

Teams from 115 participating countries, including refugee and neutral athletes' teams, marched past at the tastefully decorated Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani.

Kenya, which is represented by 46 athletes, is looking to defend the overall title it won during the last edition held in Tampere, Finland in 2018.

First Lady Margaret Kenyatta, who is also the event's Patron, said that hosting the World Athletics Under 20 Championships in Kenya is a milestone on the continent of Africa, and she hopes that more of such events will be held in the country.

"I want to thank stakeholders and the media. I'm impressed with the young men and women who want to improve the sport by competing. I would like to wish

them the very best," she said.

The First Lady urged participants to follow the Ministry of Health Covid-19 protocols to make the event safe and free from the virus.

Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed said in a statement read on her behalf by Principal Secretary Joe Okudo that planning the event has been a long journey.

"The country has supported athletes in every way including providing training facilities despite the challenges from the pandemic where most of the sports men and women did not train well for a whole year. We are happy that the government gave us the support and we can be able to hold a championship," CS Amina said.

"We are putting all the necessary security measures to make sure the event is incident-free including daily Covid-19 testing because we are in the middle of a pandemic," she added.

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe said that he is happy that the Local Organising Committee and the Government of Kenya are committed to delivering a successful championship despite the harsh times that the world is going through.

"This is the second largest athletics event in the world this year after the just-concluded 2020 Tokyo Olympic Game. We are confident more talent will be tapped dur-



The World Athletics Under-20 Championships flame burns at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani yesterday. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



The 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships mascot Jabali accompanied by children during the opening ceremony at Kasarani yesterday. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



Children rally during the opening ceremony at Kasarani yesterday. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



Members of Team Kenya for the World Athletics Under-20 Championships march past the podium at Kasarani yesterday. Kenya are the defending champions at the five-day competition that has attracted 100 countries. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION





Press conference The under-20 championships important to many athletes who gradually transit to senior level

Consistent competitions help reduce athlete drop-out rate, says World Athletics boss Coe

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BY BERNARD ROTICH

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe says the continuous and consistent hosting of global competitions despite the coronavirus challenge will help address worrying attrition of talent.

The transition of athletes from junior to senior ranks has always been a concern due to its inconsistency and the global track and field governing body's head puts this down to a slight shift of the eye from the ball.

Addressing a pre-competition press conference ahead of the 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships, Coe said athletics has been an inspiration to many and he, himself, was inspired by the Kenyan athletes in his career.

"We had to host the championships in Nairobi, Kenya because the youths are transitioning and we couldn't wait any longer and we are happy the hosts agreed to go on with the championships despite the difficulties from the coronavirus pandemic," said Coe, a former double Olympic gold medalist and world record holder in the 800 and 1,500 metres.

Coe expressed his regret that this week's competition will be held without spectators but noted that this wouldn't take the shine away from the performances and that normalcy would resume soon.

"We are going to miss the noise from our fans and I remember in 2017 during the World Under-18 Championships here in Nairobi how we managed to host a successful event with fans filling the stadium to the brim."

"We know we are going through a pandemic and after this I know we shall be able to get the usual crowds at various competitions,"

he added. NTV will televise the five days of action live from the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani as the free-to-air rights holders.

Coe thanked the Tegla Loroupe Foundation for making sure there are representatives from the refugee communities in various competitions across the world.

"I must commend Tegla for the good work and the support she is giving the refugee athletes and we have always seen representation across the world in various events," he added.

The under-20 championships are important to many athletes who gradually transit to the senior levels after good performance in the junior level.

He said that the federations are taking the championships seriously as a build-up to the next level.

"The world record holder in the 800 metres, David Rudisha, was once a world junior champion in 2006 during the World Junior Championships and he transitioned to the seniors going all the way to breaking the world record and this is just a good example of good talent development," said Coe.

Continue training hard

Coe was in Mombasa on Monday where he met with President Uhuru Kenyatta. The World Athletics boss said the president told him that he would love to see Kenyans continue doing well globally.

Coe urged the athletes to continue training hard with the World Championships in Oregon, USA, around the corner next year and the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris also close.

Athletics Kenya President Jack Tuwei said that the athletics fraternity is happy after World Ath-



From left: Athletics Kenya President Jack Tuwei, 800 metres world record holder David Rudisha World Athletics President Seb Coe and Sports Principal Secretary Joe Okudo tour the Moi International Sports Centre yesterday ahead of World Under-20 Championships. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

letics awarded Kenya the hosting rights for the under-20s noting the federation had to make sure the event goes on despite the challenges from the pandemic.

"We are happy that the world is here to compete with our junior athletes despite the athletes having difficulties in the whole of last year where they did not train," said Tuwei.

He also clarified that the banning of fans was in the interest of the health of athletes and the technical officials, and was a temporary intervention that will be lifted once things normalise.

Kenyan athlete Sylvia Chelangat, who represented her compatriots at the traditional pre-event press conference, said she is excited to compete in the global event where she will feature in the re-

lay team. "This is a championship and it will help me gauge my performance as I look forward to changing my event to the 800m race," said Chelangat who has been inspired by Ferdinand Omanyala who recently broke his own national record in Austria, running 9.86 seconds.

Event ambassador

Also in the press conference was Rudisha, who is also the event ambassador.

Rudisha said that he was delighted that more championships are being held in Kenya.

"I started as a junior athlete until I transited and went all the way to break the world record."

"These championships are important for our junior athletes and more of this should be held

to tap more talent," said Rudisha.

Also at the press conference were athletes Sasha Zhoya from France, one of the favourites in the 110m hurdles, Lythe Pillay (South Africa, 400m and 4x400m), Angelina Topic (Serbia, high jump) and Jamaica's sensation Ackera Nugent (100m hurdles).

Zhoya, who is a French-Australian-Zimbabwean, said it was nostalgic competing on "motherland Africa" a continent where his father comes from and has been working most of his life.

Zhoya born in Subiaco, Australia, and is the current holder of three world under-18 best performances and one world under-20 record.

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Mboma, Masilingi lead 905 stars at Kasarani

BY AYUMBA AYODI

An estimated 904 athletes and 540 officials from 115 countries will participate in the 18th World Athletics Under-20 Championships at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani.

The five-day championships, that get underway today, was postponed from last year owing to the worldwide outbreak of Covid-19 worldwide. Perhaps the most famous foreign entry should

be the famous 200 metres pair from Namibia - Christine Mboma and Beatrice Masilingi - who are fresh from staging their exploits at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. They are among the junior athletes who competed at the Tokyo Summer Games and are out to extend their sterling performance at the world junior event in Nairobi.

Mboma surprised many when she secured Olympic silver in 200m, breaking the world under-20 and African senior records with a fresh time of 21.81 sec-

onds. That time saw the 18-year-old finish behind Jamaica's Elaine Thompson-Herah, who retained both her Olympic 100m and 200m titles. Thompson-Herah clocked a national record time of 21.53 in the 200m final.

Masilingi settled sixth in the same race in personal best 22.28.

While Masilingi is out to double up in 100m and 200m but Mboma will be confined to her specialty. Ugandan Prisca Chesang, who competed in 5,000m at the Tokyo Olympics to finish 15th in her

heat, is also in Nairobi. She will square it out in the 3,000m final today having run a PB of 9:04.15 when winning at the Ugandan trials.

Ditaji Kambundji, the younger sister of Mujinga Kambundji, who finished sixth in the 100m final and seventh in 200m final at the Tokyo Olympic Games, is also in Nairobi.

Ditaji also formed part of the Swiss team at the Tokyo Olympics where she finished eighth in her 100m hurdles heat.



World Athletics President Sebastian Coe (second, right), Athletics Kenya President Jack Tuwei (fifth, left) and 800m world record holder David Rudisha (right) pose for a photo yesterday with select athletes yesterday before the opening ceremony of 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championship at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



A race walker trains on the track yesterday before the opening ceremony of 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championship at Kasarani. CHRIS OMOLLO | NATION



Namibia's Olympians Christine Mboma (left) and Beatrice Masilingi will compete at the 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships.

Women's 3,000m Zena, Teresia seek to reclaim glory for hosts after Tampere miss

Uganda brings battle from Tokyo to Nairobi

BY BERNARD ROTICH

Three years ago, Kenya topped the medals table at the 17th edition of the World Under-20 Championships in Tampere, Finland, with 11 medals (six gold, four silver and one bronze). But Kenya missed out on the 3,000 metres gold with Teresia Muthoni and Zena Jemutai seeking to make things right on home soil.

But they will have to contend with Uganda's Prisca Cheshang who is fresh from the Tokyo Olympic Games and seeking to join the growing legion of Uganda's well-rewarded global stars, doubling in the 3,000m and 5,000m.

In Tokyo, Cheshang failed to make the 5,000 metres final which was won by indefatigable Dutchwoman Sifan Hassan.

In mitigation, the 17-year-old said that she was using the Olympic Games merely as a build-up for the World Under-20 Championships.

She is only the fourth Ugandan woman to qualify for the Olympics over the 5,000m, having earned to Tokyo ticket via the Ethiopian trials in Hengelo, the Netherlands, on June 8.

Good performances in Tokyo by 5,000m gold medalist Joshua Cheptegei (bronze in the 10,000m), Jacob Kiplimo (bronze in the 10,000m) and Peruth Chemutai (gold in the 3,000m steeplechase) motivates her to do well in the junior event.

Kenya's Jemutai is hungry for the medal and is working hard to make sure this time round, she is on the podium after missing out of the Tampere games where she was the sole representative, finishing in fifth position.

"I was competing against two strong Ethiopians and a Japanese and managed to beat me in the final lap. I want to win a medal this year and I have trained well with my compatriot Muthoni we hope to be in the medal bracket," said Jemutai.

The field has also attracted 12 athletes from nine countries who will be heading straight to the finals on August 19 the second day of the global event.

She will also be lining up for the 5,000m her specialty and will be competing against her compatriot Scarlett Chebet who has a personal best of 16:33.30.

The two will also be battling it out with Kenyans Chris Cheptoo and Maurine Cherotich.

The two Kenyans have a tall order of making sure they retain the gold medal bagged by Beatrice Che-

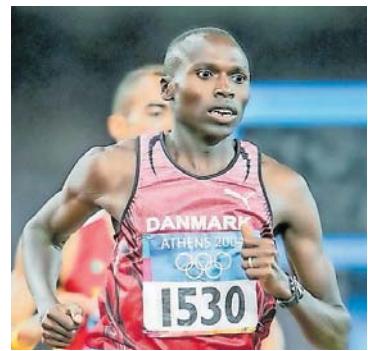
bet during the 2018 edition.

The race will also feature Mizan Alem and Medina Eisa from Ethiopia, Fiori Ghebrehiwot from Eritrea, Oliwia Wawrzyniak from Poland and Ankita Dhyan from India.

Cheptoo told Nation Sport that her training has been good and she will be combining efforts with Cherotich and plan on how to go for the prize in a race also going into a straight final on the last day of the championships.

AMBASSADORS

World 800 metres record holder and double Olympic champion David Rudisha leads the event ambassadors unveiled last night for the World Athletics Under-20 Championships. Others are former middle distance junior champions Kumari Taki and Mary Moraa, along with former world steeplechase champion Milcah Chemos who is also the athletes' representative at Athletics Kenya.



Kenya-born Dane Wilson Kipketer during his record-breaking days. FILE | NATION

Kipketer back on familiar turf with small team from Denmark

BY BERNARD ROTICH

Former world 800 metres record holder Wilson Kipketer has tipped his small team from Denmark to do well at this week's World Athletics Under-20 Championships.

