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High stakes game as MPs start BBI debate

A section of lawmakers are opposed to the creation of 70 new constituencies, saying only IEBC has the constitutional mandate to do so

Corona threatens counties' fragile healthcare systems



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Council of Governors Chairman Martin Wambora (right) addresses the press in his office in Nairobi yesterday on measures taken by county governments to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. With him is the CoG Health Committee chair Anyang Nyong'o. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Why panel settled on Koome for CJ

Safe pair of hands: Appellate judge is said to have won the confidence of the Judicial Service Commission interview panel and the government as the person who can be relied upon to mend fences between the courts and President Kenyatta's administration **PAGES 4 & 5**

Chief Justice Martha Koome

Sources said she may have emerged victorious due to the fact that being an insider she could take advantage of her experience to initiate required court reforms

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Nairobi	25°	Nyeri	24°
Mombasa	31°	Kitui	28°
Kisumu	28°	Wajir	34°

Keep off graft court cases, State officers ordered

Judge says representing a public servants accused of corruption goes against the letter, spirit of Constitution

by Sophie Njoka
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The High Court sitting in Mombasa has barred State officers from representing public officers in corruption cases.

Mombasa resident judge Erick Ogola said the move by a State officer to represent a public officer accused of corruption goes against the spirit of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

In the matter, the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji had sought orders to have Siaya Senator James Orengo barred from appearing on behalf of former Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) managing director Daniel Manduku in a corruption case.

"I have carefully considered the application before the court and in my view, a State officer or a public officer shall use the best efforts to avoid, being in a situation where personal interests conflict or appear to conflict with the State officers or public officers official duties, accordingly, it is the finding hereof that the continued representation of the first interested party by the Respondent goes against Section 26, since it is not in dispute that the Re-

spondent herein is a State officer by virtue of him being the elected Senator for Siaya, therefore, the Honourable court is pleased to issue an order barring the respondent — Senator James Aggrey Bob Orengo — or any other State officer from appearing for the petitioner or any of the parties in this matter on account of conflict of interest," said Justice Ogola.

Justice Ogola said Article 77 (1) of the Constitution provides that a full-time State officer shall not engage in any other gainful employment.

"The court is pleased to find and hold that the continued appearance of the respondent and/or any other State officer in these proceedings is against the letter and spirit of Chapter Six of the Constitution, Senator Orengo by virtue of him being elected Senator of Siaya county and a Minority Leader of the Senate, is a full time State officer who is required by law not to engage in any other gainful employment," he said.

Full time State officer

Ogola said Orengo, by his own admission, was a member of the Senate's Justice and Legal Affairs Committee which is tasked with admitting complaints, listening to the same and summoning the relevant persons to interrogate them on the complaints levelled against them or their institutions.

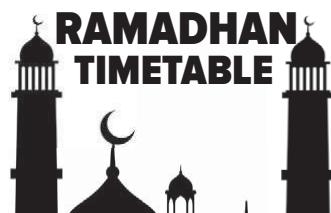
"In the present case, the respondent is required by law to sit in the committee that will interrogate the first interested party herein, in the event he is summoned by the Senate," stated Ogola. "In my view, this is a tenuous scenario where there is a very thin difference between the interrogator and the advocate."

Justice Ogola said Orengo on August 28 appeared at the Milimani Chief Magistrate's court being driven in his official government vehicle (GKB 178E), a grey Toyota Prado registered under the ownership of the National Assembly and appeared on behalf of Manduku.

ORENGO BARRED BY COURT

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- Justice Ogola pointed out that Orengo on August 28, 2020, appeared at the Milimani Chief Magistrate's Court being driven in his official government registered



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Nairobi	05:18 am	06:34 pm
Mombasa	05:09 am	06:19 pm
Kisumu	05:25 am	06:43 pm
Garissa	05:57 am	06:23 pm
Mandera	04:52 am	06:18 pm
Wajir	05:02 am	06:24 pm
Moyale	05:04 am	06:29 pm
Malindi	05:07 am	06:20 pm
Eldoret	05:24 am	06:42 pm
Kitale	05:24 am	06:42 pm
Nakuru	05:21 am	06:39 pm
Kakamega	05:27 am	06:44 pm



Pedestrians walk to the CBD after alighting from matatus at the Green Park Bus Terminus off Ngong Road following an NMS test-run at the drop-off point, yesterday. PD/David Ndolo

Test run by NMS at Green Park Terminus signals actualisation of city matatu ban

by Alvin Mwangi
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Nairobi Metropolitan Service (NMS) yesterday conducted a test-run at the Green Park Terminus in a bid to iron out issues before it is fully operational.

The exercise was conducted early in the morning between 6:00 am in the morning and 9:00am.

In the exercise, NMS was keen to see how passengers will connect to Central Business District (CBD) once it has been opened next month.

"We are here to access how this terminus will be working once opened. We have noted some challenges which we will address before we open it next month," NMS Director of Roads Engineer Michael Ochieng.

Police were installed along the Bunyala Road the roundabout where all Public Service Vehicles

(PSV) were diverted to Professional way into the terminus.

Only private cars were permitted to use Uhuru Highway to join Haile Selassie.

Inside the terminus, matatus were only allowed to drop off commuters as they exit.

PSV diversion

The Nairobi Commuter Buses were available for the physically challenged, expectant mothers and those with small children free of charge.

However, most of the passengers expressed dissatisfaction with the plan where majority complained that NMS had not put enough measures to address their plight.

"The government is trying but it would have done it better if they did a serious campaign and informed Kenyans about this park. The exercise caught us by surprise. The most worrying

thing is that this place is also far from being completed," complained Moses Maina a resident of Langata.

Others said that terminus was more of a punishment to them, as they had to walk for long distances.

"I work in Ngara, I will have to walk all the way to Khoja to get a vehicle. Let them address this first," complained Maureen Wanjiru.

On their part, PSV drivers complained of the huge traffic snarl-up within the city.

"This plan is good but traffic still remains to be a big issue for us. They should come with an elaborate plan to address this," complained Kelvin Momanyi a driver working south b Sacco.

All PSVs that operate from the Nairobi railway station stage will be dropping passengers at the terminal upon its completion.

Reprise for patients as ARV distribution starts



by Noven Owiti
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At least 389,551 persons living with HIV in western Kenya can breathe a sigh of relief after the government kicked off the distribution of antiretroviral (ARV) drugs yesterday.

The Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Kemsa) flagged-off the distribution of the ARVs and related to seven counties in the region worth Sh444,393,553.64.

The drug consignment will be distributed to Migori, Nyamira, Kisumu, Siaya, Vihiga, Kakamega and Bungoma.

Speaking during the flag off exercise at Kemsa regional distri-

bution centre in Kisumu town yesterday, deputy governor Mathews Owili said the start of the distribution of the life-saving medicines came as a reprieve for the patients who were staring at a possible ARV stock-outs in the various health facilities.

Owili said shortage of HIV commodities was already causing a crisis in the management of HIV clients in especially in counties with high burden of the disease.

For instance, the deputy governor said an average of 10,000 viral tests of clients on ART are conducted monthly by testing laboratories in Kisumu but the number drastically reduced due to shortage of the commodities.



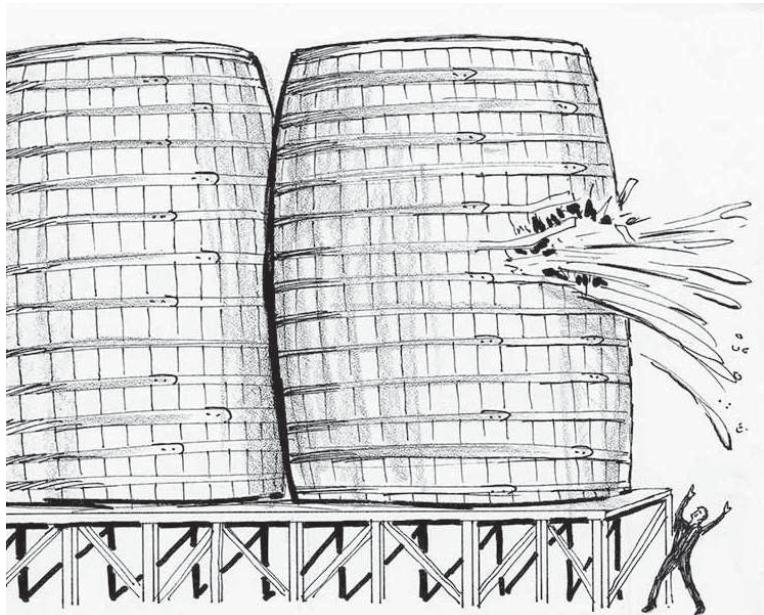
The window test flop

Garry Hoy, a partner at Holden Day Wilson LLP, one of Canada's biggest law firms was also a bit of a show-off. His trick involved bodychecking windows on his 24th floor office to demonstrate their tensile strength in front of gullible youths. It was, however, not a test technique approved by any building code in the world and Hoy found out why on July 9, 1993, as

he thrilled a group of articling students with his old tricks. The window held through one run of battering. Unknown to the lawyer, the constant abuse had badly weakened the window and on the second run, the glass popped. Hoy found himself free-falling through the air with nothing but a long list of regrets before he slammed into the concrete and died.

