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Cops pursue family link in lawyer death

by PD Reporter
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Detectives are probing possible links of family feud to the fatal shooting of lawyer Robert Chesang on Sunday.

This follows details that the advocate, who was shot dead at his home in Lukenya, Machakos county, had a long-running feud with his wife.

The couple had on several occasions accused each other of domestic violence and the matter heard before the Mavoko Law Courts and the High Court in Machakos.

Detectives are also pursuing a business angle to the probe following reports that Chesang handled matters involving mega land disputes.

Sh900m for dam payout released

by PD Reporter
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The government has released Sh900 million for the compensation of people who will be displaced by the construction of Arer and Kimwaler dams in Elgeyo Marakwet county.

Kerio Valley Development Authority boss David Kimosop said the organisation had already received Sh643 million and are awaiting a further Sh250 million to be released this week.

Kimosop said the funds will be paid to people in the critical areas where the dams, the camp site and industrial area will be built because they will be the first to move.

Kenyans empathise with freed 'daughter smuggler'

Murage case exposes state of healthcare where father is forced to steal baby from public hospital over bill



Murage is the sole bread-winner and a loving dad whose intention was not to commit a criminal offence but to take his child home - Lawyer

by Nancy Gitonga
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"It is not that we're supporting what you did because that was a criminal offence and you'd have ended in jail. We, however, empathise with the circumstances that forced you to it."

Those words by Inspector Emmanuel Tamooch summed up what was likely in the hearts of most Kenyans witnessing the emotive case of Boniface Murage, a father forced by hardship to steal his daughter from hospital.

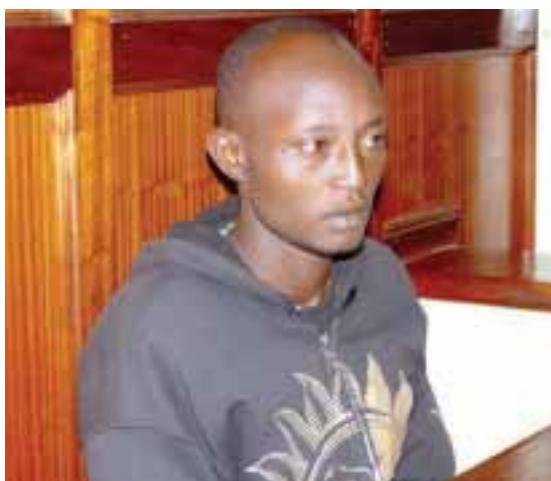
Murage's wife Vivian and infant were admitted to Kenya National Hospital (KNH) on January 26 and discharged on February 11.

Huge amount

However, the Sh56,937 bill was too colossal an amount for the 22-year-old, who provides for his young family digging trenches and doing other menial jobs in Rongai.

"I started worrying that my daughter and beloved wife would be detained at KNH forever since I could see no way of me raising the bill," Murage said.

And instead of taking the next matatu to an unknown destination like most young men overwhelmed by situations would do, he stuffed his month-old infant in a bag and tried to walk out the



TOO COSTLY

Murage told the court on Monday that he took the decision to smuggle out his baby in a paper bag on Saturday to avoid paying the Sh56,000 bill because it was too high for the family.

His lawyer said the only offence his client committed was being poor, urging the court to be lenient while passing the sentence.

Murage was set free after an invoice of the bill from the hospital paid by Governor Sonko was tabled in court.

The governor is further said to have facilitated the discharge of Murage's wife.

Boniface Murage at Milimani Law Courts yesterday where he was given a suspended sentence for attempting to sneak his infant daughter out of KNH over a bill of Sh56,937. PHOTO: CHARLES MATHAI

front door with it.

The daring move came to a head when security personnel confiscated the paper bag in a routine check and discovered the young patient inside.

And yesterday, Kenyans galvanised around Murage who silently wept in the dock as the judge read out the charges facing him.

On social media, many likened the teary, red-eyed face of despair and hopelessness to that of ma-

Offered job

"I want to urge you to avoid committing any crime however petty it may seem."

Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko, besides settling the hospital bill also offered Murage a job at the county.

The sentence means Murage will be on State (police) watch for the three months and expected not to commit any other offence or he will be put on custodial sentence. Murage pleaded guilty to the charge on Monday.

"Since the bill has been cleared, the scales of justice must balance. In this case the hospital has already been paid and so the scales tilt to the accused person," the magistrate ruled. Speaking to the media after his release, Murage thanked well-wishers for clearing the medical bill incurred by his wife and daughter.

Young MPs decry neglect of youth in parastatal jobs



KYPA members, led by Nairobi Senator Johnson Sakaja (centre), address media in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: TIMOTHY NJENGA

by Bernard Gitau
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Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA) has accused the Executive of snubbing the youth in parastatal boards appointments.

The association, through chairman and Nairobi Senator Johnson Sakaja, demanded an inclusive government that has space

for youth.

"The youth of this country have been sidelined in recent board appointments, creating anxiety and frustration among them," Sakaja said.

He said the more than 35 youthful appointment during the last parliament did exemplary, terming it an indication that young people have capacity to serve the nation.

"Exclusion of youths and the current theft in public coffers are really affecting youths who are struggling with high rate of unemployment, we need better," he said.

Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro said only few individuals are controlling and benefiting from the economy. "I propose we amend the law and make death sentence punishment for graft," he said.

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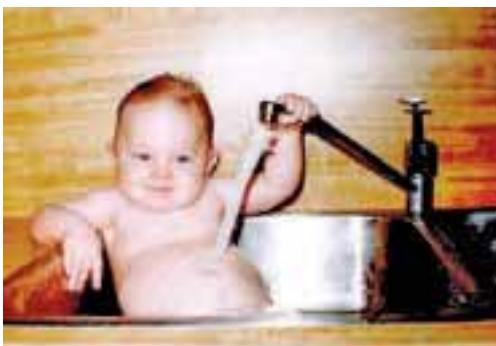
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Patients move to private hospitals as nurses strike bites

■ by Roy Lumbe and KNA
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A nurses strike in Nakuru yesterday disrupted services at the leading county hospital, forcing patients to seek services at private facilities.

Hundreds of families flocked the Nakuru Provincial General Hospital to transfer their kin after the nurses downed tools demanding an increase in allowances that has not been implemented following an agreement en-

tered after a strike in 2017.

The facility, which provides referral services to patients from various counties including Bomet, Kericho, Baringo, Samburu, Nyandarua and Laikipia, has been affected by the strike which started on Monday with claims of patients being forcibly discharged.

Some of the wards at the hospital had minimal activity with some of the contracted nurses and clinical officers deployed to the casualty department



to assist the emergency cases.

However, the hospital's medical superintendent Dr Joseph Mburu said operations are still ongoing, adding that they have scaled down the number of patients being admitted at the facility.

Patients discharge

He denied claims that the hospital was forcibly discharging patients, adding that it has been a normal hospital routine for patients to be admitted

and some discharged. In Bomet, the nurses strike entered the second day.

The more than 350 nurses drawn from over 30 health facilities in five sub-counties kept off their work places and gathered in Bomet town to push for their demands.

"It has become a game of hide-and-seek between the union and the county government officials responsible for health services," the Kenya National Union of Nurses Bomet branch secretary Vincent Rono said.

Haji appeals graft-linked county officials acquittal

■ by Nancy Gitonga
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Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji (pictured) has appealed the decision to acquit six Nairobi County Assembly senior officials facing several counts of corruption in relation to a tender for supply of books worth more than Sh900,000.

Prosecution wants the anti-corruption court to set aside orders by trial magistrate Martha Mutuku acquitting the Nairobi Assembly Clerk Jacob Ngwele, Principal Accountant Philomena Kavinya, Senior Procurement Officer James Kariuki, Senior Finance and planning officer Fredrick Mwangi, and proprietor Primara Ventures Raphael Maluki.

Criminal culpability

Mutuku acquitted the accused on all the graft charges levelled against them for lack of evidence, adding that the charges did not amount to criminal culpability.

"I find it does not amount to criminal culpability and hence



all accused are hereby acquitted under section 210 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CPC) of all charges charged," ruled Mutuku.

The prosecution claims Mutuku erred in law by acquitting the six under section 210 of (CPC) having established a *prima facie* case to warrant the accused person to be put on their defence.

It further claims the trial court erred by holding that the use of request quotations for the procurement was regular and justifiable. Prosecution faulted trial court's findings since the payment to Primara Ventures was irregular.

MP to file motion over SGR cargo bulk tender

■ by Anthony Mwangi
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The contentious award of a multi-billion-shilling tender to transport bulk cargo using Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) by two companies moves to Parliament after an MP expressed intention to file a motion to discuss the award.

Sisira MP John Waluke said yesterday he would file the motion seeking to compel the Kenya Railways Corporation (KRC) to make public details of the deal.

Special rates

The corporation has awarded the Grain Bulk Handlers Limited (GBHL) and Autoport freight Terminals Ltd which is associated with Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho family, the tender at special rates and also leased two of its depots in Nairobi to the two firms for free for a period of 45 years.

GBHL is owned by influential businessman Mohamed Jaffer, known in handling of grain and fertiliser field at the port of Mombasa.

My team is already drafting the motion and expects it to be ready by next week - Waluke

Waluke wants to know whether granting the lucrative tender to Joho was a way of slowing his push to have the port of Mombasa taken over by county government a matter which is currently before court.

The lawmaker said he will be questioning whether the tender was floated for other players to place their bids as required for in law.

"My team is already drafting the motion and expects it to be ready by next week. My request to the Speaker is for him to give it preference due to its importance for members to dispense it off," Wakule told *People Daily* at Parliament Buildings yesterday.

Waiguru dares EACC to release NYS report

Governor claims some powerful and shadowy personalities are blocking the investigation findings

■ by George Kebaso
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Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru once again raised the red flag over the 2014 National Youth Service (NYS) multimillion-shilling scandal by questioning why the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has been quiet over the investigations.

The governor, who in six letters to the anti-graft agency, has asked the EACC to expedite the Sh791 million NYS I probe and clear her name, yesterday sensationalized claimed that some powerful and shadowy personalities were blocking release of the investigations findings.

She was speaking on Kameme FM radio breakfast show.

In a letter dated February 14, which was her sixth, Waiguru, through lawyer Mansur Issa, poses telling questions that point to her desperation to clear her name in the scam and even appears to suggest that the powerful beneficiaries of the cash looted from NYS had used Josephine Kabura as a pawn to bring her down.

Express frustration

To up the pressure and express her frustration with EACC, the governor through a Twitter post yesterday wrote: "My 6th letter to EACC and the 2nd to the ODPP (Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions) requesting them to make public the findings of the Kabura affidavit, three years have lapsed".

"Who was behind Kabura lies; Who wrote the affidavit; who distributed it; and why? To whom did the Kabura money actually go? Any action being taken?" Waiguru asked.

She termed Kabura's sworn affidavit full of lies questioning the delay by EACC to release its investigation findings three years since



GRAFT ISSUE

During a meeting bringing together grassroots women leaders in Nairobi last month, an emotional Waiguru said the graft issue had embarrassed her family forcing them to stay off the social media for a while.

The war between the two parties first came about in February 2016 after Josephine Kabura, a key suspect in the scandal, claimed that she shared millions of shillings with the former Devolution CS.

the case was mentioned.

Waiguru said there has been no progress on the matter and Kenyans are still in the dark about why Kabura lied and on whose instructions she undertook to be dishonest.

In her letter, the former powerful Devolution Cabinet secretary queries delayed release of the probe report and wants it made public immediately, saying the delay in closing the matter had caused her irreparable damage.

Speaking on yesterday's radio show, the governor claimed shadowy powerful personalities were behind the Kabura affidavit. She accused them of making sure that the findings of the commission's investigations on the affidavit are not made public.

Graft fight

"This is despite the overwhelming finding of the same being availed by EACC, and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI)," she said.

In the fight against corruption, the rule of law must be applied without fear or favour, she added.

She demanded that the impunity demonstrated by Kabura and her accomplices' blatant lies and delay in making public the findings about where the money she purported to carry went, must be addressed so that Kenyans can know the truth about the whole matter and bring it to closure.

Uhuru submits NPSC nominees for vetting

MPs approval of the commission team will pave way for police boss succession

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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The race to succeed Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet is expected to intensify after President Uhuru Kenyatta nominated Eliud Ndung'u Kinuthia as National Police Service Commission (NPSC) chairman yesterday.

The President also nominated five other commissioners.

Once they are vetted and approved by the National Assembly, the race to replace Boinnet, whose term ends early next month, will be set in motion. The IG is also a commissioner.

The five nominees, whose names were forwarded to the National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi for vetting, are former Directorate of Criminal Investigations officer Lilian Ki-

amba, Eusibius Karuti Laibuta, Naftali Kipchirir Rono, Alice Atieno Otwala and John ole Mayaki.

Upon receiving the names, Muturi directed the House Security committee to organise a vetting schedule.

If approved, Kinuthia will succeed former commission chair Johnston Kavuludi.

Develop terms

Kinuthia had expressed interest for Lamu governor's seat on a Jubilee ticket in the 2017 General Election but withdrew the last minute in favour of the incumbent Fahim Twaha. He claimed he had made the decision upon Uhuru's intervention.

Otwala, the outgoing Public Service Commission (PSC) chief executive, holds a PhD in Public Administration and a Master's degree in Public Administration. She has served in various government ministries and departments, including Office of the President.

The NPSC Act mandates the police welfare body to develop and keep under review



Eliud Ndung'u Kinuthia has been nominated NPSC chair by President Uhuru Kenyatta. PHOTO: FILE

all policies relating to human resources of members in the service upon recommendation by the IG.

The commission is mandated to develop terms and conditions of service and the procedure for recruitment and disciplinary measures for members.

Fourteen candidates had applied for NPSC chair's post including former National Assembly Speaker Kenneth Marende, former Transition Authority chair Kinuthia Wamwangi, Elijah Kodoh, Lucy Wanja, Elijah Nduati, Irene Njeri Wanoyike and Margaret Cheboiwo.

Police line switched off after NPS fails to clear Sh10m bill

by Sophie Njoka
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with the earlier directive, should begin paying for the houses at the market rate.

"If an officer has been provided with an allowance to enable him/her to get an alternative house, why one would continue clinging to free things. It's high time the officers began to foot their electricity and water bills as well as pay rent," he said.

Some of the officers vowed they would not vacate the houses, saying their house allowances were too little.



It's high time officers began to foot their electricity and water bills -Ochola

Pay rent

Police officers, who sought anonymity because they are not authorised to speak to the press, claimed the power disconnection was an attempt to evict them from the government houses despite a court order barring the move.

Coast regional police commander Marcus Ochola said the officers should vacate the police quarters rented for them by NPS following expiry of the February 1 deadline.

He questioned why officers, who were paid house allowances, had continued to live in government houses.

Ochola said police officers, who are not ready to comply,

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'Ruto to pay market rate for Weston'

National Land Commission vice chair Mbagaya says facility associated with DP will soon know the compensation price

by Mercy Mwai
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Deputy President William Ruto will pay market rate for the land on which Weston Hotel sits, the National Land Commission (NLC) said yesterday.

NLC also denied claims it had favoured Ruto in the probe on the land's long-running ownership dispute between Weston and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA).

Outgoing commission vice chair Abigael Mbagaya said the decision was done "without fear, favour or any form of contradiction".

Last year, a report by Zenith Management Valuers Ltd estimated the land measuring 0.773ha opposite Wilson Airport, on Lang'ata Road, Nairobi, at Sh300 million.

Market value

Speaking yesterday when she appeared before the National Assembly's Lands committee chaired by Kitui South MP Rachael Nyamai, Mbagaya said the amount of money Ruto will pay for the land will soon be made public.

She said the cost has been pegged on an open market value to ensure taxpayers are not defrauded.

"The evaluation has been done and the final report is

on my desk. We are doing an open market value because we are making sure that the people of Kenya don't lose," she said.

Accompanied by other NLC officials, Mbagaya defended the commission's decision to spare Weston Hotel demolition, saying other ways of resolving land disputes should be explored.

"We can't demolish every building. We must look for alternatives. Every land case is going to be treated on its own merit and that is what we are doing right now," she said.

Historical injustices

She said the Historical Injustice Act provides for restitution, restoration, compensation and apology as ways of addressing such cases.

"In other words one can be told sorry and that is enough for you to deal with historical injustices cases. We are, however, exploring different ways of how to address issues of historical land injustices," she said.

Mbagaya sought to explain why other big buildings including Taj Mall and South Mall, were demolished last year.

She said Taj Mall was demolished because the owner, who legally owned part of the land, had illegally acquired an adjacent piece which was part of a road reserve and amalgamated the two parcels.

In the case of South Mall, she said it was brought down because it was built on riparian land which is public land and is not available for allocation.

She said the South Mall building was built on top of a river, which caused blockages and flooding and the only solution was to demolish it.

She also gave the example of buildings at Upper Hill Nairobi which, she said, were built on

mai said it is worrying the commission was spending such a huge amount on remuneration while the development budget was a mere Sh150 million.

"Are you telling me that Sh800 million is paid as salaries? This is worrying and we need to get to the bottom of this matter," said Nyamai.

Employees list

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Mbagaya, however, defended the salaries of the staff and com-



WESTON DISPUTE

The land on which Weston Hotel in Lang'ata, Nairobi is built has been a subject of prolonged dispute between the hotel and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority.

Last month, the National Land Commission reached a verdict that the 0.773ha plot opposite Wilson Airport was illegally acquired but spared the hotel from demolition. The company will instead pay for the land at market rates.

Kenya Railways land but whose demolition would affect many Kenyans.

Speaking on BBC's HardTalk last week, Ruto acknowledged that the Weston Hotel land had been illegally acquired by the original owner, from whom he bought it.

Innocent buyer

"For the record, the National Land Commission has made a finding that Weston was an innocent purchaser for value from somebody who got it illegally and reparations have been made constitutionally to restore the land to Kenya Civil Aviation Authority. Those who sold the land to us must pay," he told BBC's Stephen Sackur.

Weston Hotel on Lang'ata Road, Nairobi. The facility which is built on illegally acquired KCAA land has been spared demolition.

PHOTO: FILE

He said he had followed due processes while acquiring the land and accused the sellers of tricking him into buying property which they knew was fraudulently acquired.

Flights safety

KCAA has rejected the compensation offer saying the four-star hotel must be brought down because it compromises safety of flights.

The authority said buildings near airports should not be taller than two storeys. Weston has five floors.

During the probe, Ruto's lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullahi told NLC that the defunct Directorate of Civil Aviation had been given an alternative land.

The land was formerly the site of the KCAA central stores.

MPs question NLC Sh829m wage bill

by Mercy Mwai
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NLC vice chair Abigael Mbagaya when she appeared before House Lands committee.

PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

A parliamentary committee was yesterday shocked by revelations that 450 employees of the National Land Commission (NLC) are paid Sh829 million in salaries every year.

At a meeting with NLC officials led by vice chair Abigael Mbagaya, the committee heard that staff members take up Sh829 million in emoluments out of the Sh1.2 billion budget for the commission.

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ODM picks Elmi for Wajir West election

by Irene Githinji
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ODM yesterday issued a direct nomination ticket to former Cabinet minister Mohammed Elmi to vie in the Wajir West by-election.

Electoral Board chairperson Judith Pareno said Elmi was picked following the party's assessment that he was the best candidate to "bring back the seat".