The Kenya-born Dane also said he looks forward to good representation from Team Kenya, his second home, during the five-day international competition.

"We have three athletes who will be competing from Denmark, and I know they will do well once they line up for their events. I will also be praying that Kenyans do well in the global event because it's my home," said Kipketer.

He further said the juniors are targeting the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.

Kipketer said he wants to witness a young generation take over from the old generation going forward so that the gap being experienced currently can be avoided.

The legend held the 800m world record at one minute 41.11 seconds, set in 1997, before it was shattered by David Rudisha (1:40.91) in the 2012 Olympic Games final in London.

Interestingly, it is World Athletics President Sebastian Coe who held the record at 1:41.73.

Representing Puma sports company

"We have a gap in athletics and we need to make sure that when (two-time Olympic marathon champion and world record holder) Eliud Kipchoge goes to retirement, we another good athlete who will be able to carry the mantle for the next 10 years with others coming in along the way," said Kipketer who is also representing Puma sportswear company.

He also said that Kenya should think of participating in other events and not only the traditional races in order to remain at the top because many countries are now diversifying.

"We saw Kenya lost in the 3,000m steeplechase races and it's a high time the federation need to encourage and support athletes in various field events which will make Kenya remain at the top and that needs good planning and support," he added.

This year Kenya has been given a chance to participate in the field events where they will be seeking to leave a mark in the championships.

Tazana Mike Kamanga Dyrbak will compete in the men's 200m and is the fastest in the entry list as he seeks to bag a medal for his country.

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2021 WORLD ATHLETICS U-20 CHAMPIONSHIPS: AUG. 18-22



Full championship programme

The junior track and field competition opens today with first round of the mixed 4x400 metres relay at 9am and will close on Sunday with the final of the same race

DAY 1 - Wednesday Morning, 18 August

Time & Event	Sex	Round
09:00 4 x 400m Relay	X	R1
09:08 Hammer Throw	M	QA
09:25 100m H Hep	W	Heats
09:35 100m	W	R1
09:47 Shot Put	M	QAB
10:15 High Jump Hep	W	
10:20 100m	M	R1
10:25 Hammer Throw	M	QB
11:15 400m	W	R1
11:40 400m	M	R1

DAY 1 - Wednesday Afternoon 18 August

16:00 Pole Vault	W	F
16:05 Shot Put Hep	W	
16:10 100m	W	SF
16:14 Javelin Throw	M	QA
16:40 100m	M	SF
17:15 4 x 400m Relay	X	F
17:05 Javelin Throw	M	QB
17:35 200m Hep	W	Heats
17:45 3000m	M	F
18:05 4 x 400m Relay	X	F

DAY 2 - Thursday Morning, 19 August

09:00 400m H	W	R1
09:05 High Jump	M	QAB
09:12 Long Jump Hep	W	
09:25 400m H	M	R1
10:05 800m	M	R1
10:39 Javelin Throw Hep	W	
10:50 800m	W	R1

DAY 2 - Thursday Afternoon 19 August

14:25 Pole Vault	W	F
14:30 3000m	M	F
14:40 Javelin Throw	W	F
15:00 Pole Vault	M	F
15:20 Shot Put	M	F
15:40 1500m	M	R1
16:00 Triple Jump	W	QAB
16:05 800m Hep	W	F
16:25 Discus Throw	W	F
16:30 5000m	M	F
17:00 3000m	W	F
17:22 Javelin Throw	W	F
17:30 100m	W	F
17:50 100m	M	F
17:55 Heptathlon	W	F
18:00 5000m	M	F
18:05 3000m	W	F

DAY 3 - Friday Morning, 20 August

09:00 100m Dec	M	Heats
09:10 Hammer Throw	W	QA
09:15 100m H	W	R1
09:40 Long Jump Dec	M	
09:55 110m H	M	R1
10:00 Hammer Throw	W	QB
10:13 High Jump	W	QAB
10:30 1500m	W	R1
10:50 Shot Put Dec	M	
10:55 Long Jump	W	QAB
11:00 200m	W	R1

DAY 3 - Friday Afternoon 20 August

Time & Event	Sex	Round
13:55 Shot Put	M	F
14:00 Discus Throw	W	F
14:05 100m	W	F
14:10 100m	M	F
14:20 Javelin Throw	M	F
14:25 Triple Jump	W	F
14:29 3000m SC	M	R1
15:05 100m H	W	SF
15:17 High Jump Dec	M	
15:30 110m H	M	SF
15:50 Pole Vault	M	F
16:00 400m	M	SF
16:20 800m	W	SF
16:35 Long Jump	M	F
16:15 Hammer Throw	M	F
16:40 200m	W	SF
17:05 200m	M	SF
17:35 400m Dec	M	Heats
18:05 3000m SC	W	F
18:20 Javelin Throw	M	F



Samples of the gold, silver and bronze medals that will be presented to top performers at the 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships. The medals have been crafted by Maasai women. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

DAY 4 - Saturday Morning, 21 August

09:00 110m H Dec	M	Heats
09:15 10,000m R.Walk	M	F
09:50 Discus Throw Dec	M	
10:20 10,000m R.Walk	W	F
10:45 Discus Throw	M	QA
11:22 4 x 400m Relay	W	R1
11:36 Discus Throw	M	QB
11:50 Pole Vault Dec	M	
11:55 4 x 400m Relay	M	R1
12:20 4 x 100m Relay	W	R1
12:40 4 x 100m Relay	M	R1
12:50 10,000m R.Walk	W	F
12:55 10,000m R.Walk	M	F

DAY 4 - Saturday Afternoon 21 August

14:35 Triple Jump	W	F
14:40 Hammer Throw	M	F
14:45 Long Jump	M	F
14:50 3000m SC	W	F
15:00 400m H	M	SF
15:05 Javelin Throw Dec	M	
15:30 800m	M	SF
15:55 High Jump	M	F
16:00 100m H	W	F
16:10 Hammer Throw	W	F
16:15 110m H	M	F
16:30 1500m	M	
16:40 Shot Put	W	F
16:45 800m	W	F
16:50 100m H	W	F
17:00 400m	W	F
17:20 400m	M	F
17:35 110m H	M	F
17:45 1500m Dec	M	F
17:55 1500m	M	F
18:00 200m	W	F
18:10 200m	M	F
18:15 800m	W	F



The lion mascot for the 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships is called "Jabali." The event's theme song is "Keep Jogging", a remix of the song Kipchoge by Kenyan hip hop artiste Nyashinski. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

DAY 5 - Sunday Morning 22 August

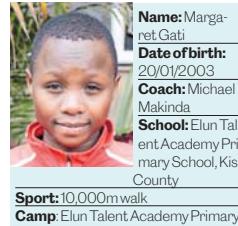
DAY 5 - Sunday Afternoon 22 August

Time & Event	Sex	Round
14:05 400m	M	F
14:10 Hammer Throw	W	F
14:15 High Jump	M	F
14:20 Shot Put	W	F
14:30 Triple Jump	M	F
15:00 400m H	W	F
15:05 Decathlon	M	F
15:15 400m H	M	F
15:25 High Jump	W	F
15:30 800m	M	F
15:50 1500m	W	F
16:00 Discus Throw	M	F
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18:00 Triple Jump	M	F
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18:15 1500m	W	F
18:20 3000m SC	M	F
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18:35 High Jump	W	F
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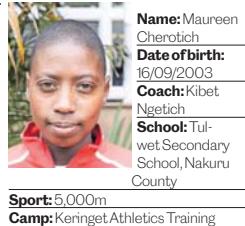


Full Squad Home team of 46 juniors to fight for honours in championship

Kenyan youngsters ready to take on rest of the world



Name: Margaret Gati
Date of birth: 20/01/2003
Coach: Michael Makinda
School: Elun Talent Academy Primary School, Kisii County
Sport: 10,000m walk
Camp: Elun Talent Academy Primary



Name: Maureen Cherotich
Date of birth: 16/09/2003
Coach: Kibet Ngetich
School: Tulwet Secondary School, Nakuru County
Sport: 5,000m
Camp: Keringet Athletics Training



Name: Faith Cherotich
Date of birth: 16/07/2004
Coach: Bernard Rono
School: Kamuret High School, Uasin Gishu County
Sport: 3,000m steeplechase
Camp: Global Sports Communication



Name: Purity Chepkirui
Date of birth: 14/02/2003
Coach: Michael Siele
School: Tiloa Mixed Secondary School
Sport: 1,500m
Camp: Tiloa Athletics Training Camp



Name: Agnes Mtindi Ngumbi
Date of birth: 10/07/2002
Coach: Dennis Muthusi
School: Cleared
Sport: 400m hurdles/100m hurdles
Camp: Machakos Athletics Club, Machakos County



Name: Loice Morara
Date of birth: 17/04/2002
Coach: Mumo/ Haron Onchong'a
School: Cleared
Sport: 200m
Camp: Kenya Defence Forces Camp in Ngong, Kajiado County



Name: Winnie Fatuma
Date of birth: 25/12/2003
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School: Cleared
Sport: Triple jump
Camp: Kiptere



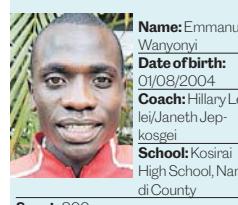
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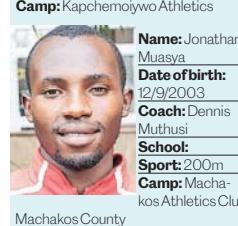
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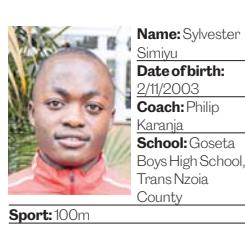
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School: Kosirai High School, Nandi County
Sport: 800m
Camp: Kapchemoiyo Athletics



Name: Elkanah Kiprotich
Date of birth: 29/11/2002
Coach: Sammy Tangui
School: Chemelli
Sport: 400m
Camp: None



Name: Jonathan Muasya
Date of birth: 12/9/2003
Coach: Dennis Muthusi
School:
Sport: 200m
Camp: Machakos Athletics Club, Machakos County



Name: Sylvester Simiu
Date of birth: 2/11/2003
Coach: Philip Karanja
School: Goseta Boys High School, Trans Nzoia County
Sport: 100m
Camp: Ndura Sports Complex



Name: Zena Jepto
Date of birth: 11/11/2002
Coach: Elisha Ruto
School: Cleared
Sport: 5,000m
Camp: None



Name: Teresia Muthoni
Date of birth: 5/01/2002
Coach: Francis Kamau
School: Cleared
Sport: 3,000m
Camp: Kamau Mfao Athletics Camp



Name: Brenda Jebet
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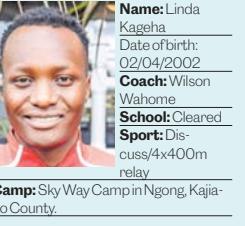
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Coach: Geoffrey Ruto
School: Cleared
Sport: 1,500m
Camp: ESMI Camp in Iten, Elgeyo Marakwet County



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School: Moi Girls High School, Kaptama in Mt Elgon
Sport: 800m



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Coach: Wilson Wahome
School: Cleared
Sport: Discus/4x400m relay
Camp: Sky Way Camp in Ngong, Kajiado County



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School: Tulwet Secondary School
Sport: Shot Put
Camp: Keringet Athletics



Name: Mercy Chebet
Date of birth: 01/02/2002
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School: Musaria Secondary School, Kericho County
Sport: 100m
Camp: Kiptere Athletics Training



Name: Zeddy Jeje Chirgwo
Date of birth: 12/10/2003
Coach: Sammy Tanui
School: Cleared
Sport: High Jump/Long Jump
Camp: Kenya Defence Forces Camp in Ngong, Kajiado County



Name: Benson Kiplangat
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Coach:
School:
Sport: 5,000m
Camp: None



Name: Simon Kiprop Koeh
Date of birth: 10/06/2003
Coach: John Kimetto
School: Cleared
Sport: 3,000m steeplechase
Camp: Silib wet Athletics Training Camp, Bomet County



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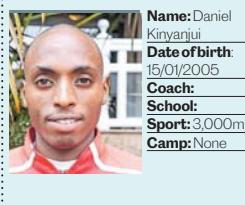
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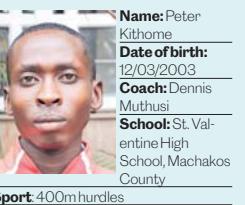
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Coach:
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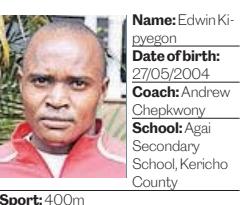
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School:
Sport: 400m hurdles
Camp: Kapchemoiyo Athletics Training Camp,



Name: Kennedy Kimeu Muthoki
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Coach: Dennis Muthusi
School: Cleared
Sport: 400m
Camp: Machakos Athletics Training Camp, Machakos County



Name: Edwin Kipwego
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Camp: None



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Camp: None



Ambitious local sprinters face Olympics-class foes



Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games women's 200m silver medalist Christine Mboma of Namibia at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, yesterday. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Kenya sprinters at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships that start today at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani are looking way beyond the event.