All deaths are tragic but some are truly bizarre

Funerals are sombre moments of resting loved ones but how one transited makes it difficult to keep a straight face at the funeral.



Death by beer flood

In 1814, residents of London's Tottenham Court Road found out that a flood, even that of booze, is still deadly.

This was after a huge vat holding 9,000 barrels of beer at the Horse Shoe Brewery, burst open. It sent a 15ft high "tsunami" of beer sweeping through the streets. It flooded the

nearby slums, quickly filling up cellars where families lived. Eight people died in the flood, including at least one child. Incredibly, the disaster was deemed "an unavoidable act of God," and the brewery was given a tax break to help it recover.

The poor victims, however, received nothing.



Mayor tripped by own beard

Hans Steininger, a popular 16th-century town mayor of the Austrian town of Braunau am Inn, also spotted a 1.4-metre-long beard. Steininger usually rolled up his beard in a pouch that he carried with him. In 1567, a large fire sent the town into panic. Unfortunately, the mayor was airing his beard when the chaos broke. During the ruckus, he caught his foot on the beard and tumbled down a flight of stairs, breaking his neck. Today, a full-body illustration of the man carved in rock that is displayed on the side of the town's St. Stephan's Church. His beard is engraved in its entire length as it is a celebrity in the town's cultural memory.



The engineer's prototype

Chemical engineer Thomas Midgley Jr made a number of valuable scientific discoveries and received four medals from the American Chemical Society during his career. He was also admitted to the prestigious American Academy of Sciences and so far, sounds like a sensible sort of man. Midgley, however, was also an amateur inventor. He registered 117 patents, including one for a mechanical hoist to help him out of bed, which he invented after he contracted polio. Perhaps he shouldn't have put so much faith in a prototype. The device malfunctioned, entangled him in the ropes and strangled the poor engineer.

Lawyer was too good

Clement L. Vallandigham was an American politician and noted lawyer. On June 17, 1871, Vallandigham was defending a man on a murder charge. He argued that the victim had, in fact, shot himself while pulling his pistol, a point he intended to prove with a small demonstration involving pointing a prop gun to his head. However, the good lawyer thought the gun was empty. It is when he pulled the trigger that he found out just how wrong he had thought. Vallandigham died at the scene. His terminal act worked though, and his client was acquitted.



King dies from overeating

In February 1771, Adolf Frederick, the king of Sweden, attended a particularly lavish banquet being held in preparation for Lent. Knowing that the following 40 days would feature fasting, the guests indulged with special fervour. Frederick was a particularly enthusiastic diner and packed away lobster, caviar, various fish dishes, and a pile of sauerkraut, all washed down with plenty of champagne. For dessert, Frederick, consumed 14 dishes of semlor—a kind of sweet bread roll served in a bowl of warm milk. But not even a king's tummy could stomach so much chow as Frederick developed "complications in his digestive tract". He died soon after from the feasting.

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Why panel settled on Koome for CJ

Sources say judge was considered as a safe pair of hands because she isn't controversial and has wide experience and skills

■ by Eric Wainaina
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Appellate Judge Lady Justice Martha Karambu Koome, who was yesterday recommended for promotion to succeed David Maraga as Kenya's next Chief Justice, was considered as "a safe pair of hands," to steer one of the most crucial arms of government, Judiciary insiders said.

The apparent bad blood between the Judiciary and the Executive and rampant corruption within the courts are said to have played to Justice Koome's advantage.

The judge is said to have won the confidence of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) panel and the government as "the person who can be relied upon to mend fences between the Judiciary and President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration".

"She also has the muscle to fight corruption and cartels in the Judiciary. Almost everyone was fed up with a CJ whose only engagement was initiating duels with the President," said a senior judicial official.

Justice Koome, who becomes Kenya's first female CJ, now faces an uphill task of restoring trust and reputation of the Judiciary that has been grappling with allegations of corruption and delay of cases.

Overall winner

Senior Counsel Fred Ojiambo says though it has always been a rule to have the holders of CJ and Deputy Chief Justice being from the opposite gender, there is no law requiring the same.

"It is only a practice that is not enshrined in law," Ojiambo told People Daily yesterday.

Lawyer Paul Mwangi concurred with Ojiambo's argument, saying there was no requirement that the Chief Justice and the deputy be of opposite gender.

"In fact, the gender requirement does not apply to the leadership of the three arms of government," said Mwangi, a joint secretary in the taskforce that drafted the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Bill.

But independent sources intimated that

Justice Koome's nomination could be a pointer to Deputy Chief Justice Philomena Mwili that her time in the Judiciary is up.

Even though commentators never predicted Koome's victory, she beat nine candidates including Justice Marete Njagi, lawyer Philip Murgor, Justice Said Chitembwe, law scholar Prof Patricia Mbote, Justice Nduma Nderi, Senior Counsel Fredrick Ngatia, Justice William Oko, Prof Moni Wekesa and lawyer Alice Yano.

"After lengthy deliberations and careful consideration of the performance of the various candidates, the JSC has unanimously recommended the appointment of Hon Lady Justice Martha Karambu Koome, judge of the Court of Appeal, as the Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya," JSC vice-chairperson Prof Olive Mugenda said in a statement while making the announcement.

Judiciary insider

Justice Koome is said to have emerged the overall winner followed by Justice Oko, lawyer Ngatia, Prof Mbote and Justice Chitembwe coming in fifth.

Sources said the race between the first three candidates was almost a close call, with the winner leading by a slim margin.

Sources within the Judiciary intimated that Justice Koome may have emerged victorious due to a number of factors, among them being a Judiciary insider who could take advantage of her experience to initiate required reforms.

But on top of that is her non-combative style of administration, which sources say would help her mend the sour relations between the Executive and the Judiciary.

"Nobody wanted somebody who would continue in the footsteps of Maraga. We wanted somebody who would not only reconcile with the Executive, but also with Parliament," a JSC member told People Daily.

Sources intimated that the government may have played a major role in tilting the outcome of the process.

Apparently, JSC comprises nine members, with the government enjoying support from five nominees whom President Uhuru Kenyatta nominated, thus controlling 36 per cent of the vote.

The Judiciary is represented by Justices Mwili, Mohamed Warsame, David Majanja and Chief Magistrate Evelyne Olwande.

Usually, the Judiciary has an upper hand



Lady Justice Martha Koome during the interview last week. PD/FILE

by having five members, thus controlling 45 per cent of the vote, but the absence of a Chief Justice, a position left vacant by Maraga's retirement, reduced their voting power.

Sources say government-friendly members in the JSC include Prof Mugenda and Felix Koskey (both representing the public), Patrick Gichohi (Public Service Commission), Macharia Njeru (Law Society of Kenya) and Attorney General Paul Kihara Kariuki.

Full in tray

A last-minute bid by the group oscillating around the Judiciary to dislodge Ms Mugenda from chairing the interviewing panel failed when the Appeal Court allowed the process to proceed.

TASK AHEAD

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Had the petition by activist Membra Ocharo succeeded, Justice Mwili would have been given the mantle to chair the interviews, with two votes... in her own capacity as Deputy Chief Justice and as the acting chairperson of JSC. This would have likely tilted the voting in favour of JSC.

Although qualification is an important factor in choosing the Chief Justice, voting is said to be the main determining factor.

"When it comes to voting, the majority carries the day. Commissioners rank the candidates according to the side of the coin they support," a former JSC member revealed yesterday.

If her nomination to the coveted position is approved by the National Assembly and subsequently ratified by President Kenyatta, Koome, 61, will make history as the country's first female CJ and President of the Supreme Court, which, since the promulgation of the 2010 Constitution, has been held by men including Maraga and his predecessor Willy Mutunga.

It will also be the first time the Judiciary will be led by two lady judges, Koome and Mwili.

Some of the issues the mother of three will be confronted with once in office include addressing corruption within the Judiciary and mending the frosty relations with the Executive which worsened during Maraga's tenure.

Also in her in-tray will be the stalemate over the appointment of 41 judges whom the President has refused to confirm.

For Justice Koome, who boasts of a 33-year-long experience, having practised law for 15 years before becoming a judge, just as he has told the JSC panel, her nomination to succeed Maraga is historic.

MIXED REACTIONS GREET JUSTICE KOOME NOMINATION AS NEXT CJ



LAWYER PHILIP MURGOR

"I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly congratulate Justice Martha Koome for her nomination by the Judicial Service Commission as Chief Justice, and I assure her of all my support in her onerous responsibilities during her tenure."



PUBLIC SERVICE CS MARGARET KOBIA

"Delighted to learn of the nomination of Lady Justice Martha Koome for the position of the first woman Chief Justice by JSC. Koome qualified to become the next CJ owing to her 26 years of experience as a legal practitioner, a Judge of the High Court and as a Judge of the Court of Appeal."



SOY MP CALEB KOSITANY

"Congratulations Lady Justice Martha Koome, on your new role as Chief Justice. The swearing in of the 41 judges should be on your priority list, and please, please, please uphold the independence of the Judiciary."