The by-election was occasioned by the Supreme Court's

Ojaamong wants ruling overturned

by Nancy Gitonga
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Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong has filed an application at the High Court seeking to set aside the trial court's decision to allow the prosecution to file more evidence in a Sh8 million corruption case.

Ojaamong and co-accused Finance Executive Bernard Yaite, Chief Finance Officer Leonard Obimbira, Head of Treasury accounting Samuel Ombui, Allan Omachari, Edna Odoyo, Renish Amollo, Sebastian Hallen and Madam R. Enterprise, want the Anti-Corruption court to set aside orders by trial magistrate Douglas Ogoti, arguing that application granted to the prosecution constituted unjustified violation of the rights to be heard as they were never granted opportunity to canvass and counter the application.

Ojaamong, his officials and a company, have been charged with conspiracy to defraud the county of Sh8 million by engaging in projects without proper procurement process.

Court told suspect had no injuries

by Bernice Mbugua
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Police informer, Peter Kamau alias Brown, who is charged alongside four administration police officers with the murder of lawyer Willie Kimani did not have physical injuries before he was charged in 2016, a court heard yesterday.

Police surgeon Kizzie Shako said an examination on August 29, 2016 showed Kamau had no injuries.

His lawyer had claimed that Kamau was tortured by police into signing a confession.

On Monday, Justice Jessie Lessit ordered a trial within a trial in the case to determine whether a confession by Kamau would be admitted as evidence.

Kamau is charged with Fredrick Leliman, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku and Leonard Mwangi.

nullification of Mohamed Koshish's win, who then decamped from ODM to Jubilee.

Koshish has vowed to reclaim the seat after Jubilee handed him a direct ticket.

ODM chair John Mbadi said a direct tickets was recognised by the party's constitution.

"The party gave NEB the authority to use direct nomination because we felt that this is the best method. The party can invoke direct nomination depending on circumstances," said Mbadi.

City tycoon in tax evasion saga wants to negotiate with KRA

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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that was allegedly not remitted to KRA.

However, this does not shield Kariuki (*pictured*) and other directors of the firms from economic crimes liability being pursued by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), *People Daily* has learnt.

Two weeks ago, the DCI and KRA raided the company's plant in Thika over claims of tax eva-

sion. The firm was closed down after counterfeit KRA stamps and illicit ethanol were discovered.

Yesterday, Kariuki, Robert Murithi, Peter Njenga Kuria, Mary Wambui and Dennis Murithi were grilled for the second time at the DCI headquarters in Nairobi before they were allowed to go shortly before noon.

They want to settle penalties and principal amount of tax

CUE assures on courses

by Irene Githinji
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Commission for University Education (CUE) has assured that there is no cause for alarm over reports of unapproved degree programmes.

Chairperson Prof Chacha Nyagoti-Chacha said the commission and the aligned Ministry are in the process of addressing arising concerns over the status of about 133 alleged unapproved courses.

CUE also said that it is working with affected institutions to iron out the matter. Nyagoti-Chacha said the CUE board sat for the better part of yesterday to deliberate on the issue but did not immediately agree on the way forward.

A press conference scheduled for yesterday afternoon did not materialise as he and Commission Secretary, Prof Mwenda Ntarangwi explained that the board meeting was still going on.

We are sorting out the issue - Nyagoti-Chacha

DCI grills Rotich over Sh63b stalled dams

National Treasury CS questioned in relation to missing Sh40b for Kimwarer and Arror dams projects

by Hillary Mageka, Winstone Chiseremi and Kinyuru Munuhe
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The money was paid in Italy but withdrawn in London, United Kingdom - source

Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich has been quizzed by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) over stalled government projects estimated at Sh366 billion.

Rotich was on Monday questioned for hours in his office and later recorded a statement over missing Sh40 billion which was part of Sh63 billion that had been earmarked for the stalled Kimwarer and Arror dams projects in the Rift Valley.

Detectives are also expected to question the outgoing chairman of the National Land Commission (NLC) Muhammad Swazuri, Kerio Valley Development Authority managing director David Kimosop and other senior government officials.

Confirming the grilling of Rotich, DCI boss George Kinoti said detectives are trying to unravel circumstances under which about Sh40 billion meant for the construction of the two hydropower dams in Elgeyo Marakwet was embezzled.

An investigations report indicates that the Sh40 billion includes Sh6.3 billion mobilisation funds released by the National Treasury.

Records at KVDA reveal that Arror dam was set to cost Sh38.5 billion while Kimwarer dam in Keiyo South was budgeted for Sh28 billion.

Kinoti said that a recent aerial inspection revealed nothing had kicked off on the ground despite the allocation being made and with almost 75 per

cent of the monies released.

Detectives said the mobilisation cash meant to compensate families affected by the projects was released in 2017 by Rotich although no land had been acquired.

"At some point, the suspects approached the Kenya Forest Service to allocate them land to construct the dam but no land had been de-gazetted for that purpose," another top detective intimated to the *People Daily*.

The suspected elaborate fraudulent dealings were orchestrated through an Italian contractor, CMC di Ravenna and Itenera also of Italy.

A team of investigators from Kenya who flew to Italy led by Kinoti himself and the Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji is said to have been shocked with revelations that the money had been released for a project that is nowhere on the ground even as the lead financing company has been declared bankrupt.

CMC di Ravenna had acquired a loan but has since been declared bankrupt. This means Kenyan taxpayers will be forced to repay the bank facility sourced on the strength of the contract awarded to the Italian business.

"The money was paid in Italy but withdrawn in London, United Kingdom," another source revealed. Rotich is one of the Cabinet Secretaries under detectives' watch over alleged graft alongside his Tourism and Wildlife and Agriculture counterparts Najib Balala and Mwangi Kiunjuri respectively.

Balala is wanted by the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission for the irregular award of the tender to American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) Kenya in hosting the 2017 Destination Expo Conference in Nairobi at a cost of Sh100 million. Kiunjuri is on the spot over imported substandard fertiliser.

He is accused of contravening the Public Procurement and Disposal Act through influencing the award of the lucrative tender through single sourcing, overpricing and signing contract documents which are supposed to be signed by the Principal Secretary.

On the other hand, Kiunjuri has



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The Arror and Kimwarer dams are under the management of Kerio Valley Development Authority (KVDA).

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been on the watch list since President Uhuru Kenyatta publicly rebuked him over payment of Sh3.5 billion to maize tenderpreneurs at the expense of genuine farmers by the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCBP).

Hundreds of government-funded projects across the country have gobbled up billions of taxpayers' money but remain abandoned.

Last year, the President issued a directive to all ministries and state departments to complete ongoing before embarking on new ones. "There will be no new projects that will be embarked on until you complete those that are ongoing... Even if new projects are aligned to the Big Four they cannot be started without express authority from CS or PS of the National Treasury," Uhuru said in July 2018.

The stalled projects have now caught the eye of Kinoti, who has

National Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich.
PHOTO: FILE

launched investigations into the massive loss of funds in the construction of two hydropower mega-dams.

Last evening, Kinoti disclosed that he has already summoned and recorded statements from various Cabinet and Principal secretaries, who he has labelled 'persons of interest.'

"The first person to be interrogated by our team was National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich. However, we are casting our net wider to unearth this megascandal that I can only compare to Goldenberg," he said. Goldenberg cost the taxpayer Sh68 billion.

At least Sh6.3 billion was allocated to buy land to compensate and about 800 families. The groundbreaking ceremony for the two dams was to take place in September last year.

According to available paper works, the project was to be a joint venture by KVDA, CMC di Ravenna and Itenera of Italy and was to add 60 MW of electricity to the national grid. The projects are among those flagged out as white elephants by Auditor General Edward Ouko in his report.

TSC sacks 29 tutors over sex with pupils

by Irene Githinji
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The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has dismissed at least 29 tutors over professional misconduct.

One of the major reasons for their removal was sexual offences, which the TSC has been condemning, against the backdrop of increased cases of pregnancies in schools.

Thus, the 29 can no longer offer teaching services in any school in the country, public or private. Their dates of removal range between June and November last year.

"In exercise of powers conferred by Section 30 of the TSC Act Chapter 212 of the laws of Kenya, the Commission wishes to notify the public that the persons whose names are specified in the schedule herein have been removed from the register of teachers," read a gazette notice signed by TSC Secretary Nancy Macharia (*pictured*).

A list of the teachers recommended for gazettlement has been attached, with the TSC indicating their TSC number, case number and their date of removal.

The gazette notice indicates that provisions of Sections 23 and 30 of the TSC Act provide that, where the name of any teacher is removed from the register under the Act, such name shall not be reinstated except by direction of the Commission.

Similarly, a teacher whose name has been removed from the register ceases to be a teacher with effect from the date of such removal and should not engage in the teaching service unless registered under the Act.



NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



Police pursue 10 men 'for raping minor' in Bomet

Police in Bomet are pursuing 10 men, who allegedly raped a 13-year-old girl from Kitaima village in Chesoen ward, Bomet East. The girl is receiving treatment at Longisa County Referral Hospital after the alleged gang rape. She had reportedly been sent to a nearby shopping centre by her mother at around 7pm on Saturday evening when the incident occurred. She reported the incident at home and was rushed to hospital where she was admitted for treatment. Bomet sub-county police commander Geoffrey Walumbe yesterday said police were following leads that would help in arresting the culprits, adding that a boda boda rider is helping police with investigations.

- KNA



Kibe election woes persist as former MP files ouster plea

Gatundu North MP Wanjiu Kibe's election woes are far from over after her predecessor Clement Waibara filed a petition at Kiambu High Court yesterday, seeking to have her forced to exit office on grounds that she never resigned as a TNA party member before she was cleared by IEBC to contest for the seat on a Jubilee Party ticket. Waibara also claims Kibe (pictured) was not qualified for election the said position as she was at the time still holding office as a Member of County Assembly in Kiambu county on a TNA ticket. The petition is yet to be allocated hearing dates.

- CLEMENT KAMAU



Residents fear for lives after 'leopard' attacks livestock

Residents of Kairo village in Mathioya, Murang'a, are living in fear after a wild animal, believed to be a leopard, attacked their livestock. The residents claimed the leopard that has been in the area for close to two weeks only comes out at night to attack their animals. Francis Nyamu, a resident whose nine sheep were killed by the animal on Monday night, said daily activities have been paralysed by fear of attacks. Mathioya Assistant County commissioner Jamleck Mbuba urged residents to report to authorities when they spot the animal.

- WANGARI NJUGUNA

PAC vows action on officers 'defying' summons



by Mercy Mwai

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National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has threatened to take action against accounting officers, who fail to appear before it for grilling over audit queries.

The committee chaired by Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi (pictured) told Principal Secretaries to ensure they honour invitations and summons.

Wandayi told the officers that excuses of being engaged in day-to-day work would not be acceptable

as reason enough to postpone grilling.

"All accounting officers must appear before PAC when invited. Being engaged in one's daily work cannot be a valid reason to skip a committee meeting," he said.

Defend budget

The remarks come after State House comptroller Kinuthia Mbugua, who was expected to appear before the committee to defend State House budget, failed to do so on grounds that he was engaged with other duties.

In a letter to the Clerk of the National

Assembly Michael Sialai, Mbugua said he could not be available yesterday owing to his involvement in State House business.

Mbugua was supposed to appear before PAC to shed light on State House expenditure on Auditor General Edward Ouko's report for the year ended June 30, 2016.

Wandayi said the committee has given Mbugua three weeks to appear before the committee. He said MPs would not allow PAC to continue being derailed yet it had planned to write its report within two weeks.

MPs say Health ministry misled President on bill

Lawmakers threaten to review relations with Afya House over 'betrayal that led to rejection of amended law'



Health ministry is not taking us seriously. Maybe they are treating us with contempt - MP

by Hillary Mageka

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The Health ministry was yesterday accused of misadvising President Uhuru Kenyatta to reject a Health Bill passed by Parliament.

National Assembly's Health Committee claimed senior ministry officials clandestinely hoodwinked the Head of State on the bill.

MPs Dan Mule (Matungulu), James Nyikal (Seme), Martin Owino (Ndirhiwa) and Muriuki Njagagua (Mbeere North) blamed Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki and her Principal secretary Peter Tun for allegedly duping Uhuru to dismiss an "important bill" on very flimsy grounds.

Uhuru last week declined to assent to Health Laws Amendment Bill, 2018, and returned it to the National Assembly.

The bill proposes various amendments to 13 Statutes relating to the Health sector.

Legislators now want an expla-

THE 'BETRAYAL'

National Assembly's Health Committee claims senior ministry officials went behind their back to hoodwink the Head of State to reject bill.

The legislators want an explanation from the ministry, terming its actions as betrayal and insincerity of the highest level.

MPs also accuse the ministry of putting Parliament in a warpath with nurses through legislative proposals, which they term unrealistic.

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Ignite strike

Nyikal claimed ministry officials were misusing their position for self gain.

The lawmakers have threatened to impose sanctions on the ministry, including blocking their 2019/20 budgetary allocations.

"I feel this is the highest level of betrayal. It is time we reviewed our relationship with Afya House," said Njagagua.

"We cannot give more functions



Health CAS Rashid Amin when he appeared before National Assembly's Health Committee. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

The MPs have also accused the ministry of putting Parliament on a collision course with nurses through legislative proposals, which they termed unrealistic.

"The Health ministry is not taking us very seriously. Maybe, they are treating us with contempt. Some proposals will only serve to ignite another nurse's strike," said Njagagua.

Among the proposals in the President's Memorandum is the removal of nurses' commodities from the nursing council to the Pharmacy and Poisons board.

Lawmakers held that it was practically impossible for the board to handle the nursing issues as it had "failed miserably in regulating pharmaceutical products".

"It's not true that we treat this committee with contempt. We recognise your role and as such we have only experienced is a variance of opinion," he said.

Uhuru 'eager' to host France's Macron in two-day March visit

by PSCU

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French President Emmanuel Macron will make a two-day State visit to Kenya mid next month.

French Ambassador Aline Kuster-Mengier yesterday confirmed the French President's visit to the country when she paid a courtesy call to President Uhuru Kenyatta at State House, Nairobi.

Uhuru said he is looking forward to hosting Macron, adding that he expects

the visit to break new ground in bilateral relations between Kenya and France.

"Traditionally, Kenya and France enjoy strong bilateral ties and I am pleased that we've continued to deepen the relations. I look forward to the visit by President Macron," said Uhuru.

The proposed rapid transit train service between Nairobi Central Business District (CBD) and Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) is among projects expected to feature prominently in Uhuru and Macron's talks in Nairobi.

State intervenes to quench Kitengela prolonged thirst

by Christine Musa

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The National government will start supplying water to Kitengela town and its environs from Nairobi Water and Sewerage Company, to end residents' thirst.

In a presidential directive, Sh30 million has been set aside to supply the town with fresh, clean water and have eight modern water kiosks set up in a months' time, where a 20-litre jerrycan of fresh water costs Sh50 in the area.

will retail at Sh3.

Speaking when he toured Kitengela to assess the shortage, Water Principal Secretary Joseph Irungu said: "President Uhuru Kenyatta has ordered that water is availed to residents in the shortest time possible."

Irungu said the Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA), which buys water from Nairobi for sale to residents and vendors will cease providing the commodity. A 20-litre jerrycan of fresh water costs Sh50 in the area.

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Sanders

“Powerful interests may have the money, but we have the people. We began the revolution in 2016, and now it’s time to move it forward,”
US Senator Bernie Sanders on plan to run for presidency.



Sakaja

“The youth have been sidelined in awarding of recent and past parastatals jobs, creating frustration among them,” **Young Parliamentarians Association chair Johnson Sakaja.**



Ren

“There’s no way the US can crush us. The world needs Huawei because we are more advanced. They have forced us to improve our products and services,” **Huawei boss Ren Zhengfei on tech row.**



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Editorial

CUE shares blame in bogus courses furore

That this country has made huge steps in education at all levels is factual. Indeed, our founding fathers who prioritised investment in education would be amazed by the magical numbers realised since independence.

It makes a glaring statement of keeping faith in tapping into human resource as key pillar of development. They would in particular be astonished that from the Royal Technical College, then a constituent college of Makerere University and its transformation into the University of Nairobi in the early 70s, Kenya today boasts close to 74 universities—public and private, with over 521,000 students.

From purely quantitative and utilitarian perspectives, we could not have done better. Universities are meant to be citadels of high level of learning and advanced skills acquisition. That they have an element of prestige around them is a factor of their very essence hence the inevitability for scrutiny which explains why they are ranked.

Kenya today is steeped in inexplicable debate regarding the value of courses our universities offer. This argument must be seen together with the exponential expansion of higher education, including double intakes and the introduction of Module Two courses.

While this development should have been driven by funding to cater for infrastructure, faculty capacity and facilitation, these attributes have not been in tandem with the rapid expansion. The expansion is something of dark lining of the silver cloud regarding accessing higher education. So the talk about unapproved courses is essentially a distraction. The questions being skirted around are sustainability and quality of university education as currently structured.

The declaration by the Commission for University Education (CUE) that scores of courses offered and presumably taught are “bogus” is startling. Is CUE not the constitutionally mandated agency to approve every course taught at these institutions? Does its mandate not further stipulate that the agency is supposed to plan, monitor, regulate, provide accreditation and quality assurance?

Where was CUE when universities were offering courses whose graduates are now being condemned? The assurance yesterday that the affected 10,000 students should not panic is hardly reassuring.

It's true that two years ago, CUE clamped down on a number of “shady” institutions. Then there has been controversial rejection of graduates after professional bodies denied them recognition for academic reasons despite graduating. Someone slept on the job!



Kethan Doshi

Fix steel sector to achieve housing target



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Our policies should look to support our capacity to strengthen historically critical sectors

The Big Four agenda pillars on affordable housing and manufacturing are central to realising a high quality of life for Kenyans and reducing poverty. Should the government achieve the two, it would have made significant strides in narrowing the inequality gap and raising the productivity of Kenyans, especially the youth.

With the right policies the two goals are achievable.

The policies would, however, have to focus on the bigger picture and end goal in mind, especially those that affect the crucial elements of bringing the Big Four agenda to fruition. One such element is steel sector, which a central component in both housing and manufacturing.

The strength of the steel sector is used as a paradigm to gauge a country's overall economic status, because it is an indicator of the amount of investments dedicated to infrastructure and, subsequently, an indicator of developmental progress and stability. The raw material used to produce steel has to be imported.

For years, the government has always made it possible for steel producers to access raw materials hence

the growth of that sector.

But recently, the Mombasa port has faced a myriad challenges that have affected the movement of goods, thereby increasing the cost of doing business due to storage and demurrage charges.

For instance, it now costs a minimum of \$8 (Sh800) per tonne for steel raw material in shore handling charges. Additionally, the steel industry pays millions in storage charges due to delays at the port. Other costs, including transport, Railway Development Levy and Import Declaration Fees make the entire process too expensive.

The regulation to reclassify steel raw materials with the same duty rate as finished products in a bid to attract more duty has caused a slow-down in importation and in some cases, authorities have made the decision to disallow entry of raw materials in future.

The challenges have led to general investor frustration and, even worse, are diluting efforts to increase investments in manufacturing and, local content contribution to the affordable housing agenda.

Regionally, Kenya's competitive-

ness in this sector continues to decrease. The country was once a leading provider of steel to neighbouring countries, but this has changed in recent years.

Due to reclassification and increasing taxation on raw materials, exports have become almost untenable and many investors are cutting back on export business.