Elkana Kiprotich and Sylvia Chelangat, who will be the first Kenyans on track in the 400m mixed relay this morning, said their dream is to not only win medals in Nairobi but go on and feature at the 2024 Paris Olympics Games.

Kenya's representatives in men and women's 100m races Sylvester Simiyu and Mercy Chebet are also dreaming big as they take to the blocks in their respective heats this morning. But they face formidable, Olympic class opponents.

Kiprotich, Chelangat will team up with Kennedy Kimeu and Loice Morara in the mixed relay second heat from 9.11am before the final at 7.15pm.

Kenya are in the same heat with continental rivals, South Africa and Nigeria. Others are Ecuador and Italy.

Nigeria's team comprises Nse Uko, who was at the Tokyo Olympics where she ran an African record of 3:13.60 in the mixed 4x400m but failed to make the final. This is the first time the mixed relay race is being featured at the world junior competition.

Kiprotich (47.22) and Kimeu (46.45) will later take the blocks in the men's 400m second and third heats at 11.47am and 11.54am respectively.

The first two athletes to cross the line alongside the next three fastest qualify for Saturday's final.

Kimeu is in the same heat with South African Lythe Pillay, who won the African Under-18 400m title in the men's 400m in 2018. Pillay will be hoping to extend his dominance at this age level.

Pillay was in South Africa's 4x400m senior team that competed in the World Relays in Silesia and Olympic Games in Tokyo and has a personal best of 45.53 that ranks him as the fastest entrant.

"I am ready to put Kenya in the mixed relay final and then plan to strike later in the day for a medal," said Kiprotich. Chelangat (55.21) is in the third heat with Nigerian Nse Uko, who is the fastest in the Nairobi field with a time of 51.70.

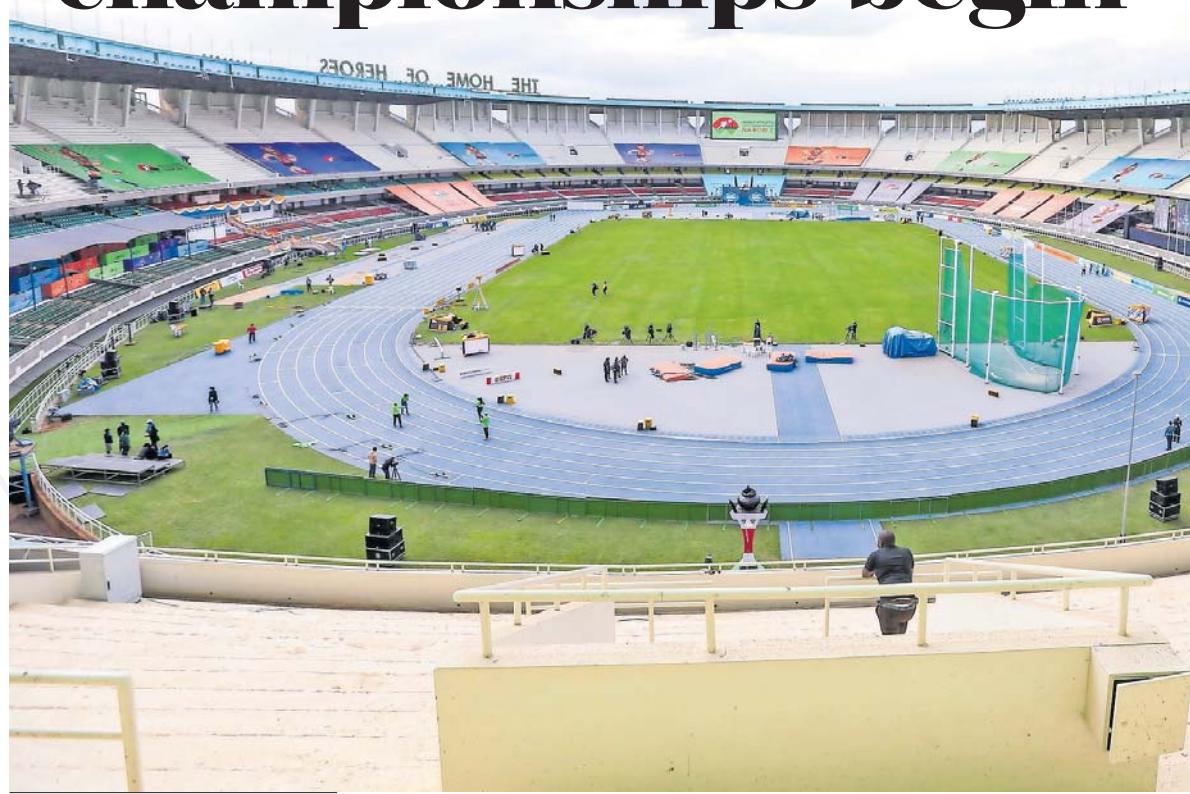
European 400m champion Kornelia Lesiewicz (52.02) goes in the first heat. Jamaican Oneika Mcanuff (52.54) is the second heat.

Chebet will race with in women's 100m third heat against Beatrice Masilingi (11.38) from Namibia, who is fresh from finishing fifth in 200m final at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Masilingi will also race in women's 200m where an explosive showdown looms with compatriot Christine Mboma, who won silver medal in women's 200m at the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Battle lines drawn Middle to long distance races will be fought between the usual

Kenyans sniff early gold as world junior championships begin



Yegon, Kinyanjui carry Kenya's hope in men's 3,000m final today at Kasarani from 5.45pm, but watch out for the polished Ethiopians

BY AYUMBA AYODI

Bernard Yegon and Daniel Kinyanjui will bank on their good preparations and their coach, Willy Langat's advice as they fight for Kenya's first medals today when the World Athletics Under-20 Championships get underway behind closed doors.

And the two have declared war on their Ethiopian rivals saying that they will not be cowed by good personal best times set by their competitors this season.

Yegon and Kinyanjui called on Kenyans to pray for them as they target a 1-2 finish in the men's 3,000 metres final. The race will be the last event of the day from 5.45pm.

The men's 3,000m is featuring at the world junior competition for the first time.

World Athletics replaced the 10,000m with the 3,000m race.

Kenya's 2019 World 10,000m bronze medalist Rhonex Kipruto won the men's 10,000m at the last event held in Tampere, Finland in 2018.

The main threat from Ethiopia is 19-year-old Tadesse Worku, who won silver in the men's under-20 race at the 2019 World Cross Country Championships.

The youngster is slowly warming up to senior ranks having lowered his 3,000m personal best to 7:34.74 in Szekesfehervar in July.

Tadesse's compatriot Ali Abdulmena, who ran in a personal best time of 7:50.06 at International de la Province de Liège in Belgium in June is another man to watch.

However, Moroccan Yassine Laajr, who holds a time of 8:02.83 set at this year's Vid Botolin in Slovenia and Ugandan duo Dismas Yeko and Dan Kibet, who have both run 8:06 this year, are potential spoilers.

The Kenyan duo of Yegon, who has run 7:55.01 this year, and Daniel Kinyanjui, who ran 7:55.96 this season, will however, pretty much fancy their chances.

Fear nobody

"We fear nobody here. Their personal best do not intimidate us," said a confident Kinyanjui.

"We have done our best in training and are ready to race. Let Kenyans pray for us."

Kinyanjui said team work will be key to their 1-2 ambitions.

"Our coaches have done their bit and it all looks good as we aim to help each other during the race," said Kinyanjui.

Said Yegon: "Kinyanjui has been my train-

We fear nobody here. Their personal best do not intimidate us. We have done our best in training and are ready to race

Team Kenya's men's 3,000m runner Daniel Kinyanjui

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ing mate and good high-altitude training in Keringet has done us good."

Yegon, who won at the Kenyan trials in 7:55.01 added with a sense of belligerence: "Our coach Willy Langat has advised us on how to approach the race. Let us wait and see."

Kenya will be looking to successfully defend the overall title on home soil.

The hosts have topped the medal standings in four out of the past 17 editions of the world junior competition – in 2000 Santiago, Chile; 2006 Beijing, China; 2010 Moncton, Canada and 2018 Tampere, Finland.

Kenya won 11 medals in Tampere – six gold, four silver and a bronze.

Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani in Nairobi on Sunday. The facility will host the World Athletics Under-20 Championships behind closed doors beginning today until Sunday. SILA KIPLAGAT | NATION



suspects but Ugandans could add an interesting dimension, and do not rule out the threat from North Africa



Starting blocks set up at Moi International Sports Centre for testing on Sunday ahead of today's start of the track and field programme of the World Athletics Under-20 Championships. SILA KIPLAGATI NATION



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

9am	4x400 metres relay heats
9:08	M Hammer throw (6kg) qualification - Group A
9:25	W 100 metres hurdles heptathlon
9:35	W 100 metres heats
9:47	M Shot put (6kg) qualification
10:15	W High jump heptathlon
10:20	M 100 metres heats
10:25	M Hammer throw (6kg) qualification - Group B
11:15	W 400 metres heats
11:40	M 400 metres heats
4pm	W Pole vault Final
4:05	W Shot put heptathlon
4:10	W 100 metres semi-final
4:14	M Javelin throw qualification - Group A
4:40	M 100 metres semi-final
5:05	M Javelin throw qualification - Group B
5:15	X 4x400 metres relay Final
5:35	W 200 metres heptathlon
5:45	M 3,000 metres Final

Team Kenya for this year's championship have only one surviving member from Tampere, Zenah Jemutai, who competed in women's 3,000m and finished fifth.

Jemutai, who finished second during the trials, is hoping to deliver victory in women's 3,000m final tomorrow.

Kenya has also entered Japan-based Teresia Muthoni of Central, in the race. She in fact won the national trials.

"The juniors are ready to perform and all is well with no major serious injuries. We pray that they all wake up well for their respective events," said Kenya head coach Robert Ngisiire.

The team is composed of 46 athletes.

7:34.74

Personal best time of Ethiopia's Tadesse Worku in 3,000m, the fastest time amongst the field of runners for today's World Athletics Under-20 Championships men's race

Jemutai and Muthoni both ran under nine minutes, making them favourites. Muthoni was the quickest with a time of 8:51.69 posted at the Kenyan trials in early July. Jemutai trailed in 8:55.75.