GOVERNOR ANNE WAIGURU

"Congratulations Martha Koome on your JSC nomination as the next CJ of Kenya. No doubt the present is female! Your win is yet another clear show that Kenya is indeed ready for female leadership and we are not short of capable and willing women. When one woman wins-All women win."



LAWYER SAMSON NYABERI

"We can't now fault the process because now they have given us the person. The court of appeal in the morning gave a decision which locked out everything including filing anything in the Supreme Court because even if there was any appeal that could not have survived because the Supreme Court is not properly constituted."



NAKURU MP SUSAN KIHIIKA

"Congratulations Koome on your well deserved nomination for the position of Chief Justice, Kenya! Breaking the glass ceiling as you make history as the first woman CJ."



EX-PS JAMES OLE KIYAPI

"I think Lady Justice Martha Koome is a great pick and will advance the rule of law. There were several who were suitably qualified and she was one of them. Very refreshing to have a woman as head of the Judiciary."



HOMABAY MP GLADYS WANGA

"Congratulations Justice Martha Koome on your nomination as the first woman Chief Justice of the Republic of Kenya. The glass ceiling is shattered and history is made!"



LAWYER DANSTAN OMARI OMARI

"We are likely to have a Supreme Court and a Judiciary which is similar to the Judiciary of the 1990 which was a department of the Executive. The process of her recruitment was flawed and was challenged. It is a true confirmation that she is the system's person."

Compiled by: Mercy Mwai



Justice Martha Koome's relatives celebrate at their home in Kithu village in North Imenti, Meru County after her nomination as Chief Justice. PD/DORCAS MBATIA

From village girl to possible first female courts boss

If approved by Parliament and appointed by the President, Lady Justice Koome will hold record as first woman to occupy the office

by Bernice Mbugua
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The nomination of Court of Appeal Judge Martha Koome as the country's next Chief Justice (CJ) yesterday came as a surprise to many.

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) in a one-line statement read by the commission's vice-chair Prof Olive Mugenda, said they have already submitted her name to the President for appointment.

"After lengthy deliberations and careful considerations of the performance of the various candidates, the JSC has unanimously recommended the appointment of Justice Martha Koome as the CJ of Kenya," Mugenda said at a press conference that lasted less than a minute.

Justice Koome will become the first female CJ if approved by Parliament and appointed by the President.

Born in 1960 in Meru County to peasant farmers, Koome has 33 years experience in legal practice. She was appointed High Court judge in 2003, having previously served as a lawyer who played a key role in advancing the rights of women. She served in various divisions at the High Court before she was promoted to a judge of the appellate court in 2012.

"I grew up in rural areas in Meru in a village, so I am a villager to the truest sense. My parents were peasant farmers and we were 18 children from two mothers. So, for all of us especially girls, it was a struggle to overcome the odds, but by the grace of God, I was able to go to school and graduated from

the University of Nairobi in 1986 with a Bachelor's degree in Law, proceeded to the Kenya School of Law and attained a postgraduate diploma in law in 1987 before being admitted to the Bar as an advocate the same year," she told the JSC panel during the interview.

Koome was once elected as a council member of the Law Society of Kenya in 1993-1996 where she took a leading role in constitutional and legal reforms.

During last week's interviews, she was hard pressed to explain her role in a ruling delivered by a three-judge bench in a matter regarding the repeat of the 2017 presidential election.

The bench, which comprised Justices Koome, Erastus Githinji and Fatuma Sichale, had suspended a High Court decision declaring all returning officers in the country as illegally in office.

Controversial ruling

Justice Koome was quizzed on why the bench did not seek out the other counsel in the matter, which was of great public importance.

"You can understand a litigant who is horrified and accusing the court of doing its own things. What was difficult in calling so and so who appeared in the matter to come and deal with the application?" asked Justice David Majanja, a commissioner in the panel.

Judge Koome, however, maintained that the bench was appointed by the then Appeal Court President Kihara Kariuki to hear the case urgently.

Justice Majanja wondered why they sat at night and inquired whether the CJ had authorised the court to sit after hours.

Koome, however, responded that it is the President of the Court of Appeal who constitutes benches and prepares the cause list, so when he certified the matter as urgent and constituted the bench, it is him she was answerable to.

She's our pride and joy, nominee kin say

by Dorcas Mbaitia
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The family of Chief Justice nominee Martha Karambu Koome erupted in celebration following her nomination.

Her elder brother Mwenda Rutere, whom we caught up with at their home in Kithu, Kiramurine village in North Imenti, expressed confidence that Justice Koome would be first woman to occupy the office.

"I have no words to describe my feelings... I had this feeling that my sister, who has always been a human rights crusader, will be the next CJ," said Rutere.

Born in a family of 18 children, his brother described Koome as a humble, honest, loving and hard working woman. He said that in Koome, Kenya has the right person to reform the Judiciary.

Members of the family described her as person with a good heart who was devoted to improv-

ing the social status of her relatives.

Speaking to People Daily on phone, Koome said she was ready to transform the Judiciary if she becomes its next head.

"I am ready to fight for the rights of citizens and bring transformation and efficiency in the judiciary," she said.

Koome attended the local Mwiteria Primary School where she used to top in class before joining Chuka Commercial Secondary and later Murguri High School for her A levels.

She was described as notable netball player while in school.

RUTERE

I had this feeling that my sister...will be the next CJ



Koome, Maraga Nakuru link

by Noah Cheploen
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The nomination of Martha Koome as the next Chief Justice has created an interesting coincidence.

Like her predecessor David Maraga, Koome served in Nakuru as a resident judge.

Both Justice Koome and immediate former Chief Justice Maraga did not only serve as judges in Nakuru, Koome in fact succeeded Maraga when he was transferred to Nairobi.

Another coincidence is that Court of Appeal President William Ouko also served in Nakuru's Court of Appeal section almost at the same time that Koome was in Nakuru. Justice Ouko was one of the lawyers shortlisted for the CJ's job with Koome and eight others.

He was also shortlisted for the position of Supreme Court judge for which interviews will start next week.

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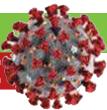
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Rashid K. Salim, IEng. IMarEng
AG. MANAGING DIRECTOR





Corona threatens counties' fragile healthcare systems

Devolved units were either ill-prepared to counter new infections or must have relaxed preparedness

■ by Hillary Mageka
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The Covid-19 third wave is threatening to overrun fragile healthcare systems in counties.

Despite the national government imposing restrictions on movement and public gatherings and launching a vaccination drive to protect Kenyans against the contagion, it appears counties either relaxed their preparedness or were ill-equipped to counter new infections.

Latest data shows the burden of the disease is gradually shifting away from five counties under lockdown, which in March accounted for more than 70 per cent of the country's caseload.

In the past one month, the infection rates have soared in counties outside the locked down areas of Nairobi, Kajiado, Kiambu, Machakos and Nakuru to Kisii, Kericho, Kisumu, Tharaka Nithi, Nyeri, Kitui, Mombasa, Murang'a, Laikipia, and Uasin Gishu.

A National Emergency Committee on Coronavirus (NERC) meeting on Monday is said to have discussed possibilities of imposing tougher containment protocols in Uasin Gishu, Mombasa and Kericho where the numbers of new infections are said to be growing exponentially.

Failure by the national government to release funds to devolved units is said to have compounded the situation further, rendering counties unable to contain the rising infections. Medical experts estimate that it costs between Sh200,000 and Sh1 million to treat one Covid-19 patient who requires oxygen support.

Sources intimated to People Daily that a number of patients seeking treatment in public health facilities are being turned away by medical personnel who cite lack of Personnel Protective Equipment (PPEs), medicines and reagents for counties with testing capacities.

Kenya Medical Supplies Authority is said to have stopped providing counties with Covid-19 essentials, since it was en-

gulfed in a multi-billion scandal, leaving them vulnerable.

"Though the central government says patients suffering from Covid-19 should not be charged because it is a pandemic, there is no support from it. Matters have been left to counties, which have decided to pass the burden to the people," a governor who sought anonymity said.

Various cadres of public and private hospitals are grappling with record numbers of critical-care patients, stretching a health system that was inadequate even before the outbreak of Covid-19.

Reports are also emerging that counties' isolation centres are fast running out of space as more patients continue being admitted to various facilities with Covid-19 symptoms.

Besides, Intensive Care Units (ICU) are filled, especially in Nairobi, the epicentre of the pandemic, according to Nairobi Metropolitan Services and the Ministry of Health. This is despite substantial gaps in ICU beds and ventilator capacity among devolved units.

Alarm bell

Counties, which are central to the fight against the pandemic, since they are in charge of health services, are reporting that oxygen plants are almost being overrun by increased demand and they are straining to supplement the current capacity.

"This is an alarm bell that is being rang that there exists significant gaps in counties' capacity to accommodate a potential surge in caseload due to Covid-19," Dr George Ombati, Managing Director of Miriga Mieru Health Services told People Daily on Monday.

He added: "Alongside, efforts to slow and suppress the virus transmission, governors will need to implement adaptive measures and additional investments to expand hospitals capacity for the disease."