It is estimated that we are about 12 per cent more uncompetitive than our East African partners in terms of trade. This is an alarming trend that we need to reverse if we are to sustain our position as a top investment destination in the region, not just in steel sector, but all other sectors in the value chain that depend on its competitiveness to thrive. They include, transport, construction and real estate as well as a large cross-section of businesses in the services sector.

Our policies and regulations should look to support our capacity to strengthen historically critical sectors to the economy such as steel, without which many development goals will remain a dream.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose—Lyndon B Johnson



Rose Wakesho

SGR a game changer for tourism, economy

The Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) is game changer. That's one thing Kenyans agree on, although they may not necessarily on what game it will change.

For starters, SGR is the biggest and most expensive infrastructural project Kenya has undertaken since independence. Its phase one, extending from Mombasa-Nairobi was completed in 2017 and is now fully operational with 14 freight and four passenger trains. SGR managed to move 1.3 million passengers in its first year of operation, and the numbers are expected to grow with the completion of Phase 2A covering Nairobi to Naivasha.

One of the obvious beneficiaries of the project will be the tourism industry, with expected growth in overall tourism numbers and domestic tourism in particular.

Why is it a big deal? Tourism is a top contributor to the economy, directly accounting for nearly 10 per cent of the GDP and 3.4 per cent of total employment as of 2017. It is also a top foreign exchange earner alongside diaspora remittances and tea. In 2017, for instance, tourism raked in Sh120 billion from 1.47 million visitors. The earnings were expected to grow by 15 per cent in 2018.

The place of tourism in the national economy is not likely to change soon. Our national parks, beaches and other attraction sites remain popular locally and globally. Despite sporadic security threats, the numbers are expected to increase as

the threat is addressed more robustly and new tourism products developed.

Yet despite the impressive figures, Kenya's share of the annual global tourism market remains negligible, underscoring the need for deeper investment. If we can grow the industry consistently by 50 per cent yearly, the much touted transformation to middle-income economy could become a reality by 2030.

One of the major drawbacks to the industry, apart from occasional insecurity flare-ups, has been limited access to some of Kenya's precious tourism destinations due to poor and inadequate infrastructure. SGR by itself will not fix all of Kenya's transport gaps, but it will create a backbone for the development of roads joining it to areas of high potential. Critically, it will play a big role in navigating some of the most important tourism destinations.

The Kenyan coast has traditionally been the favourite destination for both local and foreign holidaymakers, thanks to its favourable weather, beautiful beaches and rich culture. But that is not the whole story. There are hundreds of places in Kenya with just as much to offer which have not received as much attention because of poor access. The opportunity cost is staggering.

Can SGR be the key that unlocks hitherto neglected tourism destinations? I believe so. The Coast region has experienced a rise in number of travellers

since SGR began operations. Prior to SGR, most people travelled to the Coast by road, a punishing journey sometimes lasting up to 10 hours. Air travel exists but it is costly and only a few can afford it.

Little doubt, SGR has been a boon to Coast tourism. Compared to other modes of transport, it is affordable, comfortable, fast and safe. What of the breathtaking scenery through the countryside! The stretch that traverses Tsavo is a treat to travellers.

Now, let us imagine what SGR can do to tourism beyond the Coast region.

The stretch between Nairobi and Naivasha is a huge tourism opportunity waiting to happen. We start with the Nairobi National Park; then the scenic Ngong Hills before bursting open into the picturesque Great Rift Valley with its unique diversity. The Rift Valley has already attracted a good number of tourists and explorers every year, and now it is being opened up by a convenient, safe and affordable means of transport. One would have to be too pessimistic not to expect a surge in tourism numbers.

We have not even touched the western Kenya tourism circuit, with the famous Lake Victoria, Kakamega Forest and the Rusinga and Mfangano islands. Anyone with interest in the tourism industry, and that should be all of us, would be saying, "Come quickly SGR!"

The writer comments on socio-economic and topical issues.

STREET talk

Parastatal crushing under massive debt

A top parastatal is going through tumultuous times. The corporation has not paid its staff January salary and is reeling under the weight of external debts. The corporation, which is strategically positioned as the public mouthpiece, has been facing a cash crunch attributed to mismanagement.

Staff were paid their December salary in the third week of January yet the board, under the chairmanship of a former MP, meets thrice a week against regulations that stipulate they meet monthly.

Politician dupes man, goes underground

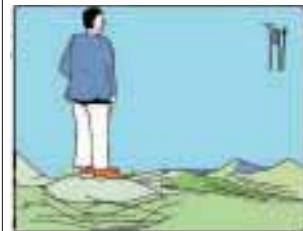
A former Dagoretti parliamentary seat aspirant is on the spot for allegedly defrauding a jobseeker. The politician is said to have asked the jobless Kenyan for a hefty amount in exchange for a parastatal job advertised in the media. The jobseeker realised he had been conned when he was not shortlisted. The politician has gone underground.

Aspirant thumps way into boxing body helm

A candidate seeking the chairman position in the forthcoming Boxing Association of Kenya elections has been accused of bending rules to his advantage. The youthful aspirant is said to have organised phony branch elections across the country, in a move that gives him undue advantage over other aspirants.

MCA traps colleagues to attend harambee

A female MCA earned herself the wrath of colleagues after she lured them into attending a harambee they had not planned for. Our mole intimates the leader had hyped the event to colleagues and a few MPs as a party where food and drinks would flow freely. But that is not what they got on arrival as the function was a fundraiser for a church!



TRUTH IS: It's good to have questions, but it's even better to search for God's answers.

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SGR will the key that unlocks hitherto neglected tourism destinations



Shadrack Agaki

BBI taskforce has barely scratched the surface

Actions speak louder than words, an old adage goes. Establishing wonderful values and principles but never acting on them remains a major challenge globally.

A case in point is Kenyan 2010 Constitution, which entrenches human dignity, equity and social justice, inclusivity, good governance, integrity, transparency and accountability. But nearly nine years after the promulgation of the progressive document, the country is still bedevilled by numerous challenges, the most conspicuous being corruption.

The phenomenon is not unique to Kenya. Most African nations and other developing countries face the same predicament where national values and principles are of less significance, if any.

For developed economies such as the United States the story is different. Former US leader Woodrow Wilson observed, unless established values and principles are adhered to by those in government and private sector, the system would fail. The stance has seen US civil servants to maintain high level of accountability.

When Lee Kuan Yew took office as Singapore prime minister in 1959, he com-

mitted to transform the country to a developed status. In his book *From Third World to First* he says: "We were sickened by great corruption and decadence of many Asian leaders." Leading by example, Lee won the fight over corruption through the establishment of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau. Lee is credited with establishing a climate of opinion that looked at corruption in public office as a threat to the Singapore society.

However, a keen study of the case of Singapore reveals an interesting phenomenon—hunmaness. Lee worked closely with trusted people and technocrats to rid Singapore of corruption, developing inclusive institutions.

In contrast, in Kenyan history, you will observe a different trend after independence. Most African leaders failed to imagine a new form of leadership, hence emulating ineffective colonialist system that was designed to exploit and extract.

Consequently, administration structures and leadership model adopted in the country sowed seeds of discord and hatred among different tribes.

Luckily, thanks to the magnanimity of

President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga, Kenya is ready to start a new journey guided by Building Bridges Initiative (BBI). The initiative calls for the involvement of all, thus we must demand more transparency from the BBI taskforce.

In this digital era, one would expect an initiative like BBI, with its enormous responsibility, to have a website to ensure proposals and information shared is accessible for the public scrutiny. Unfortunately, the taskforce has no online presence.

A bigger challenge should be pushed to the media to ensure Kenyans are aware of ongoing public hearings across the country. Is it possible for such hearings be given live coverages?

In addition, let place of the youth be well pronounced within the BBI. I would propose that the taskforce takes the debate to universities and other institutions of higher learning. Ideally, the taskforce should complement the public hearing with an online conversation. This way, Kenyans of all walks of life can expound on the values and principles they hold dear.

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#Tweets to the editor

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KOT rallied behind a father who was charged for attempting to smuggle his new-born baby from KNH over a Sh56,000 bill.

@MwenekabuJames: Sad situation. And we claim we are headed to a universal healthcare?

What a joke! Real father's love.

@Kvaati: A dad wanted to smuggle a baby out of KNH because he couldn't meet the bill. A woman carried a dead baby from Mbagathi to City Mortuary. Beyond Zero Marathon organizers

want you to run in this scorching sun for what again?

@fnoluga: So a dad will be convicted for trying to smuggle a baby out of KNH because he could not afford Kshs 56,000. But we will still go about our busi-

ness as a country and clap for our politicians when they read their 'Maternity is Free' speeches. Bewitched country.

@MahingeAntony: He is just one among many who are still held in the hospital wards.

Shock as varsity don found dead in Eldoret

by Winstone Chiseremi

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A sombre mood has engulfed University of Eldoret (UoE) after a senior lecturer was found dead near Elgon View estate in the outskirts of Eldoret town.

The body of Prof Chrispus Ndiema, of mechanical engineering department, had bruises on his head when the scene of crime police officers found it opposite a tarmac road that leads to a resort in the affluent estate.

However, yesterday police dismissed claims he was waylaid and killed by an armed gang.

Uasin Gishu County Police Commander Augustine Nthumbi termed as untrue reports that the

deceased was attacked and killed by a gang as he was heading to his house on foot situated a few metres from where his body was found.

Investigations

Nthumbi said when the scene of crime officers arrived at the scene; there was no sign of struggle.

According to Nthumbi, Ndiema, who was due to retire next year, might have fallen down and got injured on his head after having some drinks at a nearby bar.

He, however, said police have launched investigations into the matter. The body was moved to Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital mortuary.



It is not true that the university don was killed by an armed gang -Nthumbi

Building of Kitui TTC to start soon

Construction of first technical training college in Kitui county as promised by President Uhuru Kenyatta will kick off soon and be completed in two years. The college, to be situated in Zombe will be the first e-learning institution to serve students from lower eastern region, said area MP Nimrod Mbai when he toured the site yesterday. The President promised to establish the institution during his campaign tour of the area in 2017. The Kitui East legislator said the National government has allocated Sh60 million while the National Government Constituency Development Fund (NG-CDF) gave an additional Sh10 million. He said the college will have a capacity of 2,500 students and will offer various courses.

- CHARLES MUASYA

NTSA revokes truck driver's licence for careless driving

by George Kebaso

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The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) has cancelled the licence of a truck driver Abdulle Ali Mohamed for careless driving.

Mohamed, a driver at Multi Energy Limited is accused of driving on the wrong lane while ferrying gas from Kisumu to Nakuru thereby ramming an oncoming matatu killing eight passengers on the spot at Chepsir area in Nakuru last Friday.

NTSA director general Francis Meja (pictured) yesterday ordered the Regional Police Commanders to invoke Section 40 of the Traffic Act and recommend revocation of



driving licences of drivers found driving in a dangerous or reckless manner.

The revocation of the licence follows the outcome of preliminary investigations into the cause of the crash which indicated that the driver was descending in the climbing lane towards oncoming traffic without due care.

Involve residents in new projects, Ruto to donors

Deputy President says public participation no longer a luxury but a necessity as enshrined in the Constitution

MORE ABOUT NEDI

The multi-million-shilling North and North Eastern Development Initiative (Nedi) was launched in Garissa last year.

The programme will see 10 counties in Arid and Semi-Arid benefit from World Bank funding.

Under the banner NEDI that will cover Mandera, Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Marsabit, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir and West Pokot, the counties will receive funding to support off-grid solar access for the underserved counties, climate-smart agriculture, water, and sanitation development.



DP William Ruto (right) with Garissa Governor Ali Korane (left) and his Marsabit counterpart Mohamud Mohamed Ali (centre) during a meeting with stakeholders of the North and North Eastern Development Initiative in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: DPPS

Energy, Livestock, Water, Transport, Devolution, Education and Housing were also present.

Ruto said community engagement strategies must involve key stakeholders in the planning and implementation of infrastructure, water among other development projects in their communities.

He also said public participation also helps initiate projects that have value chain and sustainability.

The Deputy President asked the Treasury to ensure that the money that World Bank has allocated for projects are used within the stipulated timeframe.

Helene Garrison Rex, the programme leader for Nedi urged those responsible for the implementation of the projects to ensure the funds were released and used within the stipulated period.

Governors Roba and Mahamud said Isiolo-Moyale road had opened up trade and investments in the region previously shunned because of poor transport infrastructure.

All set for devolution conference

by Githinji Mwangi

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Kirinyaga county is ready to host the devolution conference slated for March 4 to 8, County Commissioner Sam Ojwang has said.

According to the county boss, all systems have been activated with security being given serious attention.

Addressing the press at his office yesterday, he assured adequate security will be deployed in and outside the conference ground to thwart any breach of security adding that in collaboration with the county government, they are meeting daily to ensure everything moves according to plan.

More than 6,000 local and international delegates will attend the conference.

Ojwang said the National government is erecting street lights in all major roads and expanding the busy Sagana-Kagio-Kutus-Samson-Corner highway for free flow of traffic during the conference.

Mau case adjourned to June

by Roy Lumbe

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More than 500 families living in the Eastern Mau will wait longer to know their fate in the ongoing Mau evictions after the hearing of their case was pushed to June 10.

Presiding judge Justice Sila Munyao gave the orders on Monday when parties appeared before a three-judge bench also comprising justices Mohammed Kullow and George Ongondo who were appointed by Chief Justice David Maraga to hear the matter.

Justice Munyao directed the petitioners to advertise their petition in newspapers to inform locals who may face evictions but are unaware of the case.

Projects should be owned and appreciated by the people -Roba

by DPPS

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Deputy President William Ruto has asked donors and government officers to involve communities in the implementation of development projects.

He said projects under the North and North Eastern Development Initiative (Nedi) require input from the leaders and residents.

The counties under Nedi include Mandera, Garissa, Isiolo, Lamu, Marsabit, Samburu, Tana River, Turkana, Wajir and West Pokot.

Addressing Nedi stakeholders and partners at his Karen office, Nairobi yesterday, Ruto said public participation was no longer a luxury but a necessity as enshrined in the Constitution.

National Assembly Majority

Leader Adan Duale, Governors Ali Roba (Mandera), Ali Korane (Garissa), Josephat Nanok (Turkana) Hassan Abdi (Wajir), John Lonyangapuo (West Pokot) and Mohamud Mohamed Ali (Marsabit) and 25 MPs from the Nedi counties attended the forum.

Principal secretaries and other top senior government officials from the ministries of Treasury,

yet they have been advocating otherwise. Let them know that most citizens and grassroots leaders are not with them," said Miatu. The duo warned those out to undermine Ruto that they will be surprised by turn of events in 2022.

They said even if the Constitution is changed, Ruto should be supported to get the most powerful position, adding that most citizens were not happy with plans to sideline Ruto.

Most citizens are not happy -Miatu

Lobby to drum up support for DP 2022 bid

by Paul Wanjiru

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Some leaders in Nyeri county have formed a group to advocate for the election of Deputy President as the next Head of State.

Under the auspices of "The Kenya We Want", they have urged President Uhuru Kenyatta to honour his pledge of supporting Ruto when his term ends in 2022.

Led by former Nyeri mayor George Miatu and Muslim community leader Uledi Madjid, they accused some elected leaders of rubbishing an accord reached between the President and his deputy before they formed the government in 2013.

"We have been looking at the political situation in the country and wondering what are our leaders up to. They all know what the President has been saying about leadership after he exits the stage and

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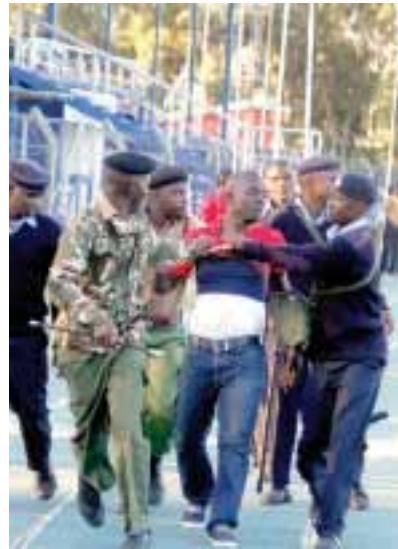
SILVERLINE MOTORS





AFC Leopards, like every football team, hate to lose. So when they lost to Ulinzi in a league match in Machakos on Sunday, all hell broke loose. In the ensuing chaos, Machakos Officer Commanding Police Station (OCS) Gelfas Okoth stopped a flying post-match missile with the back of his head.

PHOTOS: PHILLIP KAMAKYA



Big mistake. Causing chaos during a match is bad enough. Injuring an officer of the law during the rampage, and a senior officer at that, is to call for big trouble as this fan found out when police officers caught up with him.



This unfortunate fan will also probably pay for the sins of many other rowdy fans who managed to escape arrest after the beautiful game turned into an ugly, free-for-all stone-throwing contest.

Raila calls for probe into man's death

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Opposition leader Raila Odinga has asked the Independent Police Oversight Authority (Ipoa) to probe the death of 38-year-old Samuel Odhiambo who died under the custody of police.

Raila asked Ipoa to unravel the mystery surrounding the death of Odhiambo who died while being taken to court where he was facing defilement charges.

"I am shocked to learn that Odhiambo, who was being escorted to court, is dead and yet the police cannot prove that the deceased jumped out of the moving vehicle. Only a proper probe will reveal the cause of death of the suspect," said Raila.

The former premier made remarks a few days after the deceased's family camped at Usenge Police Station demanding an explanation on the circumstances that led to his death.

Odhiambo, from Goma village in Central Limuru location, was detained at the station on February 6 and died on February 11 at Bondo sub-county hospital where he had been taken by police for treatment.

The police said Odhiambo was injured after he jumped off a moving police vehicle while being taken to Bondo law courts.

According to police records, Odhiambo was arrested for the alleged raping of a neighbour.

His brother Charles Otieno who talked to him on Monday, said he was taken to court by two uniformed officers.

"He called me using a phone that he borrowed from a man in the cell at 5am saying they were being taken to court," Otieno said.

Joho, Kingi plot new paths ahead of 2022

Emerging supremacy wars between the two governors could split Coast region's vote in next elections

You cannot wake up one day and say you want to become president—
Mwabozza

by Harrison Kivisu and David Shariff
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Recent political developments at the Coast paint a picture of a region plotting to chart a new political path.

The formation of a new Coast-based political party, dubbed Umoja Summit Party of Kenya (USP), is seen as part of the region's preparations to make a mark in the next election.

The party was founded by former Kenya Airports Authority Deputy boss Naomi Cidi but observers say some powerful forces could be pulling the strings.

USP interim chairman Matano Chengo says they intend to woo political heavyweights in the region, including Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho and his Kilifi counterpart Amason Kingi, to join the nascent party.

Presidential ambitions

Joho and Kingi, who will both exit the governor's seat in 2022 after serving their second terms, have already declared interest in the presidency.

While both governors were elected on an ODM ticket, Kingi now appears to gravitate towards Deputy President William Ruto's camp. Joho's support for party leader Raila Odinga is, however, intact.



Mombasa Governor Hassan Joho. PHOTO: FILE



Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi. PHOTO: FILE

JOHO-KINGI SPLIT

Joho still backs ODM leader Raila Odinga while Kingi has been drawing closer to Deputy President William Ruto.

Joho has also proposed formation of a three-tier government and an expanded Executive but Kingi prefers a fully fledged federal system.

This has caused a supremacy battle between the erstwhile allies that could divide the Coast in the 2022 General Election.