The Kenyan's biggest challenge will likely come from Uganda, represented here by Prisca Chesang, who won the country's national trials in 9:04.15 in May.

Chesang has gathered valuable experience competing in women's 5,000m at the recently concluded Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Kenya is yet to win the 3,000m title since Mercy Chebwogen's exploits in 2012 Barcelona, Spain.

The men's 5,000m final tomorrow will be another supremacy battle between Kenya and Ethiopia with Levi Kibet (13:26.11) and Benson Kiplangat (13:40.41) out to defend Edward Zakayo and Stanley Waithaka's 1-2feat in Tampere.

Ethiopia's Addisu Yihune goes into the race with the fastest time, having narrowly missed Olympic qualification when finishing a close fourth at the Ethiopian trials in Hengelo in June.

She clocked 12:58.99 and will have compatriot Mebrahtu Werkineh

(13:41.92) by her side.

Eritrea's Habtom Keleta (13:23.15) is the second fastest in the field.

Who will be Beatrice Chebet's heir in the women's 5,000m whose final will be tomorrow?

Maurine Cherotich and Zena Jepto have the onus of defending the title that Chebet won in Tampere, that ended Ethiopia's domination. They had won five previous editions.

Chebet, who won the Kenyan trials in 15:44.0 followed by Jepto in 15:46.2, face a strong Ethiopian challenge in the name of Mizan Alem and Medina Eisa.

World lead time

Alem clocked a world under-20 lead of 14:46.20 to finish eighth at the Ethiopian Olympic trials, while Eisa finished 10th in 14:59.53.

Chesang from Uganda will double up, having run 15:05.39 this year. The European challenge is led by Spain's Carla Dominguez and Poland's Olwia Wawrzyniak.

Kenya will surely be fighting for the country's honours in men's 3,000m steeplechase whose first round will be held in Friday with the final on Sunday.

Kenya had won 15 consecutive edi-

tions in men's 3,000m steeplechase before they lost their dominance to Ethiopia during in Tampere.

There, Takele Nigate beat Kenya's Leonard Bett to victory.

Kenya had only lost during the inaugural edition in 1986 in Athens.

Whether Simon Kiprop and Amos Serei will restore Kenya's honour is left to be known with Bikila Tadesse Takele and Samuel Firew out to uphold Nigate's exploits.

Uganda's Leonard Chemutai is also a person of interest in this race with Italy's Cesare Caianni and France's Baptiste Cartieaux leading the European challenge.

Kenyan duo Jackline Chepkoech and Faith Cherotich will hope to fill the huge shoes left by Celliphine Chespol, who dominated to win the women's 3,000m steeplechase in 2016 and 2018.

But the Kenyans should be on the lookout for the ever growing Ethiopian challenge, this time around from Zerfe Wondemagegn and Emebet Kebede.

Morocco's Soukaina Elhaji also adds to the rich mix. The final showdown will be on Friday.

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Athletics

Athletes begin the chase for medals in the 2021 World Athletics Under-20 Championships at Kasarani Stadium this morning P. 41-47



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Education Magoha blames schools for not giving students proper advice

14,000 KCSE stars forgo varsity degree courses

Mt Kenya, Catholic and KCA get the lion's share among private institutions

BY FAITH NYAMAI
AND DAVID MUCHUNGUH

More than 14,000 students who qualified for university have opted to forgo the once-coveted courses. Some have chosen to join technical and vocational education and training (TVET) colleges while others did not apply for placement to any institution of higher learning.

Even more worrying, a majority of those who sat the 2020 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination might not join post-secondary training under government sponsorship after failing to apply for placement.

This will also likely see TVET colleges admit fewer students than they can accommodate.

In a major shift in preferences for post-secondary education, a total of 6,617 students who scored a mean grade of C+ and above in the 2020 KCSE tests opted for TVET programmes. One of them scored an A (plain), 19 had A- (minus), 98 B+ (plus), 363 B (plain), 1,113 B- (minus) while 5,023 learners had C+ (plus).

In the announcement by Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha yesterday, a total of 7,850 students did not apply to the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) for degree and diploma courses.

Prof Magoha lauded students who opted for TVET institutions, saying it shows they have embraced the courses offered.

"The increase is welcome. It signifies changing attitudes towards TVET. It is encouraging because the government has built and equipped TVET institutions in every county," Prof Magoha said at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development.

At the same time, Kenyatta, Maseno, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), University of Nairobi and Mt Kenya universities have been allocated the highest number of students this year.

According to KUCCPS, Kenyatta University got 6,733 students, Maseno (6,659), JKUAT (6,529), University of Nairobi (6,407)



Education Cabinet Secretary Prof George Magoha receives the 2021/2022 student placement report from KUCCPS chief executive Dr Agnes Wahome at KICD yesterday. FRANCIS NDERITU | NATION

UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT NUMBERS

142,540 students with mean grade of C+ and above

128,073 students placed into degree programmes (89.85%)

193,949 qualified for diploma courses

6,617 chose TVET courses over degree

7,850 students did not apply for varsity placement

6,733 students allocated to Kenyatta University – the most

60 students to join Mama Ngina University College – the least

5,489 students to join Mt Kenya University – the highest allocation to a private university

while Mt Kenya got 5,489.

Other universities that received a big number are Egerton (4,039), Kisii (4,600), Masinde Muliro (3,893), Chuka (4,133) and Pwani (3,255).

A total of 128,073 students were placed into various degree programmes, with Mama Ngina University College getting the least at 60 students. The universities had declared 167,046 vacancies.

Among private institutions, Mt Kenya was allocated the highest number of students (5,489), followed by Catholic University of East Africa (2,691), KCA (2,724) and Kabarak (2,157).

Most universities did not get all the slots they had declared. Only Daystar received 100 per cent of what it wanted. Riara came second at 99.57 per cent, Multimedia (99.5 per cent) and African Nazarene (98.28 per cent). Daystar declared a capacity of 780 students and received 781, Riara wanted 230 and got 229, Multimedia declared 1,450 slots but received 1,444 names while

Africa Nazarene declared 580 slots and received 570 students.

Amref International University, which had declared 100 slots, received 71 students while Mama Ngina University College wanted 90 learners. Turkana University, which had declared 1,130 slots received 518 students while Kirihi Women's University of Science and Technology wanted 700 learners but was given 320.

Great Lakes University of Kisumu had declared 2,550 slots but got 224 students while Taita Taveta University, which wanted 1,795 was given 524, representing 29 per cent.

The minister said some students chose to pursue diploma courses in their preferred fields of study after failing to meet the cluster-subject requirements for degree programmes.

He criticised schools for not guiding students on choosing university and college courses.

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Governors on the spot for not remitting employees' statutory deductions

BY NATION TEAM

Dozens of counties are on the spot for failing to remit statutory deductions, denying staff critical services at public hospitals and government agencies.

Meru, Embu and Murang'a county workers have gone to court saying they have been denied access to key services including treatment under the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The National Assembly has asked the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to investigate malfeasance in the devolved governments and establish where workers' money is going.

Public Accounts Committee chairman Opiyo Wandayi told governors to explain their failure to remit the deductions served through the check-off system.

These include deductions to NHIF, the National Social Security Fund (NSSF), Local Authorities Pension Fund (LapFund) and loan repayments.

"This has left employees in a vulnerable state. Banks are recalling their loans," the Uguna MP said.

Mr Wandayi added that the situation is unprecedented and goes against the Constitution, the obligations employers have to staff and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

He said there is no reason for county governments to fail to remit the money when they continue getting funds from the National Treasury.

"EACC should unearth criminal activities that could have occasioned this unfortunate situation. Those found culpable should be prosecuted," Mr Wandayi told the *Daily Nation*.

"We should not make devolution fail yet Kenyans fought hard to realise its fruits."

Homa Bay, Vihiga and Kisii are some of the county governments that do not remit statutory deductions.

Homa Bay county staff have not contributed anything to the NHIF for more than a year.

Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union (KMPDU), officials said the national insurer no longer funds medical bills for its members.

"We get net salaries but do not enjoy the benefits other work-

ers are getting. Union members have complained of being blacklisted by insurance firms," KMPDU liaison officer Amos Dulo said.

Vihiga county officials blame the situation on delays of ex-chequer disbursements, leading to bills accumulating to Sh1 billion.

These deductions to Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), NSSF and the NHIF.

The situation is the same for more than 4,000 Mombasa county government workers.

"This is the fifth month the devolved government has failed to remit the NSSF and NHIF deductions. Life is difficult for workers and their families," Kenya Union of Clinical Officers Mombasa branch secretary Frankline Makanga told the *Daily Nation*.

Kenya County Government Workers Union Mombasa branch official, Haji Mwinyi, said members pay for their medication due to an NHIF debt of Sh81 million.

EACC should unearth criminal activities that could have occasioned this situation. We should not make devolution fail.

Opiyo Wandayi



"Our problems began in February. The suffering is unbearable," he said.

Tana River county health workers secretary-general, Darmon Kwaraa, said there have been challenges even with the devolved government being consistent in remittances.

Finance executive Matheew Bawoya blamed the situation on late disbursement of cash to devolved governments last year.

Kilifi county government workers said getting treatment at public hospitals has become a challenge.

Kenya National Union of Nurses wants the Employment and Labour Relations Court to compel Meru, Embu and Murang'a county governments to explain why they have not remitted union dues as required by the Constitution.



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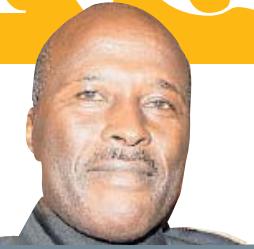
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Legal Clinic

My critically ill mum mistrusts me, help!

Q&A



Eric Mukoya

Hi Eric,
My mother is critically ill, and I am the firstborn of four children; we are all adults. However, she does not want to cede control of her finances, even though the doctors say she has not got much time to live. It seems that she does not trust me because she does not want to sign over a power of attorney to me. What can I do?

Dear Reader,
Trust, or lack of it, in any relationship is congenitally not a function of law. While many people never share their stories, mistrust is often a representation of bad experiences that remain untold. Your mother's story may only be known to her, but a troubled past likely informs it. To set this discussion straight, no amount of law, written or otherwise, could coerce anyone to trust another. Even as we seek to invite the Power of Attorney (POA) into this conversation, it is not a concept to birth nor inculcates trust. Let us remember that applying law in our transactions depicts habitual fears many hold due to a string of failed promises and commitments. This context of trust should nevertheless imbue insignificance of the issue you raise.

Why do you want power of attorney?

From the reading, it is not clear why you want power of attorney. Is your wish motivated by the inability of the four siblings to pay medical bills for their mother, who seems to be hoarding funds that are so badly needed? Is it because you strongly believe the doctor's assessment that she has little time left? It follows, therefore, that power of attorney is a le-



gal instrument used by individuals and entities to empower other persons to act on their behalf for defined purposes. The general rule is that an agent under a power of attorney always acts in the name of the principal as if they were the principal. A power of attorney gives the agent authority to execute documents and decisions, besides exercise processes that may include legal and social actions just as the principal would have. However, such measures are tethered to specific instructions, boundaries and defined purposes. It is qualified as ultra vires, where one, especially an agent, acts or executes beyond their legal power or authority.

There are different forms of power of attorney namely: general, irrevocable and special. The available power of attorney gives the agent a broad scope and powers to act as the principal on health, finance and others. Special power of attorney limits an agent to specific functions, which upon actualisation, the authority terminates. It is possible to have several agents, each under specific instructions on behalf of a one principal. Irrevocable power of attorney exists by the definition of its formation. It cannot be terminated unless both the principal and the agent agree to do so. This is mainly created to represent and protect the inter-

ests of likely vulnerable groups such as minor/s, spouses, mentally ill, and relatives.