According to the medical microbiologist, additional investments will, however, need to be strategically prioritised to focus on strengthening essential services first, such as oxygen availability, before higher cost investments such as ICU beds and ventilators.

With no end in sight coupled with the rise in infections, he said, the much-touted resilience of county healthcare facilities to the disease is being tested.



Kiora Covid-19 isolation centre in Bomet county.

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Number of counties that have increased their isolation bed capacity

In recent weeks, the county governments of Nakuru, Kakamega, Meru, Uasin Gishu, Murang'a, Nyeri and Kisumu have reported an increase in the number of infections, which is likely to overwhelm their health systems if the situation persists.

There is also an emerging trend where some individuals who have been vaccinated are no longer observing Covid-19 measures due to misguided notion that the jab guarantees immunity against the virus.

"This will defeat the effort by both levels of government and we call upon all Kenyans, to social distance, wear masks and cover both nose and mouth and wash hands and sanitise regularly," Kisumu Governor Anyang Nyong'o said in a statement. In the last one week, 31 county governments have increased their isolation bed capacity to 6,253 with 50 patients having recovered from infection.

During the same period, the total number of available beds in ICU was 297. This number has increased by 15 bringing the total number of available beds to 312.

The total number of available beds in the High Dependency Unit facilities was 114. This number has reduced by four, bringing the total number of available beds to 110.

On vaccination, cumulatively in 31 counties, a total of 469,496 doses had been received out of which 379,572 have

been administered to healthcare workers (73,690), security (32,000), teachers (69,035) and others - 204,847.

"We note that the demand for the Covid-19 vaccine has increased over the week with more uptake by individuals above the age of 58. Counties have since increased vaccination centres," the statement.

High demand

In view of high demand for oxygen, counties such as Nakuru had increased production of oxygen cylinders from 40 a day to 120.

Additionally, Kisumu County has two oxygen generating plants with combined capacity of 375 litres per minute running at full capacity. Further, the county has 6,000kg of liquid oxygen storage tank with an average weekly usage of 3,000 kg.

As demand continues to rise in the Lake Region Economic Bloc, counties have put in place internal mechanisms to ensure they cushion each other in the event of a surge.

Tharaka Nithi Governor Muthomi Njuki has warned that health facilities put up to handle Covid-19 cases had been overwhelmed.

According to Njuki, the isolation wards at Chuka County Referral Hospital had no room for more patients.

Governors to conduct emergency Covid drills to stem rising cases

■ by George Kebaso
@Morarak

County governments have announced plans to conduct emergency Coronavirus drills to counter rising infections.

Council of Governors Health Committee chair Prof Anyang' Nyong'o (*pictured*) expressed concern even as counties strive to deal with a spike in infections, cases of misbehaviour, carelessness and breach of Covid-19 protocols among those who have been vaccinated were on the rise.

He cautioned that if this goes on, there is a likelihood of defeating efforts taken to reduce infections.

"Counties, in collaboration with



the National Government through the County Intergovernmental Emergency Committees, will undertake drills to prepare for the worst case scenario so that we are not caught off-guard," Prof Nyong'o said.

Emerging trend

He added: "But as we do this, there is an emerging trend where some individuals who have been vaccinated are no longer observing the Covid-19 measures due to the misguided notion that the vaccine guarantees immunity of contracting the virus. This will defeat efforts by both levels of Government," Nyong'o warned.

He spoke to journalists as the Council received a donation of Per-

sonal Protective Equipment (PPEs) valued at Sh100 million from the Covid-19 Action Fund for Africa linked to local partners Living Goods and Iwala Community Alliance.

The PPEs included 10 million surgical masks and 164,000 face shields.

"The above support will benefit 100,000 Community Health Volunteers in all the 47 counties for three months," Nyong'o added.

The country started experiencing the Covid-19 third wave in February and had recorded 156,981 cases and 2,643 deaths by April 27.

Nyong'o said Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Nakuru and Meru counties among others are recording increased cases and respective county hospitals

might be overwhelmed.

Yesterday, and indeed two weeks ago, governors were only able to report figures obtained from 31 counties, raising concerns on the status of 16 devolved units that are not submitting their data.

Nyong'o said, however, testing by counties has been compromised due to lack of testing kits.

"We, therefore, urge the Ministry of Health to avail testing kits in order to upscale Covid-19 testing," he added.

However, on his part CoG Chairman Martin Wambora decried delays in disbursing funds to counties to help undertake some of these activities.

Delhi eyes open space, parks to cremate its dead

India's capital hardly hit as hospitals also run short of life-saving medicines, ICU beds and oxygen

Makeshift pyres are being built in crematoriums in India's capital, Delhi, as the city runs out of space to cremate its dead.

Deaths have been steadily rising in India as a deadly second wave of Covid-19 infections devastates the country, with 380 recorded in Delhi alone on Monday.

Medical oxygen, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds and life-saving medicines are in short supply.

India has recorded more than a million Covid-19 cases in just a few days.

The number of reported cases declined slightly on Tuesday, to 323,144 from the peak of 352,991 the day before, bringing the total number of cases so far to nearly 17 million with 192,000 deaths.

However, it is thought the true figures are far higher - both for deaths and cases.

An investigation by television station NDTV found at least 1,150 extra deaths, which were not included in Delhi's official Covid count over the last week. Other investigations have found similar examples of undercounting replicated across the country.

Crematorium staff are working throughout the night, with relatives of the dead reportedly having to help with cremations, piling wood and assisting in other rituals.

In Delhi, parking lots, parks or empty ground are now being sought for the increasing need for cremations. Families often have to wait for hours before they are allowed to cremate their dead.

At the capital city's Sarai Kale Khan crematorium, at least 27 new platforms have

been built, with 80 more being added in the park around the existing structure. Municipal authorities are also looking for additional spots near the city's Yamuna river bed.

A worker at the crematorium, which originally had capacity for only 22, told *The Hindu* newspaper that they are operating from early morning to midnight.

The Ghazipur crematorium in East Delhi added 20 more pyres in a parking lot. There are so many bodies that more pyres had to be built, and there is a waiting time of three to four hours, with each body taking up to six hours to burn.

New platforms

The situation is dire at other crematoriums too. Sunil Kumar Aledia, who runs the Centre for Holistic Development, an organisation that is providing assistance with oxygen, meals and also cremations during the Covid-19 crisis, told BBC that some do not have space to expand.

Demand is likely to remain high. In Delhi - with its population of about 20 million people - hospitals are full and medical oxygen is scarce.

At least two hospitals in the city have seen patients die after oxygen supplies ran out. Ambulances are in short supply. It is becoming difficult for families to take their sick to hospitals even if they get a bed. Many have died waiting for one.

Social media is awash with frantic pleas for help with oxygen cylinders or life-saving drugs or ICU beds. The city's testing capacity has been overwhelmed too.

Many countries have offered their assistance to India - with oxygen supplies, as well as ventilators and concentrators.

The UK has begun sending ventilators and oxygen concentrator devices. Euro-



Makeshift pyres are being built in parks in Delhi as the city runs out of space for cremations. AFP

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Family members prepare funeral pyre of victims who died of Covid-19 during mass cremation held at a crematorium in New Delhi, yesterday. AFP

pean Union member states are also due to send aid; with France saying it will send oxygen.

US President Joe Biden spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and pledged America's "full support".

The US is lifting a ban on sending raw materials abroad, enabling India to make more of the AstraZeneca vaccine. It will also provide medical equipment and protective gear.

-BBC

Elderly hard hit as 14 more die of Corona

by George Kebaso
@Morarak

The country lost 14 elderly people to Coronavirus of the 22 overall deaths announced yesterday.

According to the Ministry of Health, the deaths of people aged 60 and above stand at 1,323.

Ministry records indicate total number of fatalities on the other hand are 2,665. Health CS Mutahi Kagwe said in the last 24 hours, there were new 511 infections representing a positivity rate of 12.7 per cent.

"From the cases, 477 are Kenyans while 34 are foreigners. 280 are male while 231 are females. The total confirmed positive cases now stand at 157,492 from 1,651,008 cumulative tests so far conducted," said the CS.

The youngest is a five-month-old infant while the oldest is 95 years.

BRIEFLY

MP claims she used herbs to treat Covid

A lawmaker has kicked up a storm after claiming she used local herbs to treat her family members of Covid-19.

Kakamega Women Rep Elsie Muanda said her mother and other family members who had contracted the deadly virus are back to full health after using the herb locally known as 'mwonyi'. "The herb is proving to be very effective in fighting corona. You just boil them in water then inhale the steam while covering yourself with something like a blanket," she told residents of Shinyalu constituency when she presided over a tree-planting exercise

at Shamiloli area on Monday.

However, the county government, in a swift rejoinder, told residents to treat the MP's remarks as personal and not backed by medical evidence. Health Executive Dr Collins Matemba expressed surprise at the MP's remarks, saying they were not yet aware of such form of treatment for Covid in the county. "We have not heard about such herbs and our medical experts have not researched on them and advised us. It would be disastrous to encourage the public to use them," said Dr Matemba.

-Dennis Lumuti

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

IN THE HIGH COURT AT NAIROBI

COMMERCIAL AND TAX DIVISION

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IN THE MATTER OF TRIPLE EDGE MEDIA LIMITED

AND

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT NO.18 OF 2015 THE LAWS OF KENYA.