Besides the Raila-Ruto split, Joho and Kingi hold differing views on the constitution review debate, particularly on the issue of system of government.

While Joho has proposed formation of a three-tier government, Kingi prefers a fully fledged federal system.

Joho also wants an Executive with a president, a deputy, a prime minister and two deputy prime ministers. Some have interpreted the proposal as a "clever" way of

NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



Troubled Ekeza sacco gets licence back after review

The government has reinstated the licence of troubled Ekeza sacco, a year after it was revoked. Commissioner for Co-operative Development Mary Mungai cancelled the Sacco's licence in March 2018. The revocation was necessitated by findings of an investigation that revealed Ekeza had failed to meet its members' expectations. The directive also saw appointment of two liquidators to oversee the process. A year later, the commission under section 93A(d) of the Co-operative Societies Act says the Sacco can conduct its mandate after thorough reviews.

Welcoming the reinstatement, Sacco chairman Karuki Ngari, alias Gakuyo, (pictured) said he was ready to pay back all the money owed to members.

—MATTHEW NDUNG'U

Leaders demand Sh100 million for hospital upgrade

Nyamira county leaders have asked the national government to release Sh100 million pledged for the expansion of Keroka sub-county hospital. Last year, President Uhuru Kenyatta said the facility would be upgraded to Level Five hospital. He said the government would meet the cost. Deputy William Ruto later visited the facility and pledged Sh100 million towards construction of wards and installing of state-of-the-art diagnostic machines. But eight months later, the money is yet to be released, according to Nyamira Governor John Nyagarama.

—EVANS NYAKUNDI

Taveta locals access homes via Tanzania

Ingenious matatu sacco establishes route out of Kenya, into neighbouring country and back in bid to evade horrible roads

by Manuel Ntoyer
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For most Kenyans, going home away from city chaos brings unmatched pacifying feeling. However, for residents of Taveta, going home is tangled with a feeling of nostalgia and the headache of passing through a neighbouring country, Tanzania.

Ordinarily, Taveta residents would use Mombasa Road, branch right at Voi and head home through Wundanyi, or through Mwatate and finally to Taveta town.

But there is a problem. Once you leave the soothing tarmac of Mombasa Road, all hell breaks loose. Going to Taveta through Rombo, Njukini and Chala road is a nightmare.

Navigating around craters and massive gullies amid clouds of dust requires both patience and courage. Local transport is mainly the hardy albeit infamous Toyota Probox and Sientas, but even them are few.

There is only one bus on the route and it is usually loaded with luggage by traders. The slightest drizzle turns the dust into gummy muck and gullies into raging rivers.

Then, commuters will spend more than 10 hours on a journey that is supposed to take less than four. Cases of students not getting to schools on time during opening days and losses by traders because of the lost hours on the bumpy transit are the norm.

But when all hope seemed lost,

Naekana happened. The sacco that services Kajiado, Emali and now Taveta residents from Nairobi introduced a route that bypasses the grueling inter-roads by crossing an international border then back.

"The journey through Voi was long for those seeking services in the capital, it was a nightmare travelling especially during the rainy season as the roads became impassable," says Juma Mwashigadi, a businessman at Taveta town.

Last year, the sacco started servicing the area through the Loitokitok-Tarakea border point. The journey starts at the Naekana stage, near OTC, downtown Nairobi. After three-and-a-half hours or less depending on the business on the road, passengers will present their national Identity cards at the border and they will be allowed to pass. The sacco management makes the necessary arrangements to make exercise as seamless as possible.

And just like in many other things, driving through Tanzania is an experience to shock many Kenyan drivers. Here, the laws actually work and the maximum speed limits are obeyed to the letter. Breaking a traffic rule could earn one an instant fine, court date or both.

Observe rules

"When we get to the border point, we have to be careful with the speed, because getting arrested in TZ is no joke," says John Mwago, a driver with Naekana.

"I think we only need to copy this trend to make our roads safer," he adds.

The winding roads between Mwika and Himo towns will remind you of Meru and the banana-carrying women and boda boda (locally known as bajaji) between Mamsera and



THE PROBLEM

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Ungwasi will remind you of the banana-rich Kisii region.

As you approach Holili town, which also serves as the border point between Taveta and Tanzania, you will notice an element of "Kenyanness", in the way they dress, the business and the accent. The process is similar to the one at the Tarakea border and in less than 20 minutes; one has crossed the border, alighted from the matatu and headed home.

For those who miss the Naekana-Taveta matatu, the alternative is boarding one from Nairobi to Loitokitok for Sh600, and then taking a boda boda to Tarakea town for another Sh50. While there, one is advised to change the local currency to TZ shillings, with the current exchange rate at the border being Tsh22 for every Kenyan shilling. With Sh500, one can pay the fare to Himo Tsh4,000 (Ksh200) and if you have time, you can go all the way to Moshi for shopping at Tsh4500 (Ksh250).

Despite strict speed observance, however, Tanzania is yet to regulate the number of passengers a *dala dala* (matatu) can carry.

The main requirement for boda boda is that the passenger alights

Despite numerous State promises to fix Rombo-Taveta road from Loitokitok to Taveta, the state remains pathetic. Subsequently, Taveta residents from Nairobi opt to go through Tanzania to get home in one piece. PHOTOS: MANUEL NToyer



and the rider pushes it across the border point. Occasionally, the immigration officers and hawk-eyed police officers might request one to show their ID cards.

For Taveta residents, weekends offer the opportunity to mingle with Tanzanians and source cheaper fuel and beverages.

Kenyans are also known for their love of kitimoti (pork), makongoro (cow foot), ndizi rosti (roasted bananas) and chips mayai. While at the border, they will down bottles (or crates) of beers and for the ladies, Dompo wine does the trick. While a beer in TZ goes for Sh75, in Kenya, a bottle goes for Sh170.

"I was posted to Taveta as a civil servant and at first, I thought it was to punish me. The road network was crazy and visiting Nairobi could only be done under special circumstances," says Barack Omondi who resides

at Taveta town.

"But now, with the road tar-macked from TZ, side, within six hours one can be in Nairobi instead of the 10 hours or more we used to endure going through Voi," he adds.

For local businessmen, the situation is worse. Most lorries and pickups have to use the longer route and this means more cost of production and time on the road.

Mildred Akiinyi, a sardines (omena) trader at the Taveta market has seen it all. During the rainy season, her omena takes more than two days to reach the market from Nairobi.

"For us businesspeople, we don't have the luxury of using Naekana because they only carry passengers. When it rains, some parts are impassable and the Loitokitok - Njukini alternative is equally impassable," she says.

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Award-winning books will immortalise Dr Mungoshi

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The best part of being a writer or an artist is that when you die, your life's work lives beyond you. That means writers can rightfully be referred to in the present tense.

In the same way, internationally celebrated Zimbabwean writer, Dr Charles Lovemore Mungoshi, who died last Saturday at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare, where he had been admitted for a week, will have his books read even when his soul has already departed for the afterlife.

Mungoshi died at the age of 71,

after a battle with a neurological condition for 10 years, according to family. Soon after news of his death, people of all walks of life went to social media to express their condolences.

Mungoshi is survived by 18 books, his wife Jejesi and five children - Farai, Graham, Nyasha, Charles and Tsitsi; and seven grandchildren. Mungoshi was born and raised in a village near Chivhu in Manyene on December 2, 1947.

After leaving school, he worked with the Forestry Commission before joining Textbook Sales. From 1975 to 1981, he worked at

the Literature Bureau as an editor and at Zimbabwe Publishing House for the next five years. In 1985-87, Mungoshi was Writer in Residence at the University of Zimbabwe, and since then he has worked as a freelance writer, script writer and editor.

His 18 works include novels, plays, poetry and short story collections in English and his native Shona language. Dr Mungoshi's collection of children's stories, *Stories from a Shona Childhood*, published by Baobab Books in 1989, bagged the Noma Award; he would later win the award three more times.

His other children's collection of short stories is *One Day Long Ago*, also published by Baobab Books in 1991.

A flexible writer, Dr Mungoshi was also a poet with one published collection; *The Milkman Doesn't Only Deliver Milk*, published by Baobab Books in 1998.

He has won the Commonwealth Writers Prize (Africa region) twice, in 1988 and 1998, for two collections of short stories: *The Setting Sun* and the *Rolling World*, published by Heinemann in 1987 and *Walking Still*, published by Baobab Books in 1997.



Spanish ex-PM to testify in Catalan separatists' trial

■ Madrid, Tuesday

Spain's former prime minister Mariano Rajoy, who was in power when Catalonia's executive tried to secede in 2017, will testify in the high-profile trial of separatist leaders on February 26, the Supreme Court said Tuesday.

In a statement, the court said other witnesses who will testify next week include Catalonia's former president Artur Mas and Spain's former deputy prime minister Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría.

That prompted Rajoy's government to sack the Catalan executive, dissolve the regional parliament, impose direct rule on the semi-autonomous region and call snap local elections.

Flee country

Several days later, Catalonia's then leader Carles Puigdemont fled Spain for Belgium along with several other colleagues.

As such, the main defendant in the trial is Oriol Junqueras, Puigdemont's then deputy, as Spain does not judge people in absentia for major offences.

Accused of rebellion and misuse of

public funds, Junqueras faces up to 25 years in jail.

On Tuesday, former regional government spokesman Jordi Turull took the stand, defending his acts and that of his colleagues.

"It's totally normally to try and do what you promised to citizens of Catalonia in a peaceful and democratic manner," he told the seven judges at the Supreme Court.

The independence bid sparked Spain's deepest political crisis since the transition to democracy in the 1970s after the death of dictator Francisco Franco.

-AFP



Spain's former prime minister Mariano Rajoy. PHOTO: AGENCY



Pakistan now warns India against raids

■ Islamabad, Tuesday

Pakistan has warned it will retaliate if India takes military action against it after a militant attack on Indian forces in Indian-administered Kashmir.

Prime Minister Imran Khan (*pictured*) went on television to call on India to provide evidence to support claims Pakistan was involved.

More than 40 members of India's security forces died in Thursday's suicide bombing on their convoy.

Pakistan-based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad said it was behind it. The attack has raised tensions between India and Pakistan, which have fought two wars and a limited conflict in the region and are both nuclear powers.

In his first comments addressing the attack, he said India should "stop blaming Pakistan without any proof or evidence" and urged Indian authorities to share any proof they might have about Pakistani involvement.

"If you think that you will launch any kind of attack on Pakistan, Pakistan will not just think about retaliation, Pakistan will retaliate," he said, adding that only dialogue could help solve issues in Kashmir.

We're suing President Trump to stop him from unilaterally robbing taxpayer funds -Becerra

Sixteen US states sue Trump over border wall

Petitioners argue president does not have the power to divert funds approved by Congress to pay for his project

■ San Francisco, Tuesday

A coalition of 16 US states led by California is suing President Donald Trump's administration over his decision to declare an emergency to raise funds for a Mexican border wall.

Trump made the declaration on Friday to bypass Congress after it refused to approve \$5.7 billion (Sh570 billion) for the wall.

The states say they want to block his "misuse of presidential power".

The Democrats oppose funding Trump's barrier, a key campaign pledge, and have vowed to contest his plan.

Declare emergency

Trump said he had not needed to declare the emergency but had done so in the hope of obtaining the funds for the wall more quickly. Analysts say these comments could undermine his legal arguments.

The lawsuit filed on Monday seeks to stop Trump acting on his emergency declaration to build the wall, saying the president does not have the power to divert funds approved by Congress to pay for his project.

It says Trump's decision is "unconstitutional and unlawful" and that "by the president's own admis-



EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Critics, however, have accused the government of manufacturing a crisis, saying the president's assertions about the situation are untrue.

Experts say the largest number of illegal migrants settling in the US each year is those who stay in the country after their visas expire.

sion" an emergency declaration is not necessary.

"We're suing President Trump to stop him from unilaterally robbing taxpayer funds lawfully set aside by Congress for the people of our states. For most of us, the office of the presidency is not a place for theatre," California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said.

Joining California in the lawsuit were Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Virginia and Michigan.

The states—all of them but Maryland governed by Democrats—say the lawsuit aims to protect their residents, natural resources and economic interests.

They argue that Trump's order to divert funds would cost them millions of dollars. The White House has not commented on the lawsuit, filed in the court for the Northern District of California.

-BBC

Tanzania convicts 'ivory queen'

■ Dar es Salaam, Tuesday

A Tanzanian court on Tuesday convicted a Chinese woman dubbed the "Ivory Queen" for her role in trafficking tusks from more than 400 elephants.

Yang Fenlan, 69, was convicted in Dar es Salaam of trafficking 860 tusks between 2000 and 2014, a haul representing the slaughter of dozens of herds of elephants.

Two Tanzanian men were also found guilty for their role in the illegal commerce.

Case proved

"The prosecution proved the case against the accused beyond a reasonable doubt," Judge Huruma Shaidi told the court.

The sentences are yet to be announced, but Fenlan faces up to 30 years in prison. Wildlife campaigners have called it one of the most important cases for several years. Fenlan, who has lived in the East African nation since the 1970s, was convicted of organising a smuggling ring between Tanzania and Asia.

Juncker, May set for talks today

■ Brussels, Tuesday

The president of the EU Commission Jean-Claude Juncker will host British Prime Minister Theresa May on Wednesday for talks on the Brexit crisis.

Juncker's spokesman Margaritis Schinas told reporters that the pair would meet at the European Union's headquarters.

The news came a day after UK minister for Brexit talks Stephen Barclay and Attorney General Geoffrey Cox met EU negotiator Michel Barnier. Barclay's office said they had "held a productive meeting on resolving the outstanding issue of the backstop."

The backstop is a clause in the withdrawal arrangement that keeps Britain in the EU customs union until a way is found to ensure there is no return to a hard border between Northern Ireland and Ireland.

-AFP



Museveni son gets top army rank

■ Kampala, Tuesday

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has promoted his son to the rank of lieutenant general—the second highest position in the army.

Lt-Gen Kainerugaba Muhozi (*pictured*) is considered a likely successor to 74-year-old President Museveni, but denies any immediate

plans to enter politics.

In the last six years, Lt Gen Muhozi has been promoted three times and now sits one rank below President Museveni, who is a general.

Although he has served as Commander of Uganda's Special Forces, his critics have questioned whether his promotions match his military experience. Since 2017, he has served as presidential adviser for special operations,

which is seen as a civilian position.

Several other officers who have worked closely with Lt Gen Muhozi have also been promoted. In total, more than 2,000 soldiers were promoted.

Much of the army's old guard who helped President Museveni come to power following a five-year rebellion have either retired or are preparing to do so soon.

-BBC

Business Hub

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Kenya starts search for Turkana oil refining firm

Energy ministry say 18 companies angle for the deal as Early Oil Export Scheme goes full throttle mid this year

by Fred Aminga

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Kenya is set to meet 18 prospective crude oil buyers next week setting the stage for selection of firms expected to refine the country's black gold.

The forum, which takes place during the International Petroleum (IP) week hosted by the Energy Institute in London, will entail discussions leading to picking the best deal for Kenya after giving out specifications of her crude oil to the refining companies.

Yesterday, Petroleum Principal secretary Andrew Kamau said after the meeting, stakeholders of the Project Oil Kenya will seal the best deal.

Best deal

"That is why we have sent brochures out there about our oil and we shall meet the refineries next week. After that, based on the best deal, we will be able to know who we shall work with," said Andrew Kamau, adding that this can happen as early as

REFINERY VIABILITY

Commercial oil deposits in 2012 in Lokichar basin, Turkana, which Tullow Oil estimates contains an estimated 560 million barrels in proven and probable reserves. Tullow has said this would translate to 60,000 to 100,000 barrels per day of gross production.

Kenya previously had a crude oil refinery in Mombasa but halted operations in 2013 after plans for a \$1.2 billion (Sh122 billion) upgrade were abandoned on the advice of consultants who said it was not economically viable.

It is estimated that a refinery would make money only when it has refining capacity of at least 400,000 barrels a day.

2,000
Amount of barrels
that Tullow Oil plans to transport daily to Mombasa by May.

the first week of March.

Kenya has been transporting crude oil from Lokichar where it was stored two years ago to Mombasa as part of the early oil pilot scheme (EOPS) after



From left, Tullow Oil communications director Antony Mwangi with general manager Africa Oil Donald Mahaga, Petroleum Principal secretary Andrew Kamau and Total E&P International country manager Purity Karau during a briefing on the Kenya Oil Project progress in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

which it will be shipped to the refinery that meets the project's expectations.

Close to 80,000 barrels of oil have been transported by road to Mombasa in readiness for the EOPS shipments.

Tullow Oil Kenya Managing Director Martin Mbogo said additional trucks have been brought on board as they ramp up the EOPS towards 2,000 barrels of oil per day.

He said by April 1,000 barrels of oil will be transported per day with plans to hit 2,000 mark daily by May.

Full scale exports

"By 15th next month, all the oil stored in Turkana would have been evacuated to Mombasa. Thereafter we shall start pumping more oil from the wells to reach the expected threshold for export. We shall be ready to export the EOPS by mid of the year," he said.

Going by current estimates the Kenyan Oil Project — whose stakeholders include Total, Africa Oil, Tullow — it is expected that the government

could pump up to \$1.5 billion (Sh150 billion) per year to the gross domestic product (GDP) once the country starts full-scale exports.

Mbogo said that while it is not possible to predict the break-even price but the project's viability is not out in question. However, it is estimated that at \$50 per barrel the price will be a descent price for break-even.

There are also ongoing activities which include environmental social impact assessment (ESIA) and Front End Engineering Works and front end engineering designs (FEED) which will fast track flow of crude oil from Lokichar to Mombasa.

An open competitive tendering is about to be floated for the upstream and the midstream preparations which are expected to make crude ready for export by 2022 when Kenya is expected to join the oil exporting nations club.

Mbogo observed that after the construction of a pipeline starting 2022, commercial production would take off that would see up to 80,000 barrels pumped out per day.

MPs demand names of KQ plane leasees

by Anthony Mwangi

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A parliamentary committee heard yesterday that the national carrier Kenya Airways (KQ) only owns three aircraft out of a fleet of 38.

The Public Investments Committee (PIC) heard that the rest of the aircraft were leased from private entities which remain faceless.

"The leasing of the aircrafts, which has remained a top secret, is illegal by all means. Kenyans need to know who owns the airplanes," said Nandi Hills Member of Parliament Alfred Keter who raised the matter before the committee chaired by Mvita MP Abdulsamad Nassir.

Monies owed

Asked to explain the working relationship between the national carrier and the authority, Anderson told members that KQ owes the authority Sh3.8 billion as at December 2018.

The authority, he said, earns Sh7

Sh3.8b
Amount Kenya
Airways owes Kenya
Airports Authority as at
December 2018.

billion annually from JKIA which accounts for 80 per cent of its total annual revenue.

"We are not by-standers in the proposal that came from KQ on the intended merger. We need to process it in a proper manner. We need facts on the table before we make a decision," said Andersen.

The KAA board, Andersen said, had considered the proposal to cede the airport to KQ and directed the management to take up the matter.

"KPMG, which is part of our transaction advisors, is highlighting a lot of gaps in the proposal and is recommending that we take care of the gaps in the negotiation criteria," he added.

He further said KQ sent the proposal on October 3, last year to KAA after the Cabinet in late May 2018 approved a decision for KAA and KQ to work jointly to optimise JKIA.

"Based on the Cabinet memo, we asked Treasury for guidance on what to do with the proposal we got from KQ and they asked us to consider it," said Andersen.