There is a duality in a power of attorney, of rights and duties shared in an oversight-compliance fashion between the principal and agent. A principal is expected to establish and terminate power of attorney according to provisions of the Land Registration Act, carefully select a trusted agent, make the ultimate decision on particulars within a power of attorney: execute, verify and partake the process of the execution of the power of attorney; and pay stamp duty upon registration of the POA. The agent must receive specific and sometimes general irrevocable tasks from the principal; keep records of all transactions carried out on behalf of the principal, and act exclusively within the confines of duties given by the POA.

Power of attorney is considered to be legally binding if the principal and agent have appended their signatures on the document acknowledging the shared body of obligations, according to Section 44 of the Land Registration Act, both afterwards have appeared before a registrar with witnesses for the registrar to satisfy the agent's entitlement of transacting on behalf of the principal, and if they are granted verification to

execute the content of the POA by the registrar.

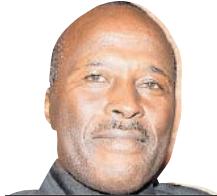
As a legal document, power of attorney is conceptualised to thrive on trust and fidelity to its terms. Any breach on the agent's part that could include an assumption by the principal of poorly executed instructions may lead to revocation of their delegated authority, hence cease the acting-for position. In cases of sick persons, where they are principals, such as your mum, power of attorney only functions during their life and terminates automatically upon death. Since death removes the instruction giver, the Law of Succession is then applied to deal with the deceased's estate. It is clear from this conversation that your mother can only sign over a power of attorney to any of her children willingly, without undue influence, and when she is in control of her faculties. In rounding up this talk, let us quote what one anonymous writer said, "a single lie discovered is enough to create doubt in every truth expressed."

Mr Mukoya is a lawyer with over 17 years of experience. He's the Executive Director of the Legal Resources Foundation. Legal query?

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Roses&Thorns>> It is vital to build the future on trust and not guilt. Blame, regret or guilt will keep you caged.



**Pastor Philip
Kitoto**

Hello Pastor,
My friend introduced me to a certain guy through the phone and on the next day, we organised to meet to have a talk and know each other. The guy was my neighbour, so we met at around 2 pm in his house where we talked about everything, including our intentions and relationship status. We even prepared supper together. On the same night, we also engaged in sexual intercourse, after which I went home at around 10 pm. After that night, I feel very guilty, and I don't know what to do. I wanted to see the guy first to see if we can establish a serious relationship. Now I am confused because I have messed up, and I don't know what will happen next. Please help. Can we have a serious relationship after what transpired?

Hi,
Partners falling into the trap of having sex on the first date is common and has left many feeling guilty and wounded. Let us first look at why one or both partners may settle for sex on their first date. Knowing the reasons behind your action will help one deal with the feelings of guilt or regret that arise after that. From most people we have counselled, having sex on a first date has left more women than men feeling exposed, powerless, or ashamed. Sadly, this feeling can last a long time for most women, making them feel less

Does sex on first date ruin chances of a relationship?

confident in future relationships. The amount of guilt and shame could intensify depending on whether the woman feels something they could have done but did not. The reasons that push one to such an action early in the relationship need to be carefully examined.

Some of the reasons that draw people into early sexual activity in their relationship are more fulfilment of desire, a need to conquer, adventure, or desire to discover and feed one's curiosity.

These seemingly small actions have moved many like a tsunami into sex, leading to unwanted pregnancies or even sexual diseases. Guilt and regret have caused some to enter some level of depression. The irony is that what could have felt like the right chemistry, connectedness, and a fantastic feeling soon leads to inner rage, doubt, fear, insecurity, remorse, and a feeling of broken trust. As such, the feelings you have are common at this stage. The truth is that sex links the players to both shame and pleasure. The fantasies, passions and desires on who and what it will be like to sleep with someone heighten as we remain engaged in sexually explicit talk. Managing our language and desire can help a lot in determining our end game.

To move forward, one has to deal with such baggage by acknowledging the reasons that drove you to the action. Though selfish as they may look, acknowledging them help one



evaluate the reasons that drive them to such actions. Second, make a deliberate effort to move from blame to acceptance. Talking about it to your partner without allowing yourself to fall a second time is part of the closure. It is important to build the future on trust and not guilt. Once the baggage has been sorted, one can lay the foundation for building a healthy relationship. Blame, regret or guilt will keep you locked up. However, talking about your regrets to your partner and making the right choices for the future is essential.

How do I deal with my fear of marriage?

Dear Kitoto,
I believe I should be somewhat excited and pressured to settle down as I am 27 years old and in a stable relationship through a long-distance

one. I anticipate being married in three to four years, but the thought of marriage scares me to death; every time I think of it, my stomach turns. I do not understand why. Nobody is pressuring me that settle down. My boyfriend is very much okay with the three years. But I am so scared.

Would you please advise accordingly? I will greatly appreciate if you reach out to me with your advice.

Thank you.

Hi,

Any kind of transition in life is scary, whether you are well or ill-prepared for it. Of course, it does matter how one prepares themselves for such a transition. Somehow, preparation will help deal with those unanswered questions. In addition, life examples of others who have made such transitions in the past can

From most people we have counselled, having sex on a first date has left more women than men feeling exposed, powerless, or shameful.

Pastor Kitoto



be helpful to give you tips on the dos and don'ts. Anxiety and soon some level of fear has a way of later catching upon us with us. So, the scary feeling you have is part of the pains of change.

Let me now attempt to deal with some basic fears and scary feelings that come as one thinks about marriage. First is the thought of losing one's independence. Taking the journey towards the day of saying the words "I do" can be terrifying for some people. This can happen before the wedding or just after the question for engagement is displayed. Losing one's independence could involve emo-

tional and financial independence. The thought of losing control or being in charge is scary.

Second, the idea of wrong modelling could have impacted us during our growing up or through stories or materials we have interacted with. Pictures of what we read concerning bad marriages or what we saw as we grew up can remain embedded in one's mind for a long time. When such memories are triggered, their fears are aroused.

Thirdly is the fear of the unknown. Everything we do in life is about faith. We walk, sleep and walk up by faith—although we do not even think about it. Covid-19 has taught us that there are no guarantees in life. A virus brought the world to a standstill. When everything looked so promising, this virus came. However, we keep moving, innovating and hoping for better days. Walking into a relationship also calls for a measure of faith. This does not negate the need for preparation and the use of relational and emotional intelligence. Sometimes our fears could come from our cold feet, while other times, there is a need to listen to our intuition. Do we love the guy and see ourselves grow old with them? How compatible are we? In the end, when you have done your homework well, and there is nothing else to worry about, don't allow your fear to deny you of your future.

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BY MARYANNE GICOB

A pet acquired for the right reasons will improve your happiness index. This is despite spending more on food, attention like everyday walks, litter changes, and vet bills.

Having a pet, especially in a pandemic, helps deal with the loneliness that comes from working from home and the minimised interactions due to wave after wave of Covid-19 that has been striking us. Even without a pandemic, a pet affects our well-being.

Studies have shown that people who have a cat or a pup are less lonely, have higher self-esteem, are less fearful and are in a better physical shape. This can mainly be attributed to daily walks by dog owners. People walking their dogs report attracting more

How a pet makes you happy

attention than alone, hence the improved self-esteem and better physical shape.

Whether pets cause happiness, several pet owners report deriving joy and feeling healthier from playing, talking and walking their pets. This could be attributed to the love hormone oxytocin, which science shows is produced by both the pet and their owners when they interact.

The research shows that dogs produce a higher amount of oxytocin when interacting with their owners than cats.

The dog truly adores you compared to the cat, which accepts your presence.

Choose a pet that suits you

So to enhance your happiness, choose a pet that suits you. You may not be in a position to sustain a dog from playing with it, feeding it and taking it for its vaccination and therefore, you might derive a lot more happiness from having a nice beautiful goldfish. Not only is it low maintenance, but it is also a décor item and very fascinating to stare at.

The size of a pet can also make or break you. Big dogs require larger compounds to play in; you may want to have a strong and well-grounded fence as most claw under the fence and roam out. Their barks are also louder and so can cause friction with

your neighbours. Bigger dogs also require more of everything, from food to medicine dosage to flea drugs to the space they sleep in.

To enhance your happiness, consider your motive when picking a pet. Don't follow a fad to look cute or because everyone is getting a dog or a cat. The feeling will soon fade if you do not have a genuine love for a pet. Their work will overwhelm you and take away all your joy.

Also, think ahead. When the pandemic is over, and you have to travel for work, will it pose a hardship for you? If your contract ends and you have to move countries, are you ready to pay for their shipment, or you will



leave your pet heartbroken?

Getting a pet could be one of the best life decisions for you. Only make sure you get the right one for the right reasons.

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I donated a kidney to my

Barbara Muyoka considers kidney donation to her mother as the ultimate expression of love and sacrifice. But it was not an easy decision or process.

BY MARGARET MAINA

Growing up, Barbara Muyoka, 38, a lecturer in a local university and single mother of one, did not know at some point in her life she would have one kidney by choice. The first-born of four children had to take a bold decision to be an organ donor to her mother.

Raised in every major town in Kenya before her parents eventually settled down in Nakuru County about 20 years ago, her late father worked for Kenya Railways as an engineer. Therefore, the company would move him from town to town on a promotional basis.

This was the case before he passed on in a horrible car crash in 2001.

"My father's death devastated me. He died as he drove my mother and siblings from a dinner date at a hotel in Nakuru town. He died on the spot while my mother suffered a broken arm and a cut tongue," she says.

The ordeal happened a few months before she sat for her KCSE at Alliance Girls High School, but Barbara still managed to score a B+.

"I wanted to be a doctor, but unfortunately, my mother could not afford to pay for a parallel degree programme. I was lucky to secure a slot at Moi University where I did my Bachelor's Degree in Business Management," she adds. Today, she's a PhD student and a Certified Accountant.

Her mother, Justine, took up all responsibilities henceforth. She was a hardworking high school teacher who juggled between her school work and her farms in the village. She ensured that all her children got the best education.

Unexplained migraines

"My mother started suffering periodic migraines from 2014. She could not go to sleep without taking painkillers. We would see her rolling on the floor due to unbearable pain. This went on for about five years," says Barbara.

"The only time I could sleep was after taking painkillers. I was in so much pain and would vomit continuously. My eating habits changed. I had severe throbbing pain and a pulsing sensation on one side of my head that was often accompanied by nausea, vomiting, and extreme sensitivity to light and sound," adds Justine.

The news of any chronic illness in a family is difficult. In August 2019, Justine's face became swollen, and an analysis revealed that her kidneys had failed, thus there was water retention in her face. The effect was irreversible,



Barbara and her mother Justine at their home in Eldoret town, Uasin Gishu County, on July 18, 2021. PHOTO | JARED NYATAYA



Barbara donated a kidney to her mother Justine Shimuli Namiinda. PHOTO | JARED NYATAYA

and she had to undergo dialysis twice a week.

"The news of her end-stage kidney failure hit us hard. Being the firstborn, I was devastated and mostly scared for any responsibilities that would await me if worse came to worst," says Barbara.

Difficult process

Dialysis is difficult. The treatment filters and purifies the blood using a machine. This helps keep your fluids and electrolytes in balance when the kidneys cannot do their job. This process removes waste products and excess fluid from the body.

This also comes with several dietary restrictions like reduced protein and salt intake. It is also expensive, and the average cost the family incurred was Sh8,000 per session; this was catered for by NHIF, lifting off the family's financial burden.