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CAF chairman Ndegwa Wahome. PD/FILE

MCAs clear air on claims of erroneous bill versions

by Hillary Mageka
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Members of County Assemblies (MCAs) have distanced themselves from claims that they passed an erroneous version of the BBI Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020.

In a press statement, the Ward Reps through their coordinating body, the County Assemblies Forum (CAF), said they only received printed copies of the draft Constitutional Amendment Bill 2020 from the In-

dependent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

They added that county assemblies did not have the mandate to alter the Bill in any way. The MCAs said that in the event that some county assemblies passed erroneous versions of the bill, the IEBC should be held singularly responsible.

"Whereas the public and the media has come out criticising the county assemblies on this particular matter, we want to state that this is directed to the wrong institutions.

The bullet should be fired directly at IEBC and not the county assemblies," CAF chairman Ndegwa Wahome said.

"IEBC is in the know that county assemblies have a coordinating body (CAF) and if it wished to cross-check on whether the document sent to the assemblies was the same, it would have coordinated with the CAF," Wahome added.

Wahome, who is also the Speaker for Nyandarua County Assembly said that CAF supports all the constitutional reforms that seek to

ensure that Kenya remains a united, a peaceful, inclusive, equitable, and prosperous nation devoid of ethnic antagonism and divisive politics

CAF was responding to revelations by the joint Justice and legal affairs Committee of the National Assembly and Senate that disclosed only 13 assemblies received the right document for consideration.

The MCAs declared support for BBI saying it is the only route to strengthen devolution through increased allocation and enhancing equitable representation.

70 new constituencies in focus as MPs debate BBI

It has emerged that a section of lawmakers are opposed to the creation of the new electoral areas

by Mercy Mwai
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Fireworks is expected in Parliament today as lawmakers convene to debate the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Bill.

Lawmakers from the National Assembly and Senate were yesterday bracing themselves for a showdown when both Houses meet to discuss the Bill, with the controversy over the proposed creation of 70 new constituencies expected to take centre stage.

People Daily learnt that a section of MPs opposed to the creation of new electoral areas were lobbying their colleagues to shoot down the Bill by denying the National Assembly the requisite two thirds majority or at least 175 members to pass the report in its current form.

Whereas the Bill proposes creation of the 70 new electoral units spread across 28 counties, the joint legal committee of the National Assembly and Senate which considered it has termed the move unconstitutional as it would amount to usurping powers of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

Apparently privy to the sharp divisions among the lawmakers, the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) yesterday issued a rallying call to its MPs and Senators to pass the Bill "as it is".

New constituencies

"It is the party's position that Parliament should pass the BBI Bill as it is, in its entirety," said a statement issued by the party's national chairman and Minority Leader in the National Assembly John Mbadi.

The sharp divisions among lawmakers emerged as the report of the joint Justice and Legal Affairs committee of the Senate and National Assembly revealed how various interest groups disagreed over creation of new constituencies when they appeared before the team.

"A number of stakeholders held the view that IEBC was the only entity vested with the constitutional mandate to delimit electoral units and the BBI taskforce had no role to play," reads the committee's report.

"Majority of the submissions on the proposal to create 70 new constituencies in the 28 counties were of the view that promoters of the Bill were usurping the powers of



Workers in Parliament erect tents to act as makeshift extended chambers as the House resumes today for a Special Sitting. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

• Lawyer Kibe Mungai, submitted that the Bill should be amended to elevate the former districts of Mwingi, Gucha and Kuria created after 1992 into counties based on geographical size, population and community or ethnic factors.

• LSK President Nelson Havi argued that the role of creating and delimiting of new constituencies rests with IEBC and hence the inclusion makes the Bill unconstitutional.

IEBC, while others argued that it was an opportunity to address the component of universal suffrage that each vote counts," says the report.

The report shows that many stakeholders who presented their views to the committee, insisted that they be given an opportunity to amend the Bill and have the number of counties increased from 47 if the proposals to have the new constituencies would not be dropped.

Among the stakeholders who raised concerns are the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS), IEBC, Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua, Bobasi MP Innocent Obiri, Ford Kenya party, Pastoralists Stakeholders Forum, Law Society of Kenya (LSK) President Nelson Havi, lawyer Kibe Mungai, Rota Foundation, The Youth Now Kenya and Youth Serving Organisations Consortium.

The stakeholders differed on the idea of demarcating the new constituencies six months ahead of next year's general election, what data was relied upon in determination of the new constituencies and their allocation among 28 counties, as well as the designation of the electoral areas vis-a-vis the role of IEBC under Article 89 of the Constitution.

"It was a view of many stakeholders that

the period of six months as proposed in the provision to delimit the constituencies and complete the exercise is inadequate, based on past experience and practice," notes the report. IEBC chairperson Wafula Chebukati is on record saying the task of allocating where the additional constituencies would be created belonged to IEBC and not politicians.

The joint committee, in its final report and supported by a majority of the members was categorical that creation of 70 new constituencies was unconstitutional.

KNBS was categorical that the number of new constituencies established should have been 68 and not 70 based on data obtained during the 2019 Kenya Population and Housing Census and the IEBC population threshold of 133,000 people per constituency.

Public participation

The agency said that six counties ought to have received more constituencies than those allocated to them in the Bill. They include Meru which KNBS maintains deserved two additional constituencies instead of one while Kitui, Homa Bay and Kisii counties were entitled to one constituency each as opposed to the Bill which did not allocate them any.

The agency further submitted that Bungoma county was entitled to four new constituencies instead of three and Nairobi county 16 instead of 12.

KNBS further stated that eight counties ought to have lost one constituency each if the population threshold was applied. The eight include Tana River, Lamu, Taita Taveta Marsabit, Samburu, Elgeyo Marakwet, Baringo and Vihiga counties.

Kitui Senator Wambua submitted that there was a need to have an additional county to correct anomalies that happened during the Constitution review process.

He argued for creation of Mwingi county comprising the three Mwingi constituencies and Kitui East, excluding Nzambani ward that should revert to Kitui Central.

He also proposed the creation of two additional constituencies for Kitui county, one to be in Mwingi to take care of marginalised Tharaka/Thagucu sub-county and the other one to address the challenges of marginalisation in vast constituencies.

Bobasi MP Obiri, on his part, raised concerns that the Bill had introduced new constituencies in the 28 counties leaving out 19 which included his Bobasi constituency in Kisii county.

In his presentation, the legislator noted that there was no public participation in the process.

ODM orders its legislators to pass report in its entirety

by Anthony Mwangi
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Divisions within the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) over whether to approve the Building Bridges Initiative Bill took a twist after the party directed its members in Parliament to pass it without changes.

In a statement signed by party national chairman John Mbadi (pictured), MPs were asked to ignore any proposed changes to the Bill.

"It is the party's position that Parliament should pass the Bill as it is, in its entirety," Mbadi who is also the Minority Leader in the National Assembly said in the statement. He added: "This is, therefore, a rallying call to our members to align themselves accordingly with the party position. It is also an appeal to our members and supporters out there to prepare to vote for the Bill once it is presented to them in the referendum."

Enough troops

The party stated in the statement that it was behind its leader Raila Odinga in his endeavours to unite the country together with President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"You have enough troops both behind you and by your sides to help you push this agenda through. Do not be afraid. Do not be blackmailed. We are in this battle together," stated Mbadi.

The position however contradicted that held by a section of its members who sat in the Joint Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and refused to append their signatures to the final report on the Bill.

A section of MPs opposed to the creation of new constituencies are said to be lobbying their colleagues to deny the House the requisite number of 175 members. Some members feel that the proposal amounts to usurping the powers of IEBC.



'Lucky' lawyer lands IEBC panel post

LSK nominee Jemator serves in HIV/Aids and Energy tribunals, BBI committee

■ by Eric Wainaina and Geoffrey Mosoku
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The profile of Dorothy Jemator, the lawyer who has been selected to sit on the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) select-panel, gives the impression of a lucky or a well-connected attorney in government and political circles.

In the panel, she represents the Law Society of Kenya (LSK).

Jemator, who was admitted to the bar in 2010, has in the last four years sat in high-profile government tribunals, and was also part of the technical experts in the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) steering committee.

In a Gazette Notice dated April 26, 2021, Uhuru named Jemator, former Constitutional Implementation Commission vice chair Elizabeth Muli, Gideon Solonka, James Awuori, Elizabeth Oundo, Joseph Mutie and Farudin Abdalla as members of the panel.

The panel will nominate replacements for the four IEBC commissioners who resigned in 2017 and 2018.

Jemator's nomination by a LSK faction led chief executive Mercy Wambua sparked fireworks in the council, with embattled president Nelson Havi objecting. He instead nominated Morris Mutua.

"Dorothy Jemator should



Dorothy Jemator



Elizabeth Muli



Gideon Solonka

continue serving the Jubilee and ODM parties and the Government of Kenya in the Energy and Petroleum Tribunal; the HIV/Aids Tribunal; and the BBI Steering Committee. A State officer cannot serve as an appointee of the LSK in the Selection Panel," Havi said.