Briefing



Safaricom launches Sh250m promotions

REWARDS: More than five million Safaricom customers across the country will win more than Sh250 million in prizes in a 10-week Shukurani KochoKocho promotion. In addition, more than 100 Safaricom customers will walk away with Sh1 million cash prize each. While launching the promotion at a Thika hotel, the company's chief customer officer Sylvia Mulinge (pictured) said that random selection mechanism will be used to identify winners in the wake of complaints from customers who garner more points but have never been lucky to win in any of their promotions. Mulinge said the company will hold open draws live on television. "To participate in the promotion, customers will earn 10 entries for every Sh20 top-up and one entry for every Sh 20 transacted on M-Pesa," said Mulinge.

—MATHEW NDUNG'U

HR shifts to digital tools to source talent

MANPOWER: There is an ongoing shift in the recruiting paradigm with firms ditching reliance on traditional recruiting methods to find talent. Firms are investing time and money in new technologies and processes to achieve integration of digital technology into all areas of their businesses. According to a report titled KPMG 2019 'Future of HR Survey', human resource practitioners have undertaken significant digital transformations with regards to talent management. By using social media to source talent, investing in candidate shortlisting software, using electronic performance management systems and employee self-service modules, an effective talent management approach to staff management is inevitable.

—MUTWIRI MURIITHI

Cytonn set to construct high-end units in Karen

REAL ESTATE: Cytonn real estate has unveiled a 10-acre Applewood development in Karen, Nairobi at the cost Sh2.5 billion. The Applewood development offers a great opportunity for homeowners looking for a serene and luxurious place to live as well as delivering attractive returns to investors. Each unit, which comprises five bedrooms, sits on a half-acre piece of land. The need to live in a serene and quiet environment inspired the project. The project has two architectural styles - the classic and contemporary. The development has expansive gardens, optional swimming pools, a clubhouse, gym and backup generator. It has 24-hour surveillance with a centrally controlled gate and a high perimeter wall.

—ZACHARY OCHUODHO

Gaps in law make saccos fertile ground for pilferage

Savings and credit cooperative societies are losing Sh500 million every year to fraudsters

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Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) are still grappling with a myriad of challenges including embezzlement, theft and pilferage, which has seen the movement lose more than Sh500 million every year.

Due to lack of interest by members on how saccos are run and the underlying principles behind their existence, cases of embezzlement, theft and pilferage are on the rise.

An existing lacuna in the Saccos Society and Cooperative Acts are some of the loopholes fraudsters are using to steal members' hard-earned money.

The absence of a unified authority to register, license, monitor and provide regulatory frameworks instead of leaving some saccos to operate under Cooperatives Act while others exist under Sacco Societies Regulatory Authority (Sasra) is also compounding the issue.

Swindling members

Analysts estimate that saccos lose approximately Sh500 million every year. The losses are attributable to the absence of good governance, lack of regulatory and legislative gaps and absence of prudential guidelines.

Cooperative University of Kenya lecturer Ben Nyankone asks the government to place all saccos under the same regulatory regime to deter unscrupulous people from using loopholes to swindle members.

Nyankone says members should actively get involved in the running of the institutions.

Commissioner for Cooperative Development Mary Mungai says the government is trying to clean up saccos that have refused to adhere to the cooperative principles.

Mungai says the government has discovered that some people register saccos and use them to solicit money from members without putting up proper structures in place.

"If we find such saccos, we deregister them," says Mungai while she acknowledges that saccos in Kenya have played a key role in empowering families and individuals in every sphere of life.

Cooperatives Cabinet secretary Peter Munya admits that grey areas exist in the legislation thereby providing unscrupulous people with the leeway to mismanage and embezzle funds meant for sacco members.

"The lacuna in the law will be sealed in order to protect members' hard-earned savings," Munya says adding that there is the need for saccos to adopt good corporate governance.

Paper transactions

Indeed, many saccos still depend on paper as opposed to digital transactions in processing payments while some hardly conduct due diligence while employing staff who end up stealing funds.

Sasra chief executive John Mwaka says there is need for the non-deposit taking saccos to also adopt prudent regulations like the deposit-taking counterparts to cure liquidity problems.

"More than 60 per cent of saccos attribute the absence of monitoring mechanism to a capacity gap," he says.

He says a lot of individuals have been lured to ponzi schemes that hide under the guise of saccos unknowingly thinking they are the right organisations to save with.

Mwaka argues that to monitor and

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observe trends in saccos, the societies need to file reports on a quarterly basis.

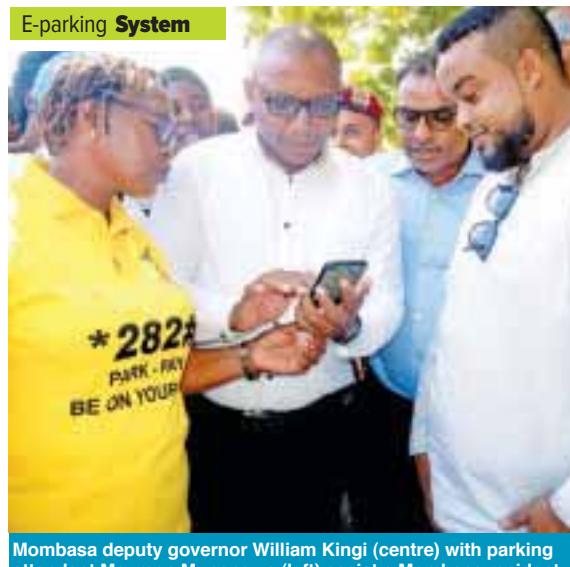
"This shall align the sectoral lending report with other statutory reports which are usually filed on the same date with the authority," he says.

Sasra also suggests that a standard and uniform loan classification and reporting template be amended to be in conformity with the template on the comprehensive loans activity report contained in the Authority's guidelines.

Cooperative principals

Mwaka says attending sacco annual general meetings is key in knowing how the societies function.

He says part of the reasons why some saccos are unable to pay their members' dues as spelt out by the law is impunity among some directors and employees who hardly understand the cooperative principles.



Mombasa deputy governor William Kingi (centre) with parking attendant Maureen Munengwa (left) assist a Mombasa resident Mohammed Abdalla register and pay parking fee through the newly-launched E-parking system by Mombasa County yesterday. PHOTO: NDEGWA GATHUNGU

Kenya set to benefit from Sh1.1 trillion SMEs' kitty

■ by Wahinya Henry
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Kenya is among nations in a regional bloc that will benefit from a Sh1.1 trillion kitty by the EU to support increased private sector participation in regional and global value chains following a deal sealed in Lusaka, Zambia by the EU and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa).

The deal will see the Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (Recamp) implemented by member states.

The programme will ensure that competitiveness and market access of small and medium enterprise (SMEs) and other firms in the targeted value chains are sustainably enhanced.

Under this result, the programme will facilitate networking, access to knowledge, vital market information and support formal business linkages between SMEs, key regional suppliers and lead firms.

It will also focus on improving the business environment for SMEs and other firms in the selected value chains by complementing current national strategies developed by member states for economic transformation through industrialisation.

Activities will include supporting peer learning with the frontrunner countries sharing experiences.

Comesa secretary general Chileshe Kapwepwe and the head of the EU Delegation to Zambia and Comesa Amb Alessandro Mariani signed for their respective organisations.

Kapwepwe cited supply side constraints as a major contributor to low competitiveness and productivity of industries in the region.



James Ngomeli

Boards must embrace digital marketing for growth

While attending a conference on creating a digital-savvy C-suite board, I was taken aback by the naivety of several members on the implication of digital transformations inside their companies and how it is disrupting the marketplace.

I came across a recent survey by Deloitte that shows 90 per cent of senior executives expect their businesses to be disrupted by technology while only 44 per cent believe their firms are not prepared.

While another similar research confirmed that 53 per cent of senior leadership in 1,500 corporations interviewed believe that their senior management is not prepared for

digital transformation.

Since the enactment of the Computer and Cybercrime Act into law mid last year, we are yet to see chief marketing officers take the lead in driving digital marketing strategies at the board level.

The key difference between digital and traditional marketing is the use of multiple channels and methods that enables firms to analyse marketing campaigns and understand what is working real time. Digital marketing enables an interactive relationship which initiates customer relationships and interaction while extracting value from big data. Companies are also

“Marketers must align their digital strategy to the goals of the firm”

fighting to win trust from consumers by custom tailoring relevant information for their customers' needs and preferences.

Driving digital marketing at the board level is an opportunity for marketing leaders to help demystify it, help management and the board clarify the specific digital forces impacting their businesses

and provide insight into the ways consumer behaviour is changing.

Boards have a critical role in helping management identify and initiate beneficial marketing strategy that is difficult for managers to envision on their own given the focus for day-to-day concerns.

The marketing teams must align their digital strategy to long and short terms goals of the company.

Boards have to understand how the strategy will benefit the organisations and appreciate the implementation plan. They must have the strategy's facts and data to scrutinise its effectiveness otherwise cutting and pasting from

previous digital strategies from other companies is a useless cause.

As much as the digital space provides great opportunity for companies, the board has to be aware of the risks associated with the digital marketing strategy. The marketers must showcase how they can mitigate against such risks to unlock resources.

Therefore, it is the role of marketing leaders to package a digital marketing value proposition while the board has to play an active role in ensuring the digital strategy is effective and resources allocated to it. Digital marketing is beyond websites and mobile sites. It's about the tools, mindsets and culture that transforms how businesses operate.

The writer is a chartered marketer

Tourism Meet



Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala (right) and Kisumu governor Anyang' Nyong'o address tourism stakeholders in Kisumu (see separate story). PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

Regulator punishes trader in bond scam

Dealer accused of abusing his position as broker to trade securities without clients' consent

■ by Zachary Ochuodho

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Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has imposed a penalty of Sh166.95 million on David Tumaini Maena for irregularly trading in government or Treasury bonds.

In a statement issued yesterday, the fine is twice the amount he received from irregular deals worth Sh83.5 million.

"The enforcement action has been taken against Maena following the conclusion of investigations with respect to allegations of irregular trading of Government securities between 2016 and 2017," CMA said in the statement.

Illegal gains

CMA investigations established that Maena, formerly of CBA capital, was a key player in the scheme and used his position as a dealer in the government securities to obtain illegal gains amounting to Sh83,475,000 by trading ahead of his clients' accounts in bond transactions that he facilitated as a broker.

Maena has also been disqualified from holding any key position in any public listed company for a period of 10 years and or as an issuer, licensee or any approved insti-

FRONT-RUNNING

This is a practice where capital markets players — brokers and investment analysts — trade securities (stocks, bills or bonds) before their clients have been given the information.

It is considered as a form of market manipulation and inside trading, because a person who commits a front running activity expects security's price movements based on the non-public information.

tution by the authority.

The matter has also been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for criminal prosecution on market manipulation, Asset Recovery Agency to trace assets allegedly bought with the illegal gains and the Institute of Certified Investment and Financial Analysts for consideration of disciplinary action for gross misconduct.

"Maena was given a chance to refute the findings but failed to do so."

In the course of investigations it was established that the fixed income dealers at investment banks, asset management firms and brokerage firms collude with bond custodians, mainly banks, to trade the instruments ahead of orders placed by investing clients (also known as front-running a client) for monetary gain.

It was also established that the gains arising from these trades would be shared between dealers and the bond owners in contravention of the capital markets legal and regulatory framework.



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RUNWAY KING



Tall, dark and... you guess it, **Bibba Deng** takes pride in his fashion modelling job and wants to build a legacy in fashion. He candidly shares his experiences and style preferences with **Cynthia Mukanzi**

When was your first shot at fashion modelling? It was in 2015 at KCA University in Nairobi when I entered pageantry and received professional training. Before that, I didn't realise I had what it takes to be a model until my cousin Deng Dunga, a great fashion model in the industry, advised me to try it. I fell in love with it. My ability to quickly learn and looks (tall, dark with great facial features) played a great role in building up my profile. **What's your regime in maintaining your professional looks?** As a professional model, I have a serious routine that I observe to keep my body and mind fit. I hit the gym for a full body workout



routine, two to three days a week. I watch what I eat, but then again, I'm a hard worker in the gym, so at times I get lazy and just eat a bit of the required. However, I understand and respect my body, so I ensure that what I consume is in good ratio to my workout routine. I love carbs though; they give me energy. **What's that one thing people mistake you for?** My job is amazing, but I'm also aware people sexualise my body. It sadly happens to models and it is inappropriate. I keep my cool most of the time, but respond when it reaches a point where my privacy and personal space are disregarded. **Exactly what makes you stand out?** There are absurd expectations put on models in this industry. As more people get into it, it is important to

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Natalie Tewa

Natalie Tewa is a Kenyan YouTuber who seems to have caught a lot of attention, especially when it comes to her fashion sense. Besides her popular vlogs, Tewa seems to dress up in quite simple but catchy pieces. Check them out.



See how a bustier can be paired with African print pants. It makes the look far from ordinary.



This is a simple 'little black dress' but what makes it stand out is the button detail. Paired with a pair of stilettos, you're ready to hit a party scene.



Beauty lies within the details, so if you can pick black pants, be sure they are unique with enough detail.

have an affinity for African-crafted accessories.
How about your go-to scents? My go-to scents are Acqua di Gio by Giorgio Armani and Sauvage by Christian Dior. They have a masculine fragrance saga that I love and it leaves ladies stunned. Ooh yeah.
As a fashionista, what are your aspirations? I am a fashion enthusiast and I would like to make it my long-term backbone. And while I have the time, I'm building a legacy that will live on. I hope to explore overseas fashion modelling industries.
A piece of advice to fashion models would be? Put yourself first. Set good standards that will save you from exploitation in the industry and then work hard to build your brand. Be social, respectful and disciplined and everything will fall into place.



Germany's Jazzrausch Bigband electrifies the crowd.



American jazz maestro Marcus Miller does his thing at the Fest.



Fun lovers Emily Maina and Angela Mahianyu.



Some jazz lovers were overcome by the thrill.

TIME FOR JAZZ

Jazz lovers were in for a spoil on Sunday, as multiple Grammy award winner Marcus Miller headlined the Safaricom International Jazz Festival at Kasarani Stadium in Nairobi. On top of his game for over 30 years, the American musician was impeccable in his musical delivery, which left the thousands of fans fully thrilled. Miller is the winner of the 2013 Edison Award for Lifetime Achievement in Jazz (Holland), 2010 Victoire du Jazz (France) and was appointed a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco) Artiste for Peace in 2013. His characteristic bass sound

can be heard on a limitless catalogue of hits from Bill Withers' *Just the Two of Us*, to Luther Vandross' *Never Too Much*, to songs from Chaka Khan, David Sanborn, Herbie Hancock, Eric Clapton, Aretha Franklin, George Benson, Elton John and Bryan Ferry. Other supporting acts included Kato Change, Ghetto Classics and Safaricom Youth Orchestra (Kenya), Toine Thys featuring Herve Samb (Belgium), Jazzrausch Bigband (Germany), Omni Mor Trio (Israel), Viviene (Portugal) and Yazmin Lacey (UK). Proceeds from all ticket sales went to Ghetto Classics music programme.

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FAITH KYOMUKAMA



Jazz musician Viviene from Portugal at full cry.



Jazzrausch Bigband brings that jazzy feeling with a blow of the sax.



Kato Change strums the guitar the way he knows how.

DINNER FOR CREATIVES

It was a glittering night for creatives in Meru county recently, as entertainment outfit Watanashati Classics hosted a dinner and red carpet party, for business, government and creatives at Meru Slopes Hotel in Meru town. The event saw top business magnates in the region attend the party, among them North Imenti MP Rahim Dawood, Meru Youth minister Daniel Kiogora and Mutindwa Toyota Meru managing director Mustaq Issak. Dawood said he would engage fellow lawmakers to show support for music policy and pleaded with the youth to keep off from drugs and substance abuse.

TEXT: MANUEL NTOYAI
PHOTOS: GERALD ITHANA



Artiste Lewi K entertains guests.



Watanashati Classics CEO Kayfar.



Actor Mustafa with Mutindwa Toyota Meru managing director Mustaq Issak.



The swaggeific Watanashati Classics team.



Celebrity hairstylist and Roots Salon and Babershop CEO Steve Kumari.



Dorkas Mbatia with North Imenti MP Rahim Dawood.

HOW PATERNITY FRAUD IS PERPETRATED

According to Kinyanjui Murigi, a forensic DNA specialist, paternity fraud occurs when a man is deceived into raising a child who is biologically not his own. The fraud is simple and almost fool proof.

1. A woman ensures that she's one or two months pregnant by another man,

2. A financially secure Kenyan man, married, is seduced to have a sexual relationship with the already pregnant woman (the man has no clue that the woman is pregnant),

3. Demands for upkeep arise after the child is born, with the threats of revealing the same to his wife (or significant other) or facing the children's court or both,

4. The man succumbs to the threat and starts the financial upkeep of the woman plus her child.

CIRCLE OF VICTIMISED PEOPLE

■ Children form a strong bond with their parents. They simply want a loving mum and dad. When a woman commits paternity fraud, the child suffers deeply. That child grows up loving "dad." If paternity tests prove a man is not the birth father, that child stands to lose one of the two people he/she loves most.

■ The loss of support is also hard for the child. Since the child was accustomed to a specific way of life, the changes affect them greatly.

■ The man who has spent years believing he is the father of the child is also impacted. After proving paternity fraud, the man has no legal right to see the child. In a best-case scenario, visitation does not change, but it is up to the woman. The man's family is also impacted. They no longer have any legal claim to see the child they've come to cherish.

■ Paternity fraud deprives the actual birth father of bonding time with his child. Sadly, some men never discover they have a child. Others discover this when the child is older and less willing to enter into a loving relationship.

Family FUSION

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all about kin and kith



You could be raising another man's child

Your friends and relatives plant a seed of doubt concerning paternity of your little ones. A DNA proves them right. Well, about 68 per cent of Kenyan men fall victim of paternity fraud

by Christine Musa
@PeopleDailyKe

Brian Mwongeli doted on his one and only daughter. He showered her with fatherly love, protected her with all he had and provided for her and the mother. Despite being jobless, he made sure she never lacked anything.

However, his friends would often point out how his daughter didn't resemble him in any way. But he dismissed them. All this time, he had invested in his daughter not only economically, but emotionally.

"All along, I knew the little girl was mine. I would look at her and see her mother in her. So I would console myself. But in as much as my friends always said something was amiss, I would ignore their claims because I never imagined raising another man's child," he recalls.

fathers of the children they are raising. Using either DNA profiling or typing, other studies have shown that up to 30 per cent of the men are not the biological fathers of the children they think they sired.

Family break-ups

"Ninety per cent of our private cases do not involve the mothers. The primary reason for this is that men do not want to lose trust if proven wrong. Also, many women would oppose a DNA paternity test outright. We believe that most women are also not sure about paternity, but we cannot confirm that," says Kinyanjui Murigi, a forensic DNA specialist.

He adds that the only way to prove if at all the child is yours or not, is by taking a paternity test which is 99.9 per cent reliable.

Most cases of paternity fraud involve firstborns. An expectant woman decides to settle down with a man who is financially stable, one who has a promising future, or one who ticks every box in her search for Mr Right. She then makes sure to be intimate with the man early in her pregnancy, then deceives him that the pregnancy is his. Unknowingly, the man marries the woman or commits to support the child in secret, especially if he is a married man.