Her mother would throw up and have either low or high blood pressure after every session.

The only way she would be out of dialysis was if she got a kidney

transplant.

Her nephrologist in Nakuru advised them to have a transplant. This was a better option. However, two obstacles stood in their way: the finances and the donor.

Barbara was okay with donating her kidney if that would relieve her mother of pain.

The options

"The doctor told us that the first most likely donor should be her sibling. This was impossible because of the age and unmatched blood group. The next likely donor then had to be her child, and that is where my journey as a kidney donor began," she says.

To qualify as a kidney donor, your blood group must be the same as the recipient. Amongst Barbara's siblings, she was the only one with the same blood group as her mother.

"I was identified as the only person who most likely could be the donor. I was never scared and just felt honoured to be the only one capable of giving my mother my kidney," says Barbara.

Justine wished that the donor

could have been anybody else but her child but warmed up to the idea of a transplant compared to the weekly dialysis.

"It is so scary when it is your child. But my daughter has always been a brave girl, and we did not have an option of another donor," says Justine.

Barbara did not fear donating her organ but was worried more about her child if anything went wrong. She, however, joined various support groups like the Renal Patients Society of Kenya, where she got a lot of encouragement from previous donors.

Being identified as a potential kidney donor is just the first step of a very long journey. The battery of tests that followed left them financially and physically exhausted.

The cost of prescreening for both the donor and recipient was over Sh400,000.

In the course of screening Barbara, some nodes were discovered in her breasts. Nodes can be an indication of cancer.

The cancer scare came as a shocker, and a simple mammogram was not enough to tell

mother

400K

The approximate amount of money the family spent for pre-screening both the donor and recipient. Being identified as a potential kidney donor is just the first step of a very long journey.

it was remotely possible to lose such an amount of weight in less than a year," says Barbara.

She admits that she was devastated and felt that she was the reason the transplant process had hit a dead end. It was either she lost weight, or there would be no transplant. She had tried losing weight before but had always given up.

"I took the first step by cutting out sugar and wheat. I enrolled in a gym, and I lost 10 kilograms in two months. I continuously updated the transplant team on my progress. They gave us a transplant date - May 2021, before I even lost the required 11kgs," she says.

Barbara and her mother were admitted to the hospital three days before the transplant date.

She was confident and hopeful, knowing she was saving her mother endless days of pain. However, on the day before the procedure, she had cold feet, wondering who would care for her daughter if anything happened in the operation room.

The transplant team at the MTRH took them both through psychological counselling.

Barbara was severally asked whether she had been coerced to go through this.

"The anaesthetists came to see both of us the day before the operation, and both encouraged us. On the morning of the operation, at 6 am, we were wheeled to the theatre with more than 20 staff in the operating room," she explains.

"My mother and I were in separate partitions, so we did not get to talk. I just prayed for a successful surgery, and in case we did not make it, that my siblings and my daughter may find peace as both were unsure of the outcome," she says.

whether she had breast cancer or not.

A difficult time

"I had to undergo a biopsy. Waiting for the results was the most difficult time of my life. I was not scared of the diagnosis, but I was scared of what it meant to my mother, whose hope was in me. Luckily the results turned negative," she says.

The transplant team accepted all her results at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret.

"We eagerly waited for the transplant date. Whenever we got a call from the hospital, we anxiously hoped that it was a communication on the transplant date. In the middle of March 2021, we got a call, "she says.

They were hoping the call was about the transplant date. It was not. The caller from the transplant team informed them that she was a suitable candidate for a donor, but her weight was too high.

I had to lose weight

"We were crestfallen. I was 84 kgs at the time with a BMI of 32. The team insisted that unless I lost 11 kgs, I would not donate the kidney. I did not think that



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Barbara

Justine's immunity had to be brought very low so that her body did not reject the new organ.

She however had to stay within

the vicinity of the hospital due to the required frequent checkups after the procedure.

Barbara and her siblings decided to rent a house near MTRH to ease their mother's weekly hospital visits for reviews.

"I was secluded for three months and could not see visitors as my immunity was deficient. I have a caretaker who is helping me with the chores," says Justine.

Barbara is now back to work. As a lecturer, her work involves long hours of standing.

"I have had no challenge with this. I also have a very supportive employer who has been checking on me. I, however, do not lift heavy items. My remaining kidney is functioning well," she says.

Barbara says that the transplant cost them over Sh1.5 Million. This includes Sh400,000 for the tests, the transplant surgery and Sh300,000 for the medicines to be used for a year after the transplant. NHIF, however, covers the actual surgery costs.

"My mother uses medicine worth Sh30,000 per month. I intend to start an organisation that



Justine's kidney functions very well. PHOTO JARED NYATAYA

advocates for organ donation. This is to encourage more live donors to donate their organs to those in need," says Barbara.

In Barbara's donation journey, several people have shared how their siblings, children and even parents have been sceptical about donating any of their organs despite being suitable donors.

"I do not blame them. The fear of the unknown is real. I, however, encourage potential donors to do it without fear. A kidney transplant enhances the quality of life of an end-stage chronic kidney disease patient. It enhances your life as a donor too. The feeling is priceless," she says.

Whereas various hospitals in Kenya carry out kidney transplants, the only public hospitals in Kenya are Kenyatta National Hospital and The Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

Someone thinking about donating one of their kidneys to help someone else has many things to consider. It is something that has to be thought about seriously from a personal point of view.

Tests will be done, which may take quite a long period. This ensures that the donor is in good physical health and that the kidney is a suitable organ for trans-

FACT BOX

Every day, people of all ages and backgrounds become recipients—and donors—of organs, eyes, and tissues. Lives are transformed. Donor families turn loss into hope. Living day to day with one kidney is no different for a healthy donor than living with two. Results from a Johns Hopkins study in 2015 of more than 90,000 living kidney donors showed that living with one kidney did not change a kidney donor's life expectancy.

The treatment for people with kidney failure options is dialysis and/or transplantation. A successful kidney transplant is the best treatment for many patients with established kidney failure from a medical, psychological and social point of view. Kidneys for transplantation come from people who have donated those organs after their death or from living relatives or close friends.

There is a good chance of a successful kidney transplant if the kidney is donated by a blood relative (genetically related). Living donors who are close relatives can be an excellent tissue-type match for the recipient.

Although there is no guarantee that any kidney transplant will work, 90 to 95 per cent of kidneys donated from living donors work one year after transplant. This compares with a success rate of 80 to 90 per cent for kidneys from deceased donors. These differences become more marked at five and ten years after transplantation.

Living kidney donation has the benefit of allowing the transplant operation to be scheduled at a time that is convenient for the recipient and the donor. It provides the opportunity to plan it before the need for dialysis with all the benefits of a pre-emptive transplant.

plantation.

It is worth remembering that the operation to remove a healthy person's kidney is – as far as their own body is concerned – not of any direct benefit.

Several investigations are performed that may uncover an unknown medical condition. Also, the donor needs to consider facing their future with one kidney.

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Just a Man Josaya Wasonga

Black sheep syndrome. It's a common occurrence in many families. There's always that one sibling in distress or dire straits who gives the entire flock - or you, the seemingly successful sheep - a bad rap.

Don't get it twisted. Even black sheep give wool and mutton. Even black sheep were created for a purpose.

Men don't go out in search of family wars, which involve saving a sibling from deep doo-doo. The wars find men. They see men minding their own business. They find men trying to do their best with the cards life dealt them.

And it's not like life dealt you a game-winning hand. You don't have hidden aces up your sleeves. It's just that you kept playing, even when you lost all your win-

For men fighting family wars



nings, plus the last shirt off your back. You gathered your wits about you and returned to the table. You kept grinding.

Now that you are a little more successful than a sibling who's got entrapped by the issues of life, society expects you to be your sibling's saviour. Folks expect you to be your brother's keeper. If not, they'll say you're selfish or claim

that you sacrificed your sibling for mammon.

Me? I find out a long time ago that God does not want me to be my brother's keeper. That's God's job. God wants me to love my brother.

See, in the Bible story where we get the be-thy-brother's-keeper tale, it's about Cain and Abel. The former murders the latter. When

Folks expect you to be your brother's keeper and call you selfish if you say no. I cannot be my brother's keeper. Neither can you.

Josaya



God appears on earth's first homicide scene, Cain exclaims: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

It's a yes or no question. But God doesn't answer it. He doesn't take the bait. It took me years to realise that Cain was mocking God. He was saying that he, a mere mortal, caught the Creator nap-

ping. To paraphrase it, he was asking God: "Am I God?"

Let me break it down. Abel was a keeper of livestock. The keeper is superior to his livestock. Livestock cannot save livestock. It's only a shepherd - or The Shepherd - who can fight lions and bears and protect his sheep from mortal harm.

I cannot be my brother's keeper. Neither can you. That's akin to taking the place of God in a sibling's life. Many of us have misread and misapplied a Bible text, trying to be a brother's saviour. No wonder we've failed miserably.

Look, you can go in search of a lost sheep, find it, bring it back to the pasture, wash its wool and shampoo it and give it the best fodder, only for it to return to the gutter when you go to get a violin to play it a lullaby. I've found out that there are some sheep that only The Shepherd can save. A sheep can only do so much to a fellow sheep.

When you meet someone who asks why you're not your brother's keeper, show them the two

gaping holes on your bedside carpet. The holes your calloused knees have made from years of praying, fasting, petitioning and interceding. Show them the receipts. Yeah, I mean real receipts from fortunes you've spent on salvation missions. Replay them the strange phone calls, which came in the dead of night. The caller had a gruff voice and, when handed the phone over, your sibling's soft familiar voice jolted you fully awake. Your sibling said they were a guest of the state. Again. And don't forget to show them the amount of sleep and peace you lost before and after receiving such phone calls.

These are some family wars that some men fight. Wars brought about by their success in life, however small, become an albatross around their neck because of a recidivist sibling.

To the men fighting this draining war, I feel you. And to our siblings who are in the gutter, we love you. Madly.

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Lessons from a broken marriage



Wife Speak Karimi Gatimi

A dear friend walked out of her marriage after 19 years of what she says was 'flogging a dead horse.' She asked me to share her lessons with you here. To protect her identity, I will call her Jane. She is not angry or bitter but is scarred by the whole experience.

"We did not have shared values. That is what broke our marriage." She went straight to the point when I asked her why; after years did she seek the separation.

"In the public domain, we were the perfect couple. But in private, he abused me. I have scars from physical abuse and deeper scars from emotional abuse." While the rest of us assumed that theirs was a normal conflict like we all experience in any relationship, she felt scared for her life while in her home.



She stayed on because she wanted the kind of marriage that her parents have. She also did not want her children to have the legacy of a broken home. Unfortunately, her children were greatly affected by the toxic environment. One day this year, after a particularly violent episode and after watching in horror the story of the wife who was murdered by her husband, she sought refuge at a

small holiday cottage out of the city, alone.

"Not alone, really. I took a holiday with my God." She took a week's time off from her work, dropped their children at her parent's home and drove to the cottage. She is a good Christian woman and did not want to displease God with her decision.

"I told Him that He had to be with me during this entire reflection time."

Jane spent the week reading her Bible, taking long walks and mostly talking and questioning and crying to her God. In between, she watched movies and read books on her iPad.

"He spoke to me," she said. Sure that I doubted her sanity, she repeated. "Karimi, God spoke to me!"

Jane is a level-headed woman, not prone to illogical or emotional whims. She may not re-

alise it now, but she had made the decision to walk away from the abuse a while back but took time to actualise it.

"It occurred to me that Martin and I had no shared values. We are as different as day and night."

"You know the saying, opposites attract," I ventured.