Lawyer Sheila Murugi Mugo also moved to court seeking orders barring Jemator from being a member on grounds of unsuitability because she sits in two state tribunals and is a member of the BBI steering committee.

Petroleum tribunal

In a short period, the lawyer has landed high-profile appointments in government agencies.

For instance, on May 23, 2019, Attorney General Kihara Kariuki appointed Jemator a member of the HIV and Aids Tribunal for a period of three years.

BRIEFLY

Collect Huduma Number cards, County boss tells City residents

Only 15 per cent of Nairobi residents have collected their Huduma Number cards, the government has said.

Speaking yesterday, Nairobi County Commissioner Flora Mworoa decried the low uptake which she attributed to the tendency by Kenyans to rush the last minute.

"We are concerned that less than 30 per cent of residents have responded to the text messages. We would like to urge those who have received the messages to provide the requested information and subsequently pick the cards," she said.

Mworoa added: "People are getting these messages and perhaps just ignore".

Data from the Office of the Registrar of Persons in Starehe Constituency show that out of



286,960 cards printed for Nairobi county, only 43,629 have picked their cards.

At the GPO Huduma Centre, out of 1,987 cards received, only 693 have been collected. At Kibra DCC, out of 8,277 cards received, only 1,344 have been collected.

She said the government will partner with political leaders to sensitise Kenyans on the importance of picking the card.

—Alvin Mwangi

On March 3, 2020, the Cabinet Secretary for Energy Charles Keter appointed her a member of the Energy and Petroleum Tribunal also for a three-year period.

She also served in the BBI steering committee which gave birth to the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020.

She has previously interacted with IEBC professionally. In a dispute she filed in court pitting her against T/A Mereka & Company Advocates that she worked for until 2015, Jemator says she helped the law firm get jobs with the electoral body and also sourced legal briefs including election petitions. She was demanding Sh701,922 for her role.

But on May 6, 2020, Justice

Nelson Abuodha of the Employment and Labour Relations Court dismissed the case on grounds that Mereka did not violate her employment terms.

Jemator is the Nairobi Representative of the LSK, and is a managing partner at Chepkuto Advocates.

Muli, a holder of doctorate in Law from Stanford Law University, has also been a senior lecturer at the University of Nairobi School of Law.

Muli and Solonka were picked from a pool of seven names given by the majority wing in Parliament.

She also sits on the Commission for University Education representing private universities.

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Koome nomination for CJ job refreshing

That the Judicial Service Commission has nominated a woman for appointment as Chief Justice for the first time in Kenya's history, is too important a development to pass unremarked given that it is a historic breaking of a glass ceiling in public service.

Lady Justice Martha Koome comes to office with unique credentials — first as an indefatigable campaigner for human, women and children's rights — but also as a past leader of the Federation of the Women Lawyers of Kenya (Fida-Kenya), an organisation that was instrumental in the restoration of democracy, human and women rights during the Kanu autocracy. This was in addition to championing far-reaching reforms in family law.

Koome joins an elite club of women CJ both in Africa and globally, her nomination coming less than two years after Sudan picked Nemat Abdullah Khair for a similar position. Just a year earlier, Ethiopia had picked a woman CJ, meaning that Kenya is in good company although it gets to the finish line behind the Seychelles and Zambia, which broke this gender barrier in 2015.

More importantly, Koome comes to office at a time the Judiciary is facing major challenges, first being the souring of relations with the Executive and the perception that the other arms of government are not too keen on having an independent Judiciary.

As such, she will not so much be judged as a woman but as a CJ who came to office when the Judiciary was at a crossroads and the collective soul of the citizenry was crying for redemption.

A true woman of the soil, a campaigner for family justice and an authentic personality, Koome faces the Herculean task of restoring the faith of Kenyans, first in the Judiciary as an institution perceived to be opaque and unresponsive to ordinary citizens, but also in public institutions generally.

The rule of law is at the heart of democracy and the social contract between the people and the government as enshrined in the Constitution and subsidiary laws.

How Lady Justice Koome enforces this contract and navigates the fine balance between aspirations of the people and the demands of realpolitik of governance will be a defining legacy of her tenure as president of one of the three arms of government.

How she will balance the dicey gender appointees at the helm of the Judiciary will also be judged by the public.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.

QUOTED TODAY



Recent outbreaks of measles, but also yellow fever, cholera and meningitis all point to worrying gaps in immunisation coverage and surveillance in Africa.

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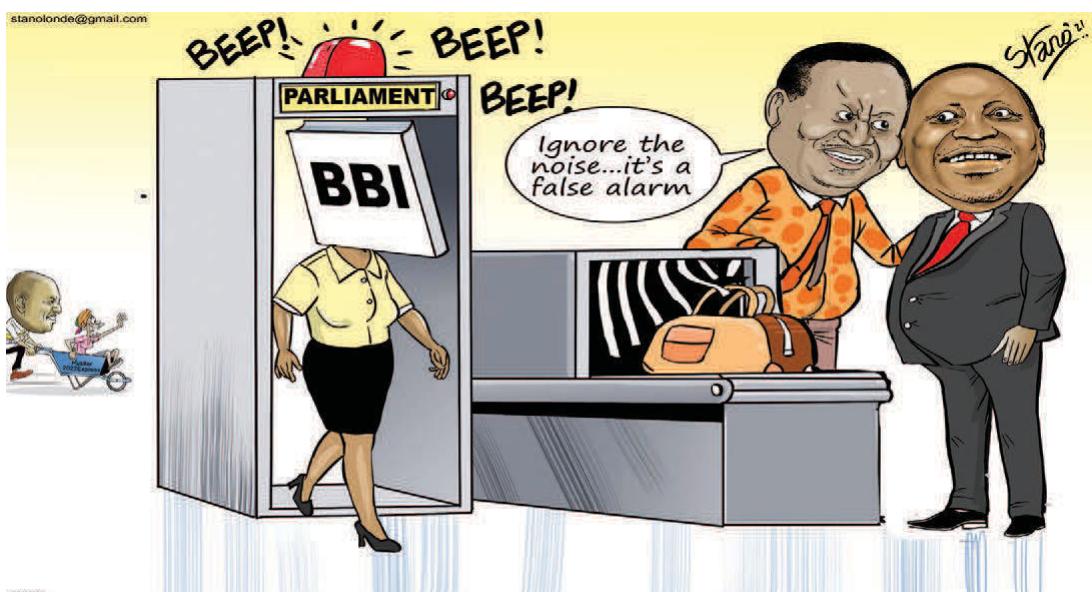
Whereas the public and the media have criticised the county assemblies on BBI matter, we want to state that this is directed to the wrong institutions. The bullet should be fired at IEBC.

COUNTY ASSEMBLIES
FORUM CHAIR INDEGWA
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Congratulations Martha Koome on your JSC nomination as the next CJ of Kenya. No doubt the present is female! Your win is yet another clear show that Kenya is indeed ready for female leadership.

KIRINYAGA GOVERNOR
ANNE WAIGURU



It's time to cushion Kenyans from high cost of living

In these hard economic times, it is becoming extremely difficult for many Kenyans to make ends meet.

Whilst an unfortunate consequence, the situation has been exacerbated by measures put in place to mitigate the spread of Covid-19, with the most recent restrictions necessitated by the surge in the number of cases in the country. We are at a worse off place compared to this time last year.

In Nairobi Metropolitan, for instance, the 8 pm to 4am curfew has cut down the usual 24-hour services, reducing the income of many Kenyans - from *mama mbogas*, matatu drivers and conductors, to kiosk owners and hoteliers. Add to this, the number of jobs lost due to cash constraints that hit many businesses.

To make it worse, we are witnessing an increase in the cost of basic items, attributed to more taxes, high cost of raw materials and production costs, among others, which is further aggravating the already bad situation.

Recent media reports have highlighted that a 2kg pack of maize flour has risen above Sh100. Bread has gone up by between Sh5 and Sh8, not forgetting the increase in the cost of milk, fuel and electricity, among other necessities.

Understandably, the third wave of the pandemic is taking a toll on the country. However, the economy cannot stand to be closed for a long period. The only feasible way to guarantee the safe reopening of the whole economy is mass vaccination of all adults in the country. This calls for urgent mobilisation of resources



PHYLLIS WAKIAGA

Sudden fiscal and taxation policy changes harm businesses.

to realise this objective, including allowing the private sector to procure vaccines upon approval by the government, to complement public sector efforts.

At the same time, there is an urgent need for the government to increase mwananchi's cash flow to support their capacity to make ends meet, provide businesses — small and large — with incentives to continue operations, in turn, support the community with the much-needed jobs and provide a fiscal and regulatory environment that supports businesses to thrive, despite the pandemic, including a stimulus package to support investments at this time.

Manufacturers aspire to provide consumers with cost-efficient products, however, the current constraints in the business environment are a hindrance. At present, the sector is at a 12.8 per cent cost disadvantage compared to competitor countries because of the high cost of transport and logistics, county levies and charges, power and fuel energy, and delayed payments among others. Add to this, the high taxes at a time when the country is

reeling from the effects of the pandemic.