The astonishing results are leaving in their wake family break-ups, devastated and traumatised individuals; domestic violence directed at the child or woman; confusion, low self-esteem and anxiety among children; and mental health problems for both partners.

John Mbugua, a psychiatrist says, matters pertaining paternity test are vital and emotional since they could cause harm to a family. This emotional drain doesn't affect the father alone because even then, the child has to deal with losing someone they have grown fond of.

The worst case scenario is if the child is a bit older and they are fully aware of what goes on. They might feel a sense of loss and this could affect them mentally," he says.



MomInTheMix
With FANNE MWAMBI

Of a child kidnapped by her dad

"Me Peshe, I'd like to rest for a while" My house help said and immediately rushed to pick up a charger, obviously to avoid my curious eyes. I immediately looked at the time, wondering how fast time had flown. 8:30pm. "Are you unwell?" I questioned, worried as she is generally hardworking. My husband had offered to make pilau that night and I was making salad. My help on the other end had been folding clothes in

her room although I remembered hearing her speak loudly on phone.

Nowhere to be found!

"Yes I'm fine." Her eyes were filled with tears and I immediately knew it had to do with that phone call. "What happened?" I pushed, now following her to her room. She hesitated then probably figured that I would not leave without an answer. "It is my daughter,

mum," she managed.

"She went missing after she left school this afternoon." With that, tears uncontrollably rolled down her face. And mine. As a fellow mum the pain was understood. "Do you suspect anyone?" I asked and with a sneer, she said, "Of course! Her father!" She was right to suspect her previous husband who she has been separated from all the girl's life.

Liar father

Her daughter left school for home at around 1pm. She is seven years old, and like other pupils in her year, she left early. She met her father waiting for her by the roadside, but knowing they barely had a relationship, she tried to run to get away from him. Her father overpowered her and when she tried to fight him off, he decided to lie to her to keep her calm. He assured her that

her mother had arrived from Nairobi and was waiting for her at his home. Thrilled, the little girl agreed to go with him. She learnt that it was a lie, a little too late and feeling trapped cried herself to sleep that night. She was moved to her aunt's place the following morning leaving her stepmothers acknowledgement of her presence as her only trail. As we speak, the little girl's dad is in jail waiting for a possible charge.

Takeoff

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Weaving their way out of poverty

After years of struggling to make ends meet, a Turkana women's group has devised a way of generating income

■ by Harriet James
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Beatrice Akiru sits down to start her work as her child plays with a ball beside her in a large multipurpose hall. Most women congregate to weave and sell their products. Customers, both local and international, come here to purchase one or two items.

Weaving has improved the lives of these Turkana women, who have suffered largely because of their nomadic lifestyle.

In this community, girls and women perform every domestic chore including walking long distances to get water—a scarce resource in the area. Worse, they are unable to turn to farming as nothing can grow on their land and they lack farming skills.

"There was nothing that could help us. You go to the farms but don't know how to plant. We have been nomads all our lives. That's when I feel like God gave us this talent to earn a living because there is no other way to make it in life in this

dry land," says Akiru. Her journey into weaving began 28 years ago when she was in high school. It was a hobby at first but later on, she began to earn some bit of cash, which she used to start a business. In 1991, together with her friends, they formed the Lodwar Basket



MAIN: Beatrice Akiru, one of the founders of the Lodwar Basket Market Self-Help Group and her daughter. **INSET:** An incomplete basket. (LEFT) One of the group members weaving a basket.

PHOTOS: HARRIET JAMES

Market Self-Help Group to assist women earn a living.

"We didn't get any work; we kept borrowing money as washing people clothes was not profitable. That's why we decided to pick the duom palms and started weaving," she narrates, adding that her husband, who has been her greatest support, assisted her get a loan from the bank to expand her business.

There are currently 30 women in the group. They started their business in Kalokol town before moving to Lodwar.

The group has expanded to Kitale, Eldoret, Marsabit, Loyangalani, Laisamis, and Kakuma.

"Each woman is paid cash for the baskets she

makes. We send the baskets by truck to Nairobi, where they are marketed. A bag cost between Sh300 to Sh1,500. In just one day, one can earn Sh5,000," she says.

They source the tools of trade—the duom palms, stone and bark from which they make the dyes—from the desert. The process of weaving a basket involves coming up with creative designs that will impress clients.

The women now bring their items to be sold in the market. The group also travels from village to village to train other women, granting them a lot of satisfaction and status. Consequently, they have become role models for the village girls, assisting them to dream of a future that is not all house chores and drudgery.

"Training takes three months

and once they learn, they are adopted into our family and start their business. A laundry basket might take three months to finish while a smaller basket would take a week to finish. It just depends on a person's speed," says Akiru.

With the proceeds from their weaving, the women have been able to take their children to school, own land and build their own homes and rental houses.

"If it wasn't assisting us, we wouldn't have been here doing this. In the past, we used to see politicians as our saviours and would run to them to educate our children, but sadly they never did. However, with weaving, things have changed and we are now a happy lot. Our kids are happy with what we are doing," she concludes.

IN BRIEF Women twice as likely to die after aortic heart surgery, study finds



Women who undergo surgery to repair abnormal bulges, called aneurysms, in the wall of the body's largest blood vessel, which carries oxygen-rich blood from the heart to the extremities—experience worse post-surgery outcomes than men, a study found.

The study by Western University and Toronto's University Health Network says this is a reality cardiac surgeons need to take note of.

"Women, unfortunately, are almost two times more likely to die

with surgery or have a stroke than male patients," study co-author and London Health Sciences Centre cardiac surgeon Michael Chu said. "In terms of overall complications, they're about 40 per cent more likely to have complications than male patients."

Researchers used data from 1,700 patients who have undergone surgery to repair the key blood vessel at 10 Canadian hospitals.

"We controlled for patients' age, weight, pre-operative health, co-

morbidities, and when we took all of that into consideration, going into aortic arch surgery, you're slightly less than twice as likely to die if you're a woman," lead study author and University Health Network cardiac surgeon Jennifer Chung said in a statement.

The life-threatening condition can also go unnoticed longer in women. The symptoms women develop might not be as severe or may come into play only when the aneurysm has advanced to a more critical

point, making the surgery more difficult and dangerous.

"This still remains a common problem. I think we need to be aggressive about indexing the size of their aneurysms and considering earlier surgery, earlier in their disease process," Chu said.

Chu hopes the research, published in the February edition of the journal Circulation, will prompt surgeons to think differently about patients' differing needs.

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Relatively speaking



Adil and Safina Khan's household is one of adrenaline junkies. Safina is the current Kenya Motorsports Federation 2WD-Non-Turbo champion in the Autocross division while her husband is a rally driver and an engineer. She talks more about their family's passion for motoring

Motorsports couple: A winning combi

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Yours is a family of motor enthusiasts. Where did it begin?

My husband and I have been in the motoring business for almost two decades now. Both of us are adrenaline junkies and love the outdoors. Our family backgrounds have a lineage with motorsports, as my dad was a workshop manager at DT Dobic in the early 80s. He was mostly into service and construction and was behind the development of the Nissan Rally team back in the day. This bred love for motorsports from my end and so did my brother. As for my husband, he had a cousin who inspired him to join rallying during the Club Rally Championships era. It was his job actually to service his cousin's car. Unfortunately, his cousin died in a freak accident.

What is the racing profile of your husband?

He started off his racing career with the Revlon Series back in the 80s and using Subaru Legacy GTI, he registered for the Autocross Championships. He did this coming in as a novice against bigwigs such as Ian Duncan, Baldeev Chager and local hero Patrick Njiru. Interestingly for Adil, his ambitious streak saw him win a couple of races and subsequently being amongst key drivers in the Autocross division. However for him, the biggest drive was building cars and to this end, what both him and I use are built by him at the garage. The fact that he got Pro-Drive certification from the United Kingdom gave him more credibility and he has been a technical support crew for the likes of Phineas Kimathi and Nicnit Patel because of his training as Specialist Rally Car developer.

When your hubby joined motorsports, did he get support from his

parents?

To be honest, not at all. In fact, after the death of Adil's cousin, fear literally gripped them. He had to go behind their backs. It was his passion that drove him to partake in most of these projects, which included engineering, servicing and navigating. I guess he was the stubborn kind who appeared to have something to achieve with rallying. When his parents learnt through the media about him having competed in some challenge event, they were not only shocked, but annoyed. However, this did not deter him from pursuing rallying even further.

Briefly, how would you describe your husband?

He is a family man who loves and adores his family. As a parent, he is attentive and loving and as a husband, he inspires me. We have three children and as the head of the family he aspires to be a good role model, especially to the children. He motivates me a lot. We have done a couple of



Safina Khan when she was crowned Kenya Motorsports Federation 2WD-Non-Turbo champion. LEFT: Adil Khan (right) and his brother Asad Khan. PHOTO: COURTESY

AT A GLANCE

- Adil Khan drives the Turbo 4 Wheel Drive class in the Kenya National Autocross Championship while his wife Safina is in the 2WD Non-Turbo class.
- He is credited with rebuilding his car Pepeta (Subaru Impreza) in 2010 and Toto Pepeta for wife (Toyota Vitz) in 2017, which she drove during 2018 championship.
- He is a trained mechanical engineer from United Kingdom and runs his garage, Mota Atrep.
- In the 90s, he raced together with Safina Khan at a training rally in Athi River. The two later got married in 2001.
- His winning cars, which he modified include Darren Miranda's Toyota Sprinter, Farhaaz Khan's Evo X , Safina Khan's 2WD non-turbo and Kirit Rajput's Pepeta.

Keeping abreast with what is going on around him and across the globe is somewhat fascinating to Adil.

There has to be something that annoys him.

If there is one thing he cannot stand, it is lies and excuses. If you were friends then; consider that the end of the relationship. Another thing that gets to his skin is laziness; I guess this is because he loves work and hardly stays put in a place for a long time doing nothing. He tries to encourage the children to always find something to keep them active.



Naked politics

Controversial author wants to normalise speaking freely about sex, especially for women



by Evelyn Makena

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She is known for boldly delving into topics that are considered taboo and often discussed in hushed tones. From discussing masturbation, stripping naked, delving into her sexual escapades and pioneering the 'No Underwear Movement', Kingwa Kamencu has defied the society's preordained standards with a blend of candour and uncomfortable bravado.

She caused ripples in 2011 when she announced she would vie for presidency in the 2013 General Election. Then aged 27, she became the youngest woman in Kenyan history to declare her bid for the top seat. She was, however, not among those who submitted papers for clearance.

And because of her intrigues, she has attracted admiration and spite in equal measure. While some people frown at her openness others marvel at her audacity.

"On several occasions, I have met fans of my *Madame President* series who are so kind and nice to me. They applaud my boldness. I know there are critics too, but I have not had any nasty incidents from them so far," she says of her web show, in which she presents everyday issues in a comical way.

In one of the episodes, for instance, she strips naked. She is, however, quick to warn people against taking the character too seriously.

"The character is an exaggerated version of Kingwa. Though, I relate with her, *Madame President* is on another level of crazy," she says, adding that the character also liberates her from

hypocrisy by allowing her to speak openly about things often frowned upon by society.

Kingwa is quick to point out that there is an aspect of art in the things she does. One example is that despite pioneering the 'No Underwear Movement', she does not subscribe to its ideals of not wearing underwear.

Amidst this confusion of what to believe about her, one thing is certain; she is passionate about social change. Joining politics is the avenue she is using to achieve social transformation.

She hopes to birth this transformation, with her recently formed Kenya Sex Party, a political outfit she intends to use to vie for presidency in 2022. The name was inspired by the Australian Sex Party (currently, Reason Party), which has representation in Parliament.

"People have been asking me how they can join and even fund the party. I have followers from as far as Brazil and US," says the Oxford University alumna, who is in the process of registering the party.

All she needs now is to recruit like-minded party members, and get ready for the 2022 political duel.

But what inspires her liberal approach towards issues related to sex?

"Talking freely about sex is an indication of an emancipated mind. Our society should drop the modesty about sex which was brought to us by the West," she says, adding that she is spearheading the normalisation of the subject, especially since she is particularly bothered by the fact that broaching such topics as a woman is taboo.

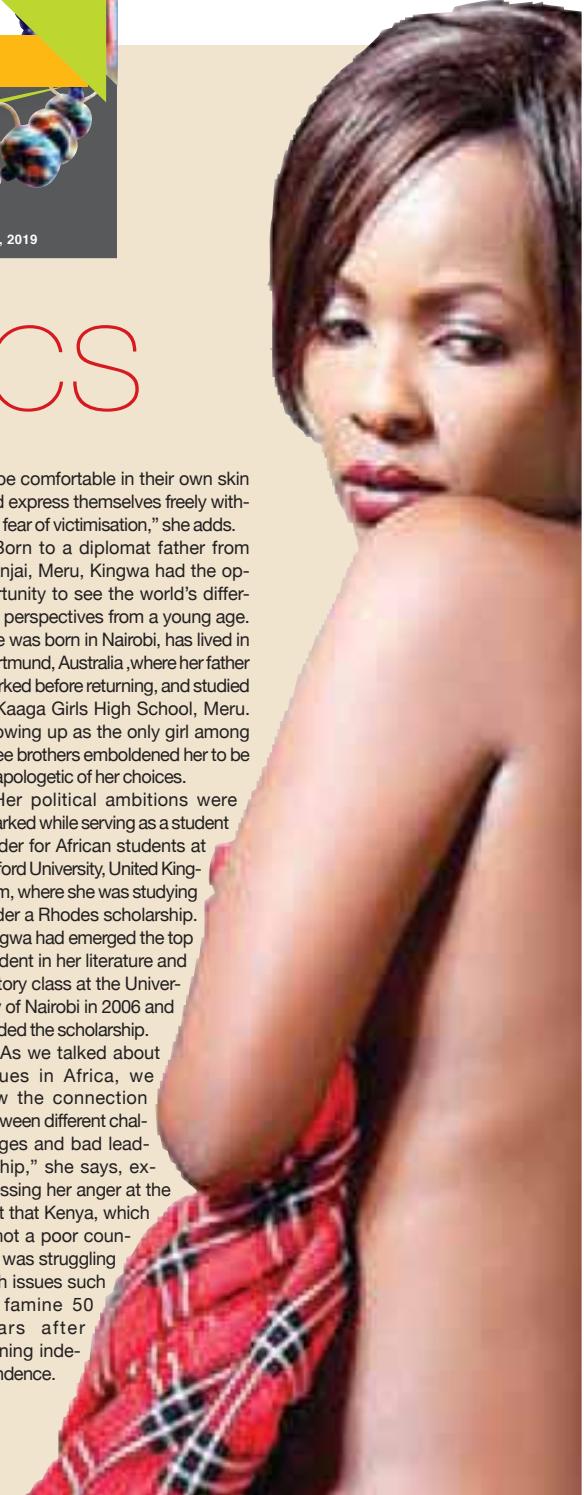
"I find it weird that a woman who owns her sexuality is labelled different things. We have to encourage women

to be comfortable in their own skin and express themselves freely without fear of victimisation," she adds.

Born to a diplomat father from Kianjai, Meru, Kingwa had the opportunity to see the world's different perspectives from a young age. She was born in Nairobi, has lived in Dortmund, Australia, where her father worked before returning, and studied in Kaaga Girls High School, Meru. Growing up as the only girl among three brothers emboldened her to be unapologetic of her choices.

Her political ambitions were sparked while serving as a student leader for African students at Oxford University, United Kingdom, where she was studying under a Rhodes scholarship. Kingwa had emerged the top student in her literature and history class at the University of Nairobi in 2006 and landed the scholarship.

"As we talked about issues in Africa, we saw the connection between different challenges and bad leadership," she says, expressing her anger at the fact that Kenya, which is not a poor country, was struggling with issues such as famine 50 years after gaining independence.

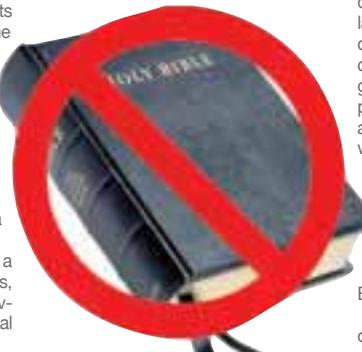


Poll finds atheism is no longer a political taboo in the US

Although the US Constitution prohibits religious tests for public office, one of the greatest taboos in American politics has been for a candidate to be an atheist.

A new poll conducted by Lake Research Partners for the American Humanist Association and the Centre for Freethought Equality found that "being non-religious or atheist need not be considered an impediment to a candidate's electoral success."

The results indicate that there is a growing preference for secular leaders, and that a majority of voters across every demographic prioritise other political



concerns over issues of religious faith or lack thereof. Preference for religious candidates virtually disappears when voters consider the policy stances of a non-religious candidate. Seventy-two per cent of poll respondents were willing to vote for a non-believer or non-religious candidate who shares their policy positions.

"It's heartening to see that the political bias against atheist and humanist candidates is disappearing," says Roy Speckhardt, the executive director of the American Humanist Association and the Centre for Freethought Equality.

Speckhardt continues, "This poll demonstrates that voters care more about a

candidate's policy stances, than his or her religious identification."

For voters who support pro-choice and pro-marriage equality Democratic candidates, 74 per cent said that a candidate being "non-religious" or "agnostic" would make no difference in their vote. An additional 14 per cent said they would be even more likely to vote for the non-religious or agnostic candidate. When the term "atheist" was used, support for the candidate only dropped slightly (72 per cent no difference in their vote and 10 per cent more likely to vote for the candidate).

Not surprisingly, results of the poll did vary by political party. Forty-eight per cent of Republicans said they would be

less likely to vote for an atheist candidate who shared their political positions; however, most younger Republicans (68 per cent of those under 35 and 54 per cent of those under 50) said that a candidate's atheism would make no difference.

"People who have stayed out of the political arena because of the bias against atheists and agnostics should be encouraged by these findings," says Ron Millar, Political and PAC Coordinator. Millar urges, "the humanist, atheist, and agnostic community to be fully and openly engaged in our democratic process. Our political system depends on the active participation of all citizens."