"Yes they do. In matters of personalities, but when it comes to values, these must be shared; otherwise, you'll be flogging a dead horse."

The dictionary defines values as the principles or standards of behaviour; one's judgement of what is important in life. Values are fundamental beliefs that guide or motivate our attitudes or actions. Just like organisations are guided by values, individuals too have values that they uphold in life.

"A marriage without shared values is a doomed one." Jane gave the example of infidelity that had plagued her marriage. "I had every opportunity to revenge and get involved in illicit affairs, like he did, but I vowed fidelity, so I never did."

Sharing is not always caring for couples who share personal items such as toothbrushes and face masks. But when it comes to common values, there is no alternative. In the mundane routines of life together, we realise

whether we have shared values or not. It is by such acts as how easily your spouse bribes the traffic officer so that they can get away with idiotic behaviour on the roads. If you disagree with this behaviour, but your spouse justifies it, integrity is likely not a shared value in your relationship. Economic corruption is only a by-product of moral corruption.

"God told me that my life was precious, more than anything else." Jane got the revelation that the only way she could be a good mother was when she was alive, physically and emotionally.

"I was not a catharsis for anyone's anger, pain and whatnot." When a woman cuts her long hair - like Jane did - think of the caterpillar that transforms into a beautiful butterfly. That woman has just evolved, changed and found her wings. She is healing and thriving.

"Martin is still the father of my children. We have both agreed to give our best to our children, away from each other."

As I have said before, marriage is an affair for only the mature, whether that marriage is severed or intact.

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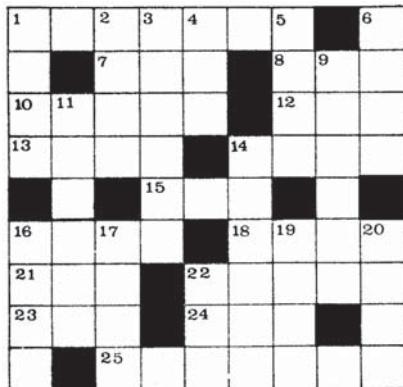
SIMPLE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1.A group of students pursuing an advance course especially original research
7.An epoch
8.Unit of measuring electric current
10.To remove all one's clothes
12.The low murmuring cry of a dove
13.Hurries
14.Organic deposits in bogs used as manure and for fuel
15.A female sheep
16.A raised platform as the high table etc.
18.Capital of S. Yemen
21.Fuss
22.A positive electrode
23.To expose flax to moisture to loosen the fibres
24.The centre of the Solar System
25.Harsh

DOWN

- 1.A broad ornamental ribbon worn around the waist and over the shoulder



- 2.A lake or pond
3.Rainbows
4.A short sleep especially in the afternoon
5.A speed competition
6.A stain or blemish
9.Bewailed
11.Long bitter denunciation
14.The earthnut

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION ACROSS:

- 1.Propagate
7.Urn
8.Owe
10.Totem
12.Sorrow
13.Era
14.Rat
16.Palate
18.Pylon
20.Den
21.Omo
22.Detention

DOWN:

- 1.Prose
2.Opera
3.Auto
4.Grow
5.Ant
6.Elm
9.Wordy
11.Elate
14.Radii
15.Tenor
16.Pome
17.Anon
18.Pod
19.Lot

SUDOKU

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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4	5	8	7	6	2	1	9	3
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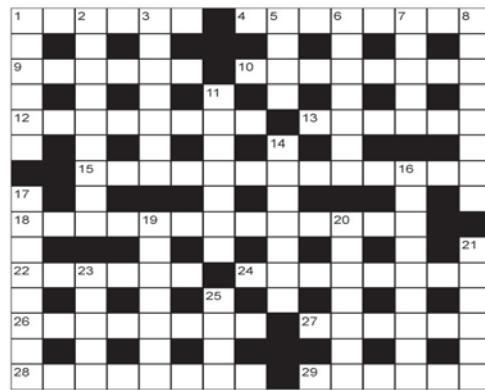
COMPLEX CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1.Understanding follows the compiler's meaning (6)
4.Fellow criminal without a blemish (8)
9.Go on spilling secrets, invading privacy initially (6)
10.Crazy Lear isn't showing what's inside (8)
12.Endlessly care for faithful pet (8)
13.Spike troublemaker's drink (6)
15.Spreading unction's aim, so uncouth (13)
18.Eat dinner with time unusually vague (13)
22.Whack! Old man returning strikes with disgust (6)
24.Tea's found in neat container to buy (8)
26.Time runs out in end (8)
27.Tory leader's hard disagreement on economy (6)
28.Church increased time being consumed to baptise (8)
29.Informal contracted language in say, 'gutted' (6)

DOWN

- 1.Hip received small metal bars (6)
2.Stewardesses, sophisticated, about turned mad (9)
3.Red lips involved in cheating (7)
5.Tree trunk protecting new pine (4)
6.Heartless roughneck accepted by female labourer (7)



- 7.Flower I caught in season (5)
8.Sun exploit employing birds results in excited anticipation (8)
11.Eloquence over Right by Cameron perhaps (7)
14.Wicked one's carrying dodgy opium (7)
16.Performance of pantomime ends in speech (9)
17.Great performance against clubs ... (8)
19... matches entirely in draws (7)
20.Drink for everybody, including company, on house (7)

- 21.Where holy man gets appropriate covering (6)
23.More natural expression of pleasure, embracing sweetheart (5)
25.Dog beginning to eat kipper (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

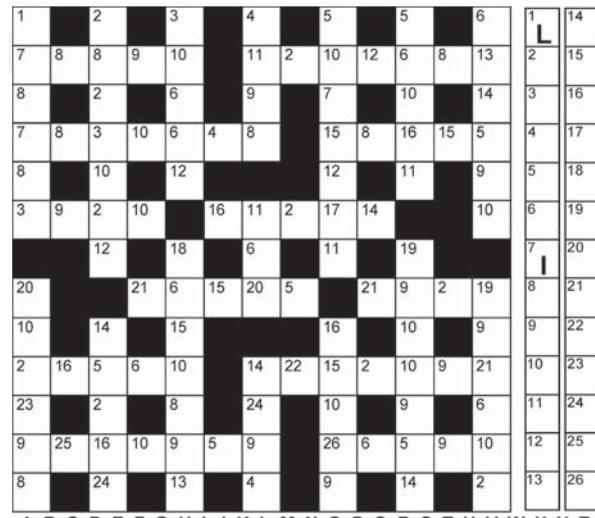
- ACROSS
1.Poles apart
6.Slur
10.Extra
11.Put up jobs
12.Slender
13.Oil Well
14.Athletes foot
18.Descriptions
21.Leopard
23.Gap Year
24.Sundowner
25.Appal
26.Sash
27.Lead astray

DOWN

- 1.Please
2.Latter
3.Stands to reason
4.Paper Clip
5.Ratio
7.Looked On
8.Resolute
9.Apples and pears
15.Triggered
16.Idolises
17.Astounds
19.Tempers
20.Frilly
22.Dance

CODEWORD

Each number in our Codeword grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. For example, today 1 represents L so fill in L every time the figure 1 appears. You have two letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the list of alphabetical letters as you identify them.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	B	2	O	3	U	4	Q	5	E	6	T	7	A	8	D	9	I	10	N	11	R	12	C	13	P
14	S	15	G	16	W	17	Y	18	H	19	K	20	V	21	X	22	J	23	F	24	M	25	L	26	Z

YOUR STARS

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 - FEB 19

You feel like a scared child who wants to hide under the bed today, Aquarius. Keep in mind that there are just as many monsters under the bed as there are out in the world. At least you can see the ones outside and perhaps even enlist the help of others to combat them.

PISCES | FEB 20 - MAR 20

If you don't agree with what the group is doing don't feel like you have to join in. Earn their respect in your own way, not by forcing yourself into a mould you don't fit into. Maintain your integrity and act with confidence today in anything you plan to do.

ARIES | MAR 21 - APR 19

Expect people to be very interested in what you have to share. Your professional and diplomatic manner builds trust and attracts supporters in any area of interest. This can be a highly social

day and could see you sharing an interest in sports or entertainment with friends or family. Sunday brings an opportunity or the inspiration to travel. Go ahead and make plans.

TAURUS | APR 21 - MAY 20

Don't poke your nose into other people's business today give others their space and let them work things out for themselves. Don't feel like you have to gain the attention of everyone. Do what you need to do. Your actions might be thrown off course by the unexpected.

GEMINI | MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Ask for what you need, Gemini, and you will get it. Don't wait around for the rewards to come to you. This is one of those days in which actions speak louder than words. Don't expect others to read your mind. If you want something, go after it. There may be an element of the unexpected working its way into your day so be on guard.

CANCER | JUN 22 - JULY 22

Watch the sunrise today, Cancer. Open your eyes to the beauty around you and let it inspire you to take action. Someone may be trying to throw you a curve ball, so be ready. You have a generous heart that you should share freely. Your helpful nature will draw others to you.

LEO | JULY 23 - AUG 22

Get in touch with a friend you haven't heard from in a while, Leo. Someone is waiting to hear from you. Surprise him or her with an unexpected expression of love. Rely on your inner map and don't let others throw you off course. Don't waste time.

VIRGO | AUG 23 - SEP 23

Mind your manners, Virgo, and open doors that you've never opened before. Maintain your principles and integrity as you venture forth into worlds unknown. Don't write people off without

giving them a fair chance. Don't judge others. Give them an equal amount of respect. It may be hard to maintain a solid footing today, but you should try.

LIBRA | SEP 24 - OCT 23

You may go in many different directions, so try to stay focused. Spend some time by water, even if it's just your bathtub, and reconnect with your true self. The more you integrate your inner nature with your outer demeanour, the more you will attract the people and situations that can help you in your journey.

SCORPIO | OCT 24 - NOV 22

Your actions may take a sudden turn today, Scorpio, so beware. This may seem like an annoying bend in the road at first, but if you keep walking, you'll see that this course of action is exactly the one you need to take. This isn't a day to sit back and watch.

SAGITTARIUS | NOV 23 - DEC 21

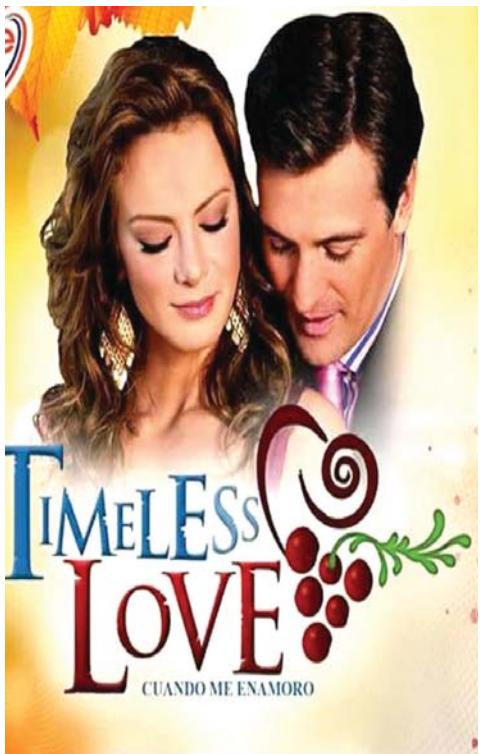
You're able to get quite a bit accomplished, as long as you're the one taking action. Don't let other people be in charge. Your power may come in energetic, erratic bursts, so use this to your advantage. Maintain a level head and you will be able to cut through your day's work.

CAPRICORN | DEC 22 - JAN 19

Maintain your integrity, Capricorn. Other people may suspect your motives, so make sure you give them no reason to doubt you. Be confident in your actions and follow through with your promises. There's a great deal of power under your control, but it's erratic.