As industry, we acknowledge that government revenue is essential in providing critical services to citizens, including health and education. However, sudden fiscal and taxation policy changes harm businesses and become a stumbling block to business continuity. If the government's tax revenues are to grow in a sustainable manner, the private sector must be allowed to flourish.

Even as we navigate the pandemic, our aspirations for a nation that can sustain itself — from producing goods for our local and export markets, creating jobs and subsequent wealth to health and education systems that offer high-quality and affordable services to all — remain at the core of our development goals.

This is however possible when the government institutes policies that provide businesses and social service providers with the platform to support this.

We call upon the government to adopt a "do-no-harm" principle whilst intervening in the market, more so now, as we navigate the pandemic. This entails increasing citizens' cash flow to ease their efforts in making ends meet and providing a platform for business — small or large — to support the country's initiative to create jobs and wealth for all. This shall enable businesses, and the economy at large, to remain sustainable amid the crisis and recover from the effects of the pandemic.

—The writer is the CEO of Kenya Association of Manufacturers —ceo@kam.co.ke

Yes, law permits Parliament to modify BBI bill

On 21st November, a bill to amend the Constitution of Kenya 2010 now referred to as The Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020 was published by the Government Printer in Nairobi.

Kenyans are already aware the bill is as a result of the work of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) taskforce. The bill is now in Parliament for debate, approval and/or enactment.

The joint committee of legal and constitution sub-committees of the Parliament — both the Senate and the National Assembly — have not agreed as to whether Parliament is allowed to make any changes to the bill.

Kenyans have been told in the press the said parliamentary committee has invited two legal experts to advise on whether or not the bill can be modified at that stage following some uncertainty between the two Houses.

Yes, Article 257 of the Constitution allows Parliament to alter the bill. These are my reasons:

First, the BBI is a popular initiative which was promoted by the effect of the Handshake between the President and former Prime Minister



MAURICE OKUMU

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Raila Odinga.

The promoters, through the BBI, have ensured the steps under Article 257 of the Constitution — Amendment by popular initiative — have been upheld as follows: Ensured that initiative collected the one million voter signatures; Formulated a draft bill; The bill was delivered to IEBC; IEBC verified the million signatures; IEBC submitted draft bill to the 47 county Assemblies for deliberation within 90 days; and Speakers of more than 24 county Assemblies submitted approval on the bill to both Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate through issuance of certificate of approval.

Upon receipt of the bill approved by the majority of county Assemblies, Parliament moved with speed to introduce the bill for debate process without delay.

However, the elephant in Parliament is whether or not it can alter the bill.

Article 257 (10) and (11) addresses the matter and grants Parliament the authority to modify the bill and proceed to referendum by the following acts:

Under Article 257 (10), if either the Senate or National Assembly fail to pass the bill and the bill relates to matter under Article 255 1(j) which refers to Amendment of the Constitution under 1(j) — the provision of this chapter and

Article 257 (ii) provides that where modification applies in the bill from Parliament, the proposed amendment must be approved by a referendum provided at least 20 per cent of registered voters in each of at least half of the counties vote in a referendum and amendment is supported by a simple majority of the citizen

voters in the referendum.

Any other amendment which does not relate to amendment of the Constitution under Article 255 (1)(a-j) can be enacted by Parliament.

According to Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary to modify means "to change slightly in order to make it more suitable for a particular purpose".

Modifications in Parliament including the delimitations of constituencies under Second Schedule 1 (6) which addresses the take away of the duty from IEBC is covered upon passing of the bill at a referendum by the voter as provided under Article 257 of the Constitution.

I opine that the legal and constitutional affairs committee proceed to present their report for debate on the Constitution of Kenya (Amendment) Bill 2020 including their modification on the bill and even if one House fails to pass the bill, the same must be taken to the voters in a referendum for as the action is protected by the Constitution.

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STREET TALK

Damsel ruins party for Kenya's DRC delegation

An advance party of Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, leading corporate managers and civil servants in the DR Congo got a rude shock after venturing out to sample Kinshasa nightlife. Hours of drinking and whiling away the night in the boisterous capital of rhumba ended up in an embarrassing hotel mess scene. A guest invited by one of the Kenyans to the high-end hotel caused commotion that called in several Congolese government officials to quell. The corporate officer who was in DRC for the signing of an agreement was accused of not adhering to the rules of engagement when he invited the damsel to the hotel room. The matter was handled at a high government level.

Landlord threatens to evict cops over rent

A landlord of a police housing unit in Nairobi has threatened to evict them over rent non-payment. The landlord furious that officials at Vigilance House have perfected the part of taking him round in circles over the last six months made a threat real by disconnecting electricity supply and vandalised the waterpipe. An agent at the landlord's office told StreetTalk they are contemplating bringing down the wall if it will make mandarins at Interior ministry act on the payment that has accumulated up to hundreds of millions of shillings.

MP in trouble over bias

A coup at a constituency office in Siaya is causing bad blood between senior members of the dominant ODM. Last week, a determined lot of villagers marched to the constituency office accusing the MP of favouring certain parts of the region. On Monday after word went round that a senior luminary of the party would be visiting, the villagers staged a sit-in at the entrance of the premises, causing commotion that invited the regional security team to the venue and disperse the lot that also had unprintable words for ODM.



TRUTHIS: Faith is not a leap into the dark... it is a step into the light.

De-stress to fight Gender-Based Violence



DR JELDAH NYAMACHE

While there is no silver bullet for all the complexities, good stress management can be key to fighting Gender-Based Violence

Suddenly, there were locked down and faced limited social interactions. Similarly, many people found purpose in their jobs and enterprises which were suddenly lost; further complicating the reality spectrum.

Immense stress due to health risks and economic uncertainty has triggered or worsened conflicts. Historically abusive relationships got worse as survivors were trapped in the same space as perpetrators, and therefore facing a greater risk.

The rising prevalence of Gender Based Violence globally is, therefore, not surprising.

Poorly managed stress arising from all the situations and more is a great contributor to deteriorating wellbeing; particularly mental health. Consequently; depression, anxiety, drugs and alcohol abuse among other mental challenges are

on the rise. These increase vulnerability to Gender-Based Violence just as much as Gender-Based Violence is a predisposing factor to each; presenting the real catch-22 situation for most.

While there is no silver bullet for all the complexities, good stress management can be key to fighting Gender-Based Violence. Deliberately investing time to critically analyse and develop personal life goals and plans is an important step in stress management; hence, reducing risk of Gender-Based Violence.

Striking a balance in physical, intellectual, environmental, spiritual, emotional, financial, occupational and social dimensions is the cornerstone for good health. Recognising our strengths and using them to manage our weaknesses while making use of available opportunities

As people try to navigate their unique situations, they are constantly finding themselves in unfamiliar territory which has had serious psychological and socially disruptive consequences.

For instance, before the pandemic, many people were not used to spending a lot of time at home.

around us goes a long way in keeping threats at bay.

In so doing, we develop self-awareness and resilience which are important in stress management through self-esteem, emotional regulation, relationship building, resourcefulness and challenging problematic social norms all of which are crucial in ensuring a stable mental status. This in turn reduces the vulnerability to being involved in Gender-Based Violence while contributing to overall health.

Further, it is critical the space of mental health and Gender-Based Violence recovery services is broadened to allow more people access to assistance. Most countries, including Kenya, still lag behind when it comes to provision of critical services, leaving many languishing in hopelessness and the attendant stigma.

Health experts and policy makers need to integrate mental health and Gender-Based Violence recovery support in regular client care in effort to tackle the Gender-Based Violence menace.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



Blame 'system' for unlawful jobs

@NelsonHavi: The problem in unlawful public appointments is often created by the appointing authority. The malpractice that is entrenched thereafter is always sustained by professionals who take up the irregular appointments and their colleagues who find no wrongdoing in it.

Cancer of corruption hurting Kenya

@bonifacemwangi: How widespread corruption is hurting Kenya. In Kenya, corruption and bribery are commonplace in law enforcement and government. Many police officers seem more interested in keeping citizens' cash than keeping the peace, allowing criminals to get off.

Diligent civil servant Etemesi RIP

@Wetangulam: It's with shock and sorrow that I have learnt of the death of Mzee John Etemesi(pcl) of Cherenganyi kitale. He will be remembered as a shrewd and skilled public servant and community advisor who served with devotion and diligence. RIP omwami.

This 'Mt wetu' narrative is a fallacy

@Maryiana96: When I hear Mt Kenya leaders telling Central people that we should come together to protect our interests, my head aches, we did that and chose Uhuru, what have we benefited with? False narratives.

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President speaks with British and US leaders

by PSCU

President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday spoke to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and American Secretary of State Antony Blinken on the upcoming education summit and trade and investment.

In their telephone conversation, the President and Prime Minister Johnson discussed several matters of mutual interest, top among them the Global Education Summit which Kenya and the UK will co-host in July.

Through the Summit, Kenya and the UK aim to raise \$5 billion, the amount needed to get 175 million children into school around the world.

Besides the Summit, President Kenyatta and PM Johnson talked about Kenya-UK collaboration in the fight against Covid-19, climate change and, regional security and peace.