- American Humanist Association

Time out



IN THEATRES NOW:

- CENTURY CINEMAX IMAX GARDEN CITY :12:30, 14:45,
17:00: THE LEGO MOVIE 2: THE SECOND PART 3D
NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA :18:45 : THE LEGO MOVIE
2: THE SECOND PART 3D
PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA: 13:00, 15:30:
THE UPSIDE
WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL :18:30, 21:10 :
THE UPSIDE

PICK of the day

SWEETEST LOVE

20.05 pm



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5.30	Tizi	17.00	Beatbox
6.00	Switch mix	18.00	Madhubala
7.00	K24 alfajiri	19.00	K24 saa moja
9.00	River of passion	19.30	Rush
10.00	Daily Brief	20.05	Sweetest Love
12.30	Inside Business	21.00	K24 Evening edition
13.00	News Cut	22.00	Lotto live
13.30	Sports Hub	22.20	Kenyan movie
15.00	Dw documentary	23.00	Beatbox
15.30	Playlist	00:00	Dw feed
16.00	K24 mashinani		



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5.30	Gear Up	17:30	Club 1
6.00	Good Morning Kenya	18:30	The Great Debaters
6.30	Lay Back	19:00	Taarifa Express
9.00	Parliament Live	19:30	Bold Conversations
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14:00	Business Africa		



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5.30	Praise and Worship	19:00	KTN Leo
6.00	Morning	19:30	Real House helps of Kawangware
6.30	Bold	20:00	King David
7:00	Life n Style	21:00	KTN Prime
8:30	The Enterprise	21:25	LOTTO Live!
9:00	Afriscreen	21:45	Movie
11:00	Dolce Amore		
12:00	Tujariju		
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13:30	Kick Off		
14:00	Afri Screen		
16:00	Mtlu ya KTN		
16:30	World of Winx		
17:00	Maisha Mzuka		



5.00	Password Plus	6:00	Be Careful With My Heart
5.30	Repeat	6:00	AM Live
6.00	Real House	7:00	NTV Jioni
6.30	Express	8:00	Mchungaji
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8:30	KTN Prime	9:00	Wild Skin
9:00	LOTTO Live!	10:00	NTV Today
11:00	Movie	11:00	NTV Tonight
12:00	Tujariju	12:00	The Hostel
1:00	News Desk	13:00	NTV Sasa
13:30	Kick Off	14:00	Road to Russia Series
14:00	Afri Screen	15:00	China Wings
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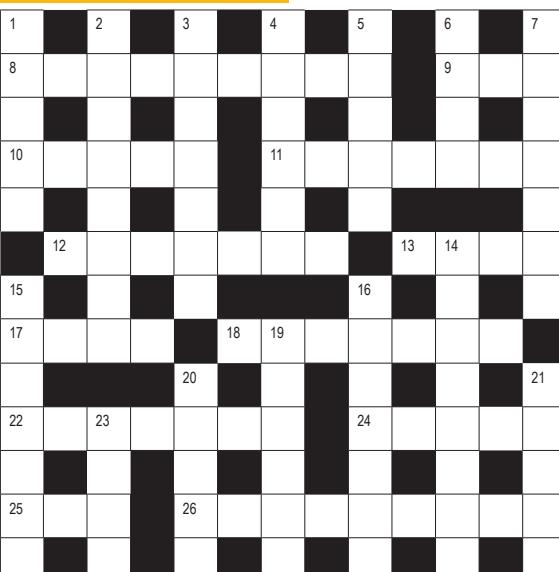
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SUDOKU

The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 8. Relating to the ear (9)
- 9. Chopping tool (3)
- 10. One side of a gem (5)
- 11. Ball; used by clairvoyants (7)
- 12. Aptitude (7)
- 13. Ruminant mammal (4)
- 17. Seek (anag) (4)
- 18. Aseptic (7)
- 22. Policeman or woman (7)
- 24. Extremely small (prefix) (5)
- 25. Mountain pass (3)
- 26. Process of forming conclusion (9)

DOWN

- 1. Blunder (5)
- 2. Vessel for molten metal (8)
- 3. Coal bucket (7)
- 4. Evolve (6)
- 5. Horse carts (5)
- 6. A flat float (4)
- 7. Traders (7)
- 14. Choosing from various sources (8)
- 15. Express great joy (7)
- 16. Deep red colour (7)
- 19. Spun-out filament of cotton (6)
- 20. Written form of music (5)
- 21. Dank (5)
- 23. Photographic material (4)
- 20. Stood
- 21. Prolong
- 22. Needs
- 7. Apply
- 8. Inexpert
- 9. Moods
- 11. Identity
- 15. Assemble
- 17. Dies
- 19. Cynicism
- 6. Valid
- 10. Streamers
- 12. Denizen
- 13. Obviate
- 14. Befoul
- 16. Saying
- 18. Rotor

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1. Urged
- 4. Festive
- 7. Apply
- 8. Inexpert
- 9. Moods
- 11. Identity
- 15. Assemble
- 17. Dies
- 19. Cynicism

DOWN

- 20. Stood
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Anxiety as Kisii Club is earmarked for nationals

KISII: Excitement greeted news that Kisii Sports Club is in the run to host next year's National Cross Country Championships. Athletics Kenya (AK) Nyanza South chairman Peter Angwenyi said Kisii Golf Course is a natural course for cross country and assured that the region will stage a very successful event. "Kisii is a high altitude area with a natural ingredient for cross country. It has natural barriers and one of the best cross-country courses in the country," Angwenyi said. Angwenyi said Kisii Governor James Ongwae has been invited for Saturday's championships at Eldoret Sports Club, where he is expected to be handed the flag from his Uasin Gishu counterpart Jackson Mandago. "AK officials from our region, the governor and his entourage will be in Eldoret to learn from this year's hosts so that we can deliver a more successful event next year," Angwenyi added. - VIDEN OCHIENG

South Rift, Uasin Gishu upbeat ahead of trials

KERICHO: As the clock ticks towards the national Cross-Country championships at Eldoret Sports Club, Uasin Gishu County, athletes representing South Rift region are upbeat of shining during the major event. The team south Rift say they are up to the task and will not shy away from competing with other top cream athletes across the country who are expected to light up the national event slated for Saturday which will also be used to pick athletes of substance who will represent Kenya in IAAF World Cross-Country Championships on March 30 in Aarhus, Denmark. The star-studded team of South Rift region include Davis Kiplangat, Sandra Chebet, Beatrice Mutai and Beatrice Chebet, among others were ready to face off with the rest of the galaxy athletes from several parts across the country during the national meet in Eldoret. Chebet is the winner of the Valencia 10km Road Race in Spain last year and the 2015 World Youth 2,000m Steeplechase silver medalist while Kiplangat is the 2015 3,000m gold medalist in African Youth Championship held in Mauritius, among other honours.

- ERICSON KIPRONO

Kiplagat all but set for Tokyo road challenge

TOKYO: Former Chicago marathon champion Florence Kiplagat has said that she will be ready for the challenge on March 3, when she lines up at the Tokyo Marathon. Kiplagat, still nurtures the dream of running at the Olympics for Kenya team and believes a good show in Tokyo Marathon in March will offer her leverage when the coaches will be naming their team for the Games next year. Kiplagat, who holds a personal best time of 2:19.44 seconds set in Berlin in 2011, will be keen to register her first win in almost two years. "I want to win this year and I will not be looking at those who will beat at the race but at my own running. My body has fully recovered after sustaining an injury in 2017 when I was running in Chicago," she said. "Whenever I enter the race, I believe I'm the best in the line-up and I will be going for the top prize in Tokyo," said Kiplagat, whose last win was in October 2016 in Chicago before injury set in when defending the same race in 2017. She has since returned to competition where she finished fourth in Chicago last year clocking 2:26.08 in a race won by compatriot Brigit. - ERICSON KIPRONO



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The one-stop sports shop...

SPORT**Chebet among galaxy eyeing place in Team Kenya**

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Africa U20 silver medallist Sandrafelis Chebet will be among the top athletes from South Rift to lead the chase for honours and a place in the Kenya team during the national cross-country championships on Saturday.

Chebet who was placed second during regional championships in Kericho will marshal forces with 2016 African Cross Country champion Beatrice Mutai and 2013 Africa Youth 1,500m silver medallist Eva Cherono.

Mutai won the race ahead of Chebet as Cherono completed the podium to book a slot for national championships.

Chebet will receive stiff competition in 10km race from top cream runners like

world 5,000m champion Hellen Obiri from Kenya Defence Forces (KDF), former world 3,000m steeplechase champion Hyvin Kiyeng, former world junior silver medallist Stacy Ndiwa (Police), world 10,000m bronze medallist Alice Aprot, former world cross country champion Agnes Jebet Tirop among others

Chebet who is familiar with the course though obstacles have been added said she is ready but will do her best to be able to get a slot to the national team.

"I know the course very well despite the obstacles, now I'm in intense training to be able to face the championships and cut a slot to the national team," said Chebet.

This weekend, the spectacular biennial run will upcoming and elite athletes who will line up on the race that enters its 43rd edition of the World Cross Country Cham-

pionships. Dreams will come true for some athletes who will turn up for the first time to compete in the race from different affiliates.

Chebet, the World U20 title-holder in the women's 5,000m, has a personal best of 30:57 in 10km she posted in Valencia, Spain.

Kericho-based runner has been doing well in international and local races, last year Chebet won 8km senior women category during Isaiyah Kiplagat Ndala Gaa Kids Memorial cross-country in Nandi County timing 27.53.8 and later she continued with her brilliant run to win 10km Lotto Foundation Baringo run clocking 33.34.05.

In junior category World under- 20 5,000m champion Beatrice chebet, will face off with World Under18 800m silver medallist Lydia Jeruto and 2018 Discovery cross country champion Roselinda Jepketer.



Sandrafelis Chebet during a past Athletics Kenya (AK) meet at Nyayo National Stadium. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLU

MOTOCROSS ROUND 2 RESULTS:**MX 2 CLASS**

Ethan Nyachae-60 points
Rolf Kihara-49 points
Kigen Kiplagat-47 points

MX 125 CLASS

Tai Wahome-60 points
Vince Schrier-49 points
Christian Chege-45 points

MX 85 CLASS

Samuel Magwa-57 points
Nandi Kiplagat-54 points
Neo Wahome-45 points

MX 65 CLASS

Tanay Choda-57 points
Whome Mutai-54 points
Atete Benzinge-45 points

MX 50 CLASS

Matthenge Kamundia
Gisa Benzinge-48 points
Simran Choda-43 points

Ethan Nyachae in full flight during Round Two of this year's Kenya Motocross Championship at Jamhuri Race Track: PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

**Nyachae peerless in Jamhuri**

Talented rider shows his prowess in flawless action, following pack keeps chase

by Barry Silah
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It might only be Round Two, but the battle lines are all too clear in the Kenya National Motocross Championship. The top class riders showed grit and energy at Jamhuri Park on Sunday to see them in good stead. However, in

Nyachae in the MX2 class looks imperious in his new 2,500cc KTM bike while the rivalry between Samuel Magwa and Nandi Kiplagat in the MX85 class is turning out to be one to watch out for.

Nyachae is on the form of his life and thus far, has yet to lose a heat. The teen sensation was at it again in bullish mood as he took on the dusty and hilly racing terrain against his biggest nemesis Rolf Kihara. The first two heats were straight running for Nyachae who missed his class championship by a whisker last year.

The numerous faults and manoeuvres by Kihara saw the overall winner take full control and advantage points to see him in good stead. However, in

the third heat, the two astute riders went head to head in all corners much to the joy of the onlookers.

At one point they swapped positions with Nyachae miscalculating a move at one of the bends before three laps later he took over after Kihara and Kigen Kiplagat were battling hard against each other.

Eventually Nyachae sniffed an opportunity and attacked the final lap with booming speed and accuracy to clinch the overall challenge.

"I feel great so far and I think my execution strategy worked well for me. I just concentrated on my race and basically had fun out there," Nyachae told People Sport.

On the other end, MX 85 Championship leader Samuel Magwa had his own battle against up and coming female sensation Nandi Kiplagat. The first two heats were eerily close between the two rivals as they chased each other along the corners and hilly intersections with the latter emerging runners-up.

Kiplagat who is an aggressive rider piled heat on the exciting Magwa right from start but her undoing was proper calculations, which made Magwa taking control. However a recharged Kiplagat stole the mat under her opponent's feet with quick timed laps in the last heat.

Meanwhile in the MX 125 class,

Tai Wahome was in his element after winning all heats on the day.

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GENERAL

European Ryder Cup captain Bjorn set for Magical Kenya Open



Barclays Bank of Kenya Managing Director Jeremy Awori hands over a cheque to Kenya Open Golf Limited chairperson Peter Kanyago.
PHOTO: LYNETTE MATHEKA

by Lynette Matheka and Peter Sagini
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Last year's Europe Ryder Cup winning captain Thomas Bjorn headlines the star attractions that have been confirmed for the March 14-18 Magical Kenya Open which is making its debut as a European Tour event.

The 47-year-old is the most successful Danish golfer to have played the game having won 15 tournaments worldwide on the European Tour. He captained the winning European side at the 2018 Ryder Cup.

Bjorn, who was elected chairman of the European Tour's tournament committee in 2007, started his golfing career in 1993.

In 1995 he won four tournaments on the Chal-

lenge Tour to earn his card for his debut year on the European Tour in 1996. Bjorn made his breakthrough immediately winning his maiden tour title in his debut season at the Loch Lomond World Invitational.

The Danish will be joined on the list by 22-year-old Indian pro golfer Shubhankar Sharma who recorded his first tour win in the Johannesburg Open in December 2017.

He then followed this with a second win at the Maybank Championship in February 2018, a win that earned him full membership of the European Tour.

South Africa's Haydn Porteous will also make a return to Kenya for another shot at the title that he won in 2015 when the Open was still a Challenge Tour event.

In January 2016, Porteous won his maiden European Tour title with a two-stroke victory at the Joburg Open which is a co-sanctioned event with the Sunshine Tour.

Meanwhile, former title sponsors Barclays Bank (Absa Group Limited) pumped in Sh 220 million in the Open over the next two years.

The money will be split between operational costs of the event, with Sh 150 million injected into the tournament while the remaining Sh 70 million will be used to further amplify the profile of the event.

"For the past eight years, working with the Kenya Open Golf Limited, we have grown the stature of this tournament and turned it into an asset not only for the golfing fraternity, but for the country," Barclays Bank of Kenya Managing Director Jeremy Awori said.

Government owes athletes Sh235m

Amount accrued from various international events won by medallists from 2010

■ by James Magayi

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The government owes athletes Sh235 million in cash awards for the numerous feats achieved across the globe.

Department of Sports in the ministry of Sports and Culture has consequently included the arrears in the budget submitted to National Assembly for allocation and subsequent settlement.

The government pays Sh1 million for every gold medal won with silver and bronze medallists respectively assigned Sh750,000 and Sh500,000.

However, athletes who triumphed in championships dating back to 2010 are yet to

get their rewards.

Principal Secretary Kirimi Kaberia attributed the huge accrual figure to Department of Sports being starved of funds during budget-making over the years. Kaberia also warned that the figure will increase to unmanageable level if not checked sooner because Kenyans are serial winners.

"We have not paid our athletes for quite a while and that is why the figure is high.

"They give the country global recognition every time they win out there and so we should duly reward them what is due.

"The amount should also be reviewed because it has been a long time since. Actually the figures were last reviewed in 2006 and a new scheme is necessary," Kaberia said.

The department is equally waiting for an allocation of Sh 244 million earlier requested for national football team Harambee Stars preparation and participation in the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt. Football Kenya Federation (FKF) had furnished the ministry with



the budget and gone further to organise for a training camp in Germany in the lead up to the country's appearance at the continental premier football bonanza in 15 years.

Department of Sports is confident of getting the allocations requested owing to a high absorption rate averaging 95 percent of funds. Seven regional stadiums are also set to benefit from significant face-lifts if Sh500 million sought by the department are granted.

After failing to host Africa's second tier football competition two years ago, the government

devised a plan to elevate several sporting facilities around the country to levels acceptable.

The Sh500 million is expected to complete renovation of the facilities that are in various stages of work. "Some of these projects are very close to completion. Nyayo stadium for instance needs very little work remaining while others are equally in progress," Kaberia added.

The department also wants Sh66 million this year as it embarks on early preparation for the Under 20 IAAF World Championships in 2020.



President Uhuru Kenyatta with medal winners from 2016 Rio Olympics at State House, Nairobi. INSET: Sport PS Kirimi Kaberia during the meeting with parliamentarians yesterday. PHOTOS: DAVID NDOLO/KARIUKI SAMWEL

Kenyans in class of their own as East Africa five-a-side hockey ends at City Park

■ by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSport11



Kenya Simba's Ian Olando dribbles past Uganda's Collins Batuusa in their match at the TAP East Africa Hockey 5s tournament played at the City Park Stadium on Sunday. PHOTO: AMOS ABUGA

Kenya showed class as the two-day East Africa hockey five-a-side youth tournament at the City Park.

In the men's category it was an all-Kenyan affair as *Chui* edged *Simba* 3-2 in the pulsating final staged late Sunday evening.

In the women's category, *Mbuni* won the tourney on point aggregate with nine points surpassing *Tausi* also from Kenya who had four points.

Uganda came third in both categories in the extravaganza that brought together six teams from Uganda and

Kenya in both men's and women's categories.

According Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) secretary Wycliffe Momanyi, this being the inaugural tournament involving teams from Kenya and Uganda, they envisage a bigger tournament in the future.

"For a first edition, I can say the tournament was a huge win."

The level of the sport exhibited was mind blowing.

"Essentially, we want the tournament to be played annually with more countries sending teams to play, this will go a long way in nurturing the sport in the region," added Momanyi.

Interestingly, running concurrently with the tournament was training programmes for coaches, umpires and other officials from the region which was administered jointly by KHU, Africa Hockey Federation (AHF), the International Hockey Federation (FIH) as well as the FIH Hockey Academy under the Targeted Assistance Programme (TAP).

With the tournament mostly made under-19 players, Momanyi said they are seeking to groom the youngsters for the future.

"The biggest target for the union is to oversee these youngsters develop into the senior team in the next four to five years," he said.

Captain Agala, Maiyo for African Women's Club Championship

■ by Amos Abuga
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Kenya Prisons Service's women's volleyball team coach Josp Barasa has welcomed the return of captain Backsides Agala to the squad as the national women champions beef up their prep for African Women's Volleyball Club Championship scheduled for next month in Cairo, Egypt.

The long serving attacker is among the three key players who have been out on maternity leave for up to a year and have since linked up to the squad currently training from the Kasarani indoor arena ahead of the competitions that will be played between March 16 and 25 in Cairo.

Barasa whose side reclaimed the women's title after defeating arch-rivals Kenya Prisons in last year's playoff finals also welcomed back left attacker Lydia Maiyo, and centre attacker Joan Cheлагat.

The wardresses will be hoping for a record sixth continental crown despite having poor outing in the last three seasons of the Africa event.

"We have been working on our mistakes which are mainly centered on poor blocks and uncoordinated attacks, the girls are showing intent and more purpose," Barasa told People Sport after Tuesday morning training session.

The tactician has also revealed the team has secured the services of setter Mercy Likhayo formerly of Lugulu Girls and libero Caren Cheruto from Bungoma County team, the coach is upbeat the two will leave their mark.

'The team is gelling well from the veteran middle blocker Diana Khisa and the emergence of youngsters Sharon Chepchumba, Lorine Chebet and Emmanuel Chemtai. The new arrivals have experienced players to learn from," the coach added.