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TREAT OF THE DAY



TIMELESS LOVE 2:00PM

"Timeless Love" is the story of Renata and Jeronimo, whose all-embracing love for each other is undermined by bitterness and betrayal, and by the insidious poison of a malicious lie. When Jeronimo meets Renata, he knows he has found the love of his life.



5:00am CNN
5:30am Off The Hook
6:30am Tizi Nyumbani
7:00am Your World
8:30am Live Broadcast: World Under 20 Athletics
1:00pm NTV at 1
1:30pm BBC Life Clinic
2:00pm Timeless Love
3:00pm Live Broadcast: Pre - Analysis World Under 20 Athletics
3:30pm Live Broadcast: World Under 20 Athletics
6:30pm Kwetu Mixx
7:00pm NTV Jioni
7:30pm Pieces Of Us
8:00pm A Place In Your Heart
9:00pm NTV Tonight
10:00pm Lit 360
10:30pm Music Mix
11:30pm Kwetu Mixx
12:30am CNN



NTV AT 1

Tune in for the latest news on NTV at 7 with Smriti Vidyarthi and the rest of your favourite news crew.



NTV TONIGHT 9:00PM

Tune in for the latest news on NTV Tonight with Olive Burrows and the rest of your favourite news reporters and anchors.

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CINEMA GUIDE



Free Guy Movie: Now showing in cinema halls across the country.

NAIROBI

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Free Guy PG 2D

4PM, 6.30PM

Jungle Cruise

11AM, 4PM

Fast & Furious 9

1:15PM

Snake Eyes

1:15PM

Luca 3D 11AM

The Suicide Squad 2D TBA

6.30PM

WESTGATE

CINEMA, WESTATE MALL

HOLLYWOOD TITLES: PREMIUM SCREENINGS

Free Guy - 2D - (TBA)

1:40PM

Suicide Squad - 2D - (18)

10.50AM, 1.25PM & 3.30PM

Old - 2D -

(16)

4PM

Jungle Cruise - 3D -

(PG)

11.10AM, 4.00PM & 6.30PM

Space Jam - 2D -

(GE)

11.00AM & 1:15PM

Black Widow 3D - (PG)

6.20PM

Fast & Furious 9 2D (16)

6.10PM

HOLLYWOOD TITLES - VIP SCREENINGS

Free Guy - 3D - (TBA)

10.40AM, 4PM

Jungle Cruise 3D 12PM

The Suicide Squad 2D ,12PM,

4:15PM, 6.35PM,

MOTION CINEMAS, GREENSPAN MALL DONHOLM

Free Guy 3D 2PM, 7PM

The Suicide Squad 4:30PM, 7PM

Space Jam 2- 2D 11.30AM, 2PM.

Jungle Cruise, 11.30AM, 4.30PM



MEGA CINEMAS, KISUMU

Jungle Cruise (PG)

11.45AM

The Suicide Squad 2:10PM

Free Guy (PG)

4:45PM

Free Guy (PG)

7PM

Black Widow - movie

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Brand Switch



A reader is tired of his Nissan Wingroad, which keeps breaking down. He wants to get himself a Toyota, but has no idea which model... P.2

Winner takes it all Which is superior, the Subaru Outback or Subaru Forester? P.3

DN2 Motoring

A case of telling it as it is you will very quickly discover that faking it until making it sometimes requires a bit of making it before faking it

Can I get an Audi or Mercedes Benz with a budget of Sh1.3 million?

Q&A



**Baraza JM
Motor Clinic**

Dear Car clinic physician, I am Richie P, and would like you to educate me on the following. Due to some professional related issues, and for the sake of image, I need to upgrade the car I drive. I am looking at Audi or Mercedes, but due to budget constraints, I am not planning to spend more than Sh1.3 million. I have identified the Mercedes C200 as a possible candidate as well as Audi A3, A4, all locally used. If it were you, which of the two cars would you go for with my budget in mind? I will pass on the car to my wife when our fortunes improve, hopefully in a year's time. I don't care about the resale value.

Thank you Doc.

Hello Richie P,

Calling me a physician is a bit rich, but I will take the compliment. Now, you say you want a German car for the sake of optics or visuals, and your budget is a hair short of one-and-a-half thousand thousands. Boy, have I got a car for you!

Let's get this out of the way: if it's props you are after, Mercedes is the answer, but not a C Class. No, you have to be a bit more imaginative. If you want impact, for maximum efficiency, the same principle used with rulers, tape measures and certain other things apply: longer is better. What you want is something bigger than a C Class, but then again there are too many E Klasses around. The E Klasses are so many that even I have one. What you want is the Sonderklasse, an S Class.

For Sh1.3 million, you essentially have a choice of two S Classes: the W140, which has been a long time favourite of mine and carries the dubious honour of being the vehicle the late Princess Diana lost her life in. The morbid angle is deliberate by the way: a W140 is menacing as hell. You wanted impact? It doesn't come any more blatantly than looking like a Russian mob boss. People will not be awed by you, they will FEAR you. The added advantage of buying a W140 on a budget of Sh1.3 million is you will have plenty of money left over. A good number of clean units have hit my desk costing between Sh0.7 and Sh0.9 million.

For the full amount of Sh1.3 million, give or take a couple grand, you can step up to the W140's successor: the W220. It looked stunning at launch and opinion is divided on how well that appearance has aged over the years. Opinion is universal, however, on the fact that it is an S Class and it fits the bill perfectly as far as visuals are concerned. There is another downside be-

sides the edgy and aging design: the W220 came with air suspension all round. Once it decides to squat on its own free will, you will very quickly discover that faking it until making it sometimes requires a bit of making it before faking it. Watch out.

Which Toyota will serve me better than my Nissan Wingroad?

Hello Baraza,
I am so disappointed and let down by my Nissan Wingroad, which won't stop overheating, forcing me to replace the gasket twice. The other day the car broke down in the same way. Kindly advise me which new (in Kenya) Toyota I can get with a budget of Sh1 million to Sh1.2 million since I don't want these inconveniences anymore.

Thank you.
Dan Benson.

Hello, Man With Two First Names,
Comparing apples to apples and oranges to Nissan Wingroads, your only alternative to the better dressed AD Van, while sporting a Toyota badge, is the Corolla Fielder. It will give you good service right up to the moment when it gets stolen.

Cheerio!

Baraza, which is superior? The Outback or the Forester?

Hello Mr Baraza,
I liked the finality with which you wrote last week, that you have compared the Subaru Forester to the CRV and CX5 multiple times and the Forester wins every time!

Now I don't expect that debate to end anytime soon.

I have two questions for you.
1. Why is the Outback more expensive than the Forester? My Outback friends mock me, calling my cross-over cheap while I mock them for driving an expensive station wagon who is right?

2. With the Rav4, CRV and CX5 debate now settled, could you please now compare the Forester to the Volvo CX40. They have a similar look although the Scandinavian is way more expensive. Kindly contrast the two.

Donald (Trump)

Donald Trump,



NISSAN WINGROAD

You are always writing in, and I like that. When a one-term American president is a regular correspondent to your inbox, you tend not to forget. I will now handle your inquiries:

The Outback is more expensive than the Forester for two reasons, the first being demand. The laws of market dynamics dictate that most times when an item is in high demand, the prices will go up. But why is the Outback in high demand, I hear you ask? Aside from the American market, the Outback is the largest Subaru sold to clients. "Wait, that's the Tribeca!" someone shouts, and the response is a Trump-like resounding "WRONG!". Think I'm kidding? Park a BR Outback next to a Tribeca (I have actually done this practically back when Subarus were being sold along Mombasa Road) and tell me what you see. The two are the same height but the Outback is noticeably longer. So, yes, with an Outback you get a lot more car than you do with a Forester or even a Tribeca. This

means a lot more acreage of space which in turn means more comfort and practicality. So, your friends are right: yours is a cheap crossover, relatively speaking, while theirs is the ultimate adventure car, also relatively speaking.

I would if I could but I can't so I won't. Volvos are notoriously difficult to get a hold of here in Kenya without buying one outright, and my Motoring Press Agency outfit is yet to attain the status at which we purchase vehicles just for testing purposes. However, it would be an interesting matchup because Volvo and Subaru are two very dominant forces in safety rankings and on the lifestyle scene. That comparison should make for good reading...



SUBARU OUTBACK



AUDI A4



MERCEDES 320



TOYOTA FIELDER

I'd like to up my driving skills, do you teach?

Heelo Baraza,
I am an ardent reader of your column, and I must say, you are so good at it (understatement). In last week's column, you wrote, "...if you have driving skills like mine...".

Seeing as I aspire to be at par or as close as possible, what would be the best way to go about it? Do you have a class? Do you mentor? Teach us your ways master. I look forward to hearing from you as I am very serious.

Kind regards,
Swai K. Robert

Hi Swai,

Damn straight, calling me good at it is an understatement! I'm the best there was, is, has been and will ever be, but I will not gloat. I am a humble, if outstanding, man.

So, you want to learn from the master; no? I am considering offering practical driving courses - a USP on my part since any Tom, Dick and Matatu Driver can offer theoretical lessons, however, we have what we call stumbling blocks. Impediments, or even road blocks, if we try to be a little punny, and these are them:

1. Financing: a class will require hardware, location and teachers and/or supporting staff. These do not come free, they cost money, and a lot of it at that. "Start small!", I hear a motivational speaker yell somewhere. Yeah, no, things are not always that simplistic. An

advanced driver training course needs at least one car, at least one trainer and a controlled environment at a safe and secure location. Bought or leased, you will still be spending seven figures at the bare minimum just to "start small".

I am open to investors, though. If anyone is interested in partnering on such a venture, I already have the groundwork in place, all I need is funding (wink, wink)

2. Recognition: well, there is no point in learning advanced driving skills if there is nothing to show for it at the end of it all, is there? Let me tell you a little tale of sadness.

Once I upon a time I visited the Grand Emirate of Americanistan for the purposes of education on matters road safety under the tutelage of the fine masters at Johns Hopkins University and courtesy of the pockets of the World Health Organization. They even gave me a little piece of paper to certify that they had looked at my skills and abilities and how well I absorbed what I was taught, and they found it to be good. Go forth and save your people from the vagaries of road traffic injuries, they declared.

But it turns out my people don't want to be saved. I went looking for partners for my road safety initiative and instead what I found were competitors with everyone clamoring for attention. I was not surprised by that, what surprised me was when I approached one of the country's biggest car companies (and partners with the NTSAs no less) and told them "Lookee! I have WHO certification issued by Johns Hopkins Uni-

versity declaring me a Global Road Safety Leader! I have skills! I have knowledge! We can partner and stuff! We can do things together! Right? RIGHT?"

The response was as cold as it was curt: "This is not the United States, boy! This is Kenya. Sit you a** back down and keep your mouth shut. You know NOTHING".

3. Legislation: we need to legalise the rewarding of initiatives towards improved road safety statistic (that is what advanced driving essentially boils down to, no?). The same way we punish bad driving is the same way we should reward good driving, officially. Any one with an advanced driving license (see point 2 above, "Recognition") gets certain benefits, such as cheaper insurance premiums, or perhaps even pays lower taxes when buying a car or something

like that. This should encourage more people to take up advanced driving. I have already drafted something towards this end but for this to come to fruition, I will need political assistance. I do not like politics at all.

Yes, I do mentor, but for now I'm not taking in apprentices because my life has entered a new phase and I may need some time to myself to regroup before normal service resumes. I will continue to teach and to guide and to influence, and once the dust settles after the economic impact of Covid-19, we can turn the wick up and see if a training school can be established.

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