On Covid-19, the President and the Prime Minister explored new avenues of collaboration including research on identifying new mutations of the virus and accelerated access to vaccines.

President Kenyatta and PM Johnson expressed concerns on the unfolding political situation in Somalia, and resolved to work more closely through the UN Security Council, the Commonwealth and other multilateral platforms to ensure regional peace and stability.

On climate change, the President and the Prime Minister exchanged notes ahead of COP26 in Glasgow and explored opportunities for partnerships in areas such as renewable energy where Kenya is an African success story.

In the conversation with Secretary of State Blinken the leaders discussed trade and investment opportunities, touching on the untapped potential held by the Kenya-US Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

BRIEFLY

Residents urged to plant trees

Parents and children in Kisii county have been urged to plant and protect trees to conserve the environment for the country to attain ten percent forest cover. Nyanza National Construction Authority Regional Coordinator, Eng. Bernard Were said the Authority has launched a program to plant more than three thousand trees nationally at government institutions to comply with the President's directive. Were spoke at Nyanguru Church of God primary school in Nyaribari Chache constituency, Kiogoro Division in Kisii county yesterday after he led a team of government officers to plant trees at the school.

- Robert Ochoro

Digitised records to deny land cartels space, assures Uhuru

New information management system also marked the end of manual land transactions

by Irene Githinji
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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday assured the process of digitising land records will secure innocent Kenyans from cartels, middlemen and fraudsters' exploitation.

He made the remarks as he launched the *Ardhisasa* platform, a digital land information management system, which also marked the end of manual land transactions in Nairobi.

"*Ardhisasa* is a Kenyan initiative developed by a team of techies over a three-year period, designed to enhance security of land records, speed up land transactions and curb fraud," said Uhuru.

The platform was launched at National Geospatial Data Centre in Nairobi, a function also attended by Lands Cabinet Secretary Faridah Karoney and other senior government officials.

So far, 240,000 parcels of land in Nairobi have been digitised.

At the click of a button, Uhuru said, citizens will now be able to carry out various land transactions online, drastically reducing human interaction, delays or any other inconveniences that Kenyans have endured in the land registry, which have been characterised by long queues.

With the advent of *Ardhisasa*, Uhuru said the issue of missing files, perennial fraud, corruption and illegal land transactions will be a matter of the past.

"This is a system that will ensure a worker who has invested his savings to buy a plot is not confronted after delivering building materials to his new site with warning signs like 'plot not for sale,



President Uhuru Kenyatta with Lands CS Faridah Karoney at the Survey of Kenya in Nairobi during the official launch of the National Land Information Management System at the National Geospatial Data Centre. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

DIGITISED RECORDS

- The *Ardhisasa* platform is a fully Kenyan initiative developed by a team of Kenyan techies over a three-year period, designed to enhance security of land records, speed up land transactions

- The process has also seen public land separated from private, with the President assuring that all public land in Nairobi has now been indexed, documented and safeguarded

danger, trespassers will be prosecuted," he said.

He also said that full roll out of the programme will facilitate resolution of historical land disputes and guarantee the security and sanctity of title deeds, which will bring out the clarion *shamba lako, hati safi* (your land, clean title).

The project is also expected to help in publishing of Kenya's first digital topographical map.

Already, a cadaster for Nairobi City Council has been developed, which allows Ministry of Lands to start the process of migration to unitary regime of lands registration to not only cut fraud but also transaction time.

Digitised registry

He said rolling out a fully digitized registry in Nairobi sets the pace for the rest of the country, which will be conducted in a phased and gradual manner.

Another 20 counties will be the digital system by the end of the year and project all 47 will be covered by end of next year.

"As we transition fully into land information management system and to safeguard public interest in this national endeavor, I ask all Kenyans to cooperate when called upon to provide any information required to conclude validation of any land records," said the President.

The process has also seen public land separated from private, with the President assuring that all public land in Nairobi has now been indexed, documented and safeguarded for public use.

"The platform will benefit all land owners by providing accurate information required to support commercialization of land, properties in a convenient and timely fashion. It will ensure transparency, efficiency, accountability and aid in dispute resolution thereby dramatically reducing the number of land cases pending in courts," said Uhuru.

Automated services

The Ministry joins other Government agencies that have also automated their services including office of the Attorney General, Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), National Transport Safety Authority (NTSA), Ministries of Devolution, ICT, Education and Interior respectively.

"While we celebrate, there is still work to be done to streamline and entrench the land reforms that the Jubilee Government initiated in 2013," he stated.

Digitization of lands and other ongoing projects to consolidate geospatial data, said the President will provide an interface between critical and interrelated government services like business registration services, registration of persons National Land Commission, KRA and professional actors.

He said plans are underway to integrate the platform to Huduma Namba system and County Government revenue system so as to enrich the quality of data and enhance service delivery.



Worthy donation

Homa Bay Governor Cyprian Awiti (second right) with his deputy Hamilton Orata (second left) and County Health minister Richard Muga receives a donation of PPEs worth Sh2.5 million from Mozzart Bet country manager Sasa Krneta (right) in Nairobi yesterday. The donation comprised of isolation beds, face masks, face shields, mattresses and isolation kits aims at helping the County in the fight against Covid-19. PD/GERALDITHANA

United Millers directors to be charged of fraud

by Alphonse Mungahu
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Two directors of Kisumu United Millers are set to be charged in a Nairobi court with conspiring to defraud a company of over Sh.79 million through forged court documents.

Milimani chief magistrate Francis Andayi yesterday ordered the two directors Sunil Shah and Kamal Shah to appear in court on May 20 to plead to the charges of conspiracy to defraud and presenting fake documents in court in support of their case against Kotecha and Sons Limited.

Shah and Kamal are jointly charged alongside Henry Musyoki Kavita, Magnesh Kumar Verma and United Millers with conspiracy to defraud B.N Kotecha and Sons Limited Sh79,471,000 on April 2, 2015,

by falsely pretending they had lost business as United Millers Limited, to their clients, a fact they knew was false.

Kavita and Verma who were present in court pleaded not guilty to the charges and were each ordered to be released on Sh400,000 cash bail pending the mention of the case on May 20.

The court heard that the directors are out on police bond of Sh70,000 each pending plea taking but failed to appear. The magistrate directed the two directors to avail in court medical reports showing that they were sick as alleged.

The five face seven counts ranging from conspiracy to defeat the course of justice, forgery, and uttering a false document.

The suspects were arrested in Kisumu on June 3, 2020, according to OB39/3/6/2020 and brought to Muthaiga DCI.



The Bungoma County Assembly in session. Some 63 current and former MCAs have been summoned by the EACC. PD/FILE

MCAs face probe over 'X-mas gift'

Anti-graft agency summons Bungoma ward Reps who received Sh30,000 and Assembly staff who got Sh20,000 allowance

by Yusuf Masibo
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Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has summoned 63 current and former members of the Bungoma County Assembly and 70 Assembly staff who allegedly received Sh3.2 million as Christmas allowance in the 2015/16 financial year.

The commission has summoned the MCAs and Assembly staff who received the money to appear before it.

According to EACC, the MCAs pocketed Sh30,000 each while the Assembly staff received Sh20,000 as a Christmas allowance.

The commission says the payments were done through irregular imprest forms.

Election losers

The letter further asked the MCAs and staff to return the cash and all interest accumulated within 14 days failure to which appropriate action will be taken against them.

A number of those summoned, especially MCAs who lost their seats in the 2017 General Election showed up on Monday at the EACC offices.

About half of the MCAs who received the money did not make it back to the assembly after the last election.

John Musakali, a former Ndivisi Ward MCA in Webuye East constituency said they had received messages from EACC to collect their letters. "It is now the responsibility of everyone who received the money to

come and clear their name. If you received the money, then you have to refund it," he said.

Musakali, who was the Leader of Minority in the assembly, said some MCAs had already refunded the cash.

David Fwaro, a former South Bukusu MCA acknowledged that they had received the money. "It was normal that as MCAs, whenever we had meetings, we were given allowances and we thought that was the case," he said.

Disciplinary measures

The Clerk of the Assembly John Mosongo said the staff and the ward reps have no choice but return the money.

In the letter, the commission says it will conduct proceedings in court for recovery or protection of public property or for the freezing or confiscation of proceeds of corruption or related to corruption, or the payments of compensation, or other punitive or disciplinary measures according to section 11 of the Commission Act 2011.

DISALLOWED

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- Half of MCAs who received the money lost their seats in the 2017 General Election.

Police warn residents of Njoro against attacking crime suspects

by Roy Lumbe
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Residents of Njoro, Nakuru county, have been urged to cooperate with security agencies to expose criminal elements instead of taking the law into own hands.

Sub-County Police Commander Jonathan Kisaka made the appeal following a series of mob attacks in the area.

Yesterday, two suspected cattle rustlers were admitted to Njoro Level IV Hospital with serious injuries after they were at-

tacked by residents in Kihingo ward.

Kisaka said the two were attacked when they were found transporting livestock which they could not explain where they had picked them.

"Always report or hand over suspects to the police rather than taking the law into your own hands," said Kisaka.

But James Kuria, a Nyumba Kumi elder in the area, attributed the