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3. 22/02/2019	21:00	Chippa Utd vs Golden Arrows	2.87	2.71	2.92
4. 22/02/2019	21:00	Dijon vs St. Etienne	3.23	3.39	2.26
5. 22/02/2019	22:00	Red Star vs Valenciennes	2.63	2.96	3.01
6. 22/02/2019	22:00	VVV Venlo vs Heracles	2.64	3.51	2.59
7. 22/02/2019	22:00	Troyes vs Le Havre	2.57	3.00	3.05
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9. 22/02/2019	22:00	Nancy vs Gazelec Ajaccio	2.48	2.96	3.23
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5. 23/02/2019	18:00	Portsmouth vs Barnsley	2.47	3.33	2.90
6. 23/02/2019	19:00	Mlada Boleslav vs Baumit Jablonec	2.56	3.25	2.77
7. 23/02/2019	20:00	Lech Poznan vs Legia Warszawa	2.94	3.16	2.42
8. 23/02/2019	20:30	West Bromwich vs Sheffield Utd	2.48	3.29	2.91
9. 23/02/2019	22:00	Guingamp vs Angers	2.50	3.09	3.09
10. 23/02/2019	22:00	Amiens vs Nice	2.66	3.04	2.93
11. 24/02/2019	14:00	Leganes vs Valencia	2.80	3.07	2.74
12. 24/02/2019	16:30	Anderlecht vs Brugge	2.74	3.44	2.53
13. 24/02/2019	17:00	Chievo vs Genoa	3.08	3.13	2.48
14. 24/02/2019	17:05	Manchester Utd vs Liverpool	3.12	3.50	2.26
15. 24/02/2019	19:00	Rennes vs Marseille	2.74	3.39	2.58
16. 24/02/2019	19:00	FC Rostov vs FC Krasnodar	2.73	2.94	2.83
17. 24/02/2019	20:30	Valladolid vs Betis	2.90	3.17	2.58

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Creative Hands too smart for Vision FC in County League



NAIROBI: Creative Hands put a spirited fight to beat old rivals Vision FC 3-2 in a thrilling Nairobi East County Regional League match played at the weekend. In another match, hosts Uprising FC beat visitors Dream Team FC 2-1 as Dandora Youth played to a 1-1 draw with Tusker Youth, Dandora All Stars beat Kiwi FC 0-0. At Baba Dogo grounds, home team Kenpoly FC walloped St Johns FC 3-2 in a pulsating match before Acakoro FC of Korogocho went down 2-0 while battling against Lenivits United. Subsequently, Makadara Youth settled for a 1-1 all draw in their heated match against Young Rovers to the disappointment of the huge fan base that had turned out. Meanwhile, in the County League Reuben United white-washed Embakasi All Stars 4-2 before Irama Daima lost 1-0 to Country Bus FC. Kariobangi Sports FC beat Glory Outreach FC 1-0 as Victors Faith and Kariobangi Sports FC played to a 2-2 all draw.

-RODGER NDEGWA

Thunder strikes Kenyatta Hospital in FK Div One



NAIROBI: Thunder Bird FC netted the highest number of goals in the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) National Division Two Eastern Zone league matches held at the weekend. Thunder edged out Kenyatta Hospital 4-2 in a highly physical and entertaining match before pre-match underdogs and home team Kahawa United beat Limuru Olympics FC 3-1 in a one-sided clash. Visitors Kenafri FC from Baba Dogo were forced to settle for a draw against hosts Magana Flowers as Equity Bank put up a spirited fight to beat home team Shofco United. Subsequently, Kiba United settled for a barren draw with Mount Kenya University FC, Terror Squad stunned MKU Nairobi FC 3-2 as Kenyan Premier League (KPL) defending champions Gor Mahia FC Junior side Gor Mahia Youth struggled to beat UoN Tandaza United 1-0. Meanwhile, Ruiru Hots Stars beat PCEA Kikuyu Community FC 3-0 before their estate neighbours CMS All Stars lost 2-1 while playing against Mathathi FC, Gathanga United played to a 1-1 all draw with their arch-rivals Gogo Boys from Kiba.-RODGER NDEGWA

Lekimbo stamps authority in Bomet County school games handball



BOMET: Bomet County handball boys' champions Lekimbo Secondary School extend their supremacy in the game when they edged out Kiposit Secondary School 9-3 during the Bomet East Sub County Term One games played at Mulot High School grounds at the weekend. The two teams started on a high note with the champions opening the score sheet and within first 10 minutes the scores read 4-1 in favour of the eventual winners. Lekimbo coached by their School Principal Wilson Korir made few changes and went ahead to control the match at the end of first half and subsequent second half. Captain Kipgeno Bore was undoubtedly the man of the match, after he scored four goals as they terrorised the opponents' defenders at ease. "I am happy for the win. It was not easy to win as it may look like, having in mind that every school wants to challenge and beats us. Our players were disciplined and played according to instructions," said an elated Korir. On their way to finals, Lekimbo whitewashed former giants Longisa 10-3 while Kiposit narrowly beat the host Mulot 8-7. -GEOF OLEKETERE

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Lekimbo stamps authority in Bomet County school games handball



Fresh challenge

Avire hopes to carry club form to national team, as coach Migne vows to use upcoming players at Afcon

By Charles Thuku
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He is powerful, agile and has rapidly outgrown his age and it was least surprising when Harambee Stars coach Sebastian Migne summoned him for three upcoming international matches.

Striker John Avire, 21, is breaking new grounds at Sofapaka as he is also endowed with speed which is one of the virtues needed for a striker worth his salt.

For Avire who partners Umaru Kasumba and Steve Waruru in Batoto Ba Mungu's front line, goals have started flowing at his club side (he has four so far to his name), and he has made it clear that he relishes to replace the marksmanship in the national team.

"I want to prove that being called to Stars was not by chance. The national team selectors have seen my capability and the last thing I would do is to let them down," said Avire who has previously played for Kakamega Homeboyz and Mount Kenya United.



The goal scoring antics by the Passenga High School alumnus in the SPL dates back to December 10, 2018, when he scored Sofapaka's opener in a 2-1 win over Mount Kenya United and followed it up with a clinical tap-in at Batoto Ba Mungu's 1-0 victory over Nzoia Sugar.

Avire was one of the 19 players

who showed up at

Harambee Stars training session

yesterday at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies (KSMS)

ahead of the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) final qualifying

game against Ghana's Black Stars in Accra next month.

The qualifier will be a mere

formality for Kenya and Ghana

as both have already booked a

slot in the biannual Africa event

set for Egypt in June.



Speaking after conducting the morning work outs, Migne said he has explored several options including giving upcoming players a chance to feature for the national team either in the game against Ghana, 2022 Olympic Games or the Africa Nations Championships (CHAN) in which the country is drawn against Intamba Murugamba of Burundi.

SELECTED STARS PLAYERS:
Goalkeepers: Brian Bwire (Kariobangi Sharks), John Oyemba (Kariobangi Sharks), Farouk Shikalo (Bandari)

Defenders: Andrew Juma (Mathare United), David Owino (Mathare United), Philemon Otiemo (Gor Mahia), Joash Onyango (Gor Mahia), Elvis Nandwa (Ulinzi Stars), Michael Kibwage (KCB), Benard Ochieng (Vihiga United)

Midfielders: Francis Kahata (Gor Mahia), James Mazembe (Kariobangi Sharks), Duke Abuya (Kariobangi Sharks), Roy Okal (Mathare United), Cliff Nyakeya (Mathare United), John Avire (Sofapaka), Dennis Odhiambo (Sofapaka), Teddy Osok (Wazito FC), Whyonne Isuzu (AF Leopards), Jafari Owiti (AF Leopards), Abdallah Hassan (Bandari)

Forwards: Sydney Lokale (Kariobangi Sharks), Piston Mutamba (Sofapaka), Allan Wang'a (Kakamega Homeboyz), David Juma (Tusker)

New Stars call-up, Sofapaka's John Avire in training with the national team yesterday. INSET: Stars head coach Sebastian Migne. PHOTOS: DAVID NDOL

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We were confused, says Sarri frustrated as Chelsea woes mount

■ London, Tuesday

Under-fire Maurizio Sarri admitted his Chelsea flops played "confused" football as they crashed out of the FA Cup with a tame 2-0 defeat against Manchester United on Monday.

Sarri was subjected to calls for his sacking from angry Chelsea fans during the troubled team's fifth defeat in their last 10 games.

Booed off at the final whistle, the beleaguered Blues manager felt Chelsea de-

served better after the FA Cup holders started the fifth round clash on top.

But he conceded they lacked direction and focus in a tepid second half surrender. "Tonight we were unlucky because we played a very good first half and at the end of the half the score was 2-0," Sarri said.

"We gave them a few opportunities. We played confusing football in the second half."

"After the first half it wasn't easy to play with that score."

Toothless Chelsea managed only two shots on target all night and the limp second half display suggested the players are hardly doing everything in their power to save Sarri.

Sarri has publicly criticised his squad on several occasions in his first season in charge, questioning their mentality and motivation.

The former Napoli is now in danger of being axed by ruthless owner Roman Abramovich, with Thursday's Europa League tie against Malmo and Sunday's League Cup fi-

ENGLISH FA CUP DRAW:

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Ties to be played March 15-17

nal against Manchester City looming as must-win matches if Sarri is to save his job.

"I feel the pressure for results of course, not about something else," he said when asked if he was concerned about being sacked.



Creme de la creme

Kipchoge wins Laureus Exceptional Achievement award in Monaco

■ Monaco, Tuesday

@PeopleSports11

The IAAF's World Male Athlete of the Year Eliud Kipchoge has been recognised at the Laureus Awards in Monaco on Monday night for his extraordinary performances in the past

year. Kipchoge, who broke the world marathon record in Berlin last September, was honoured with the Laureus Academy's Exceptional Achievement award, a discretionary award that has only been handed out three times previously in the history of the event. Previous

winners include swimming great Michael Phelps (2013), Chinese tennis champion Li Na (2015) and Italian football star Francesco Totti (2018).

"I would like to thank my fans around the world for all their support. I believe that a running world is a peaceful world, a sporting world is a healthy world and that a sporting world is an enjoyable world," Kipchoge said after he was presented with the award by fellow athletics great Tegla Loroupe, a member of the academy.

The Olympic champion was also a finalist for the World Sportsman of the Year award, which went to tennis champion Novak Djokovic for the fourth time.

"It means a lot (to be recog-

nised by the Laureus Acad-

emy)," Kipchoge added. "It means that I have been mak-

ing a big impact in this world – to be recognised for exceptional achievement not just in athletics, but in the whole category of sport. It's nice to mingle with the people from tennis, from basketball, from motor racing, from football, from gymnastics."

The 34-year-old Kenyan

won the London Marathon in April last year in 2:04:17, fin-

ishing comfortably ahead of

one of the deepest marathon

fields in history.

Five months later, he won the Berlin Marathon in 2:01:39 to smash the world record. His time in the German capital was 78 seconds faster than the previous world record, representing the biggest single improvement on a men's marathon world record since 1967.

He is now preparing to defend his title in London in Ap-

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16:00	1275	Ethnikos Achnas vs Karmiotissa	1.95	3.28	3.54
16:00	2806	Taksony SE vs Videoton FC	10.61	7.43	1.19
16:00	4292	Duna Aszfalt Tvse vs Budapest Honved	5.20	4.10	1.58
16:00	4711	Soroksa vs Andrahida Lsc	1.39	4.54	7.74
16:00	5189	Smouha Club vs Arab Contractors	2.49	2.86	3.13
16:00	5885	Budaois vs Kapovari Rakoczi FC	2.33	3.34	2.92
16:20	5517	Rustaq Club vs Al Oruba	2.52	2.94	3.00
16:30	2053	US Siracusa vs Viterbese	3.22	2.96	2.38
16:30	2307	Virtus Entella vs Pistoiese	1.48	3.82	7.42
16:30	5995	Cuneo vs Lucchese	2.07	3.13	3.76
17:00	1764	AEL Limassol vs Ennis Aradippou	1.25	5.02	9.98
17:00	2453	Mouloudia Oujda vs RS Berkane	2.33	3.02	3.23
17:00	5155	Puskas Akademia vs Paksi FC	2.27	3.43	2.96
17:00	5860	Athletic Yousoufia vs Wydad Casablanca	2.72	3.14	2.61
18:00	1117	Akwa United FC vs Gabros International FC	1.53	3.26	7.14
18:00	1359	Plateau United vs Kada City FC	1.22	5.95	8.80
18:00	1499	Enyimba vs Katsina United FC	1.28	4.95	8.68
18:00	1826	Lobi Stars vs Remo Stars	1.28	4.95	8.68
18:00	2134	Enugu Rangers International FC vs Nikki Tourist	1.23	5.39	9.75
18:00	3079	El Kanemi Warriors vs Heartland FC Owerri	1.23	5.39	9.75
18:00	3463	Pafos FC vs Enosis Paralimni	1.75	3.30	4.43
18:00	4710	MFM FC vs Sunshine Stars FC	1.29	4.96	8.01
18:00	4764	FC Vitosha Sofia vs Levski Sofia	6.59	4.64	1.42
18:00	5132	Nasarawa United vs Yobe Stars	1.43	3.78	7.40
18:00	5502	Kano Pillars FC vs Abia Warriors FC	1.28	4.97	8.46
18:00	5596	Kwara United vs Niger Tomadores FC	1.28	4.95	8.68
18:00	5846	Bendel Insurance FC vs Rivers United FC	1.43	3.63	7.93
18:30	1250	Talaea El Gaish vs El Zamalek	5.78	3.31	1.68
19:00	1023	Doxa Katokopia vs Apoel Nicosia	5.84	4.01	1.47
20:00	3547	Sevilla FC vs Lazio	1.79	3.63	4.71
20:30	4928	SuperSport Utd vs Orlando Pirates	3.09	2.77	2.66
21:00	2294	Al Ahly Cairo vs El Daklyeh	1.33	4.69	9.34
21:00	2527	Bordeaux vs Guingamp	1.94	3.35	4.27
22:45	2487	Farnborough vs Metropolitan Police	2.27	3.56	2.63
22:45	4495	Derby vs Millwall	2.05	3.40	3.72
22:45	5043	Darlington vs Brackley Town	2.98	3.33	2.15
22:45	5936	Rangers FC vs Kilmarnock	1.36	4.44	9.15
23:00	2138	Paris St Germain vs Montpellier	1.32	5.26	9.77
23:00	3209	Schalke 04 vs Manchester City	9.39	5.64	1.31
23:00	5940	Atletico Madrid vs Juventus	2.80	3.01	2.80

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TIME	GAME ID	GAME	1	X	2
1:15	5655	Talleres vs CD Palestino	1.61	3.70	5.91
3:00	5321	Boca Juniors vs Atletico Tucuman	1.57	3.89	6.48
3:30	1143	Deportes Tolima vs Junior Barranquilla	2.27	3.12	3.23
3:30	1247	Defensor Sporting vs Atletico Mineiro	4.32	3.25	1.92
3:30	3642	Defensor Justicia vs Botafogo RJ	1.60	3.79	5.86
6:00	4261	Dorados vs Queretaro FC	3.07	3.28	2.28
18:30	4957	Beroe vs Etar	1.74	3.65	4.49

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Muyoti unveiled as Homeboyz' new head coach

KAKAMEGA: Former AFC Leopards and Harambee Stars midfielder Nicholas Muyoti was yesterday unveiled as the new Kakamega Homeboyz coach. Muyoti who has had coaching stints with Leopards, Thika United and Nzoia Sugar now fills the position that had been left vacant after the suspension of Ugandan tactician Paul Nkata last month due to match fixing allegations. Speaking during the ceremony attended by players and fans, the team's chairman Cleophas Shimanyula revealed that among the over 40 applicants who were interested in the job, he decided to settle for Muyoti whom he said was the most suitable person for the job. "I'm pleased to inform you that the panel which has been sifting through various applications submitted after Nkata left, settled on Muyoti who has done a great job with our neighbours Nzoia Sugar as well as the previous teams he handled," said Shimanyula. He added: "We have also brought in our former assistant coach Peter Okidi in the same capacity with Eluid Omukuya retaining his position as the technical director together with our long serving team manager Boniface Imbenzi who continues to serve in the same position."

-FRED LIKHUVANI

Saudi prince Bin Salman denies Sh492b Man Utd takeover bid

MANCHESTER: Saudi Arabia crown prince Mohammed Bin Salman has denied reports that he intends to buy Manchester United. The crown prince was said to be launching a Sh 492b (£3.8 billion) offer to take control of the Premier League club, according to weekend reports. But the kingdom's media minister, Turki al-Shababah, wrote on Twitter: 'Reports claiming that HRH the Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman intends on buying @ManUtd are completely false.' Manchester United held a meeting with @PIFSaudi to discuss sponsorship opportunity. No deal has been materialised. United's American owners, the Glazer family, bought the club for £790million almost 14 years ago. It was reported in October that United's owners have no intention of selling any stake in the club. United already have business interests with Saudi Arabia, with Saudi Telecom the club's official integrated telecommunications partner.

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Gor host Stima in midweek league clash

Gor Mahia will be hoping to continue from where they left when they entertain Western Stima in a SportPesa Premier League (SPL) midweek match at Moi International Sports Centre (MISC) from 4pm today. K'Ogalo are basking in the pride of having stopped Sofapaka 1-0 on Sunday and a win over Stima will see them get to within touching distance of the league summit. Gor are third with 25 points behind Mathare (26 points) and table-topping Bandari (28 points) and victory over Stima will put them at par with the dockers with goal aggregate separating the two. Apparently, coach Hassan Oktay's charges showed no jet-lag during the Sofapaka match despite playing an energy-sapping CAF Confederation Cup match against Petro Atletico which they lost 2-1 in Luanda two days earlier. This is the spirit Gor will be hoping to carry against Stima and Samuel Onyango who was on target against Batoto Ba Mungu is expected to team up with the likes of Francis Mustafa and Boniface Omondi to search for goals.

-CHARLES THUKU



PEACE AT LAST BETWEEN MOURINHO AND WENGER

Arsene Wenger received the Laureus Lifetime Achievement award on Monday but it was the glowing tribute from the unlikely sources Jose Mourinho that caught the eye. The 69-year-old Wenger won the award on the back of his revolutionising English football especially in the first part of his over two decades in charge of Arsenal. The veteran former Gunners boss and Mourinho clashed often on and off the touchline. However, Mourinho sacked by Manchester United in December, paid handsome tribute to Wenger via a video. The volatile Portuguese, who had two spells at Chelsea and then the turbulent one at United, acknowledged there had been moments when they had been at odds with each other.



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Atletico meet Juve in a clash of high stakes, as Manchester City visits Schalke 04

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Massimiliano Allegri told Juventus not to be afraid of Atletico Madrid but for one of these teams their worst fears in this season's Champions League are about to become a reality.

Crashing out in the last 16 would be unthinkable for two clubs that were among the favourites when the draw for the knock out stages was made in December.

"Those that have ambition are not afraid," Allegri said, after his side were drawn to play Atletico, with the first leg on Wednesday at the Wanda Metropolitano.

"It's like a final, we cannot put a foot wrong," Atletico boss Diego Simeone said.

Juventus and Atletico Madrid have reached 12 European Cup finals between them, with last season's game in Kiev the first in five years in which neither had featured. Atletico went on to win the Europa League instead, proving themselves too strong for Europe's second-tier competition, while

Juventus were dumped out by eventual winners Real Madrid, undone by a controversial Cristiano Ronaldo (pictured) penalty in the 98th minute.

It was Ronaldo's 10th goal in seven games against Juventus, having scored twice in the first leg and twice in the final in 2017 too. Juve beat Real in the semi-finals two years earlier but even then, Ronaldo managed a goal in each leg.

There was understandable relief, as well as joy, when the Portuguese switched sides last summer and now, there is belief. Ronaldo has not finished in single figures for goals in the Champions League since 2011.

As Lionel Messi said: "They already had a good team and now they have Cristiano Ronaldo."

But with anticipation comes pressure. Juventus are on course to win an eighth consecutive Scudetto but this is the one trophy they crave.

Miss out again and it will be 23 years since they last lifted Europe's premier prize, this time with its most prolific player ever among their ranks. "We have to be wary of Atletico," Allegri said.

"And we have to find the right moment to score. It's crucial that we get a goal there, otherwise qualification will be very difficult," he added.

Atletico's own record signing last summer, Thomas Lemar, was not even born when Gianluca Vialli hoisted the trophy in 1996 for the Italians but expectation weighs heavy on them too. Atleti have the chance to play a final at home this year, at the Wanda Metropolitano, and not only snatch the cup away from rivals Real but do it in the city they both call their own.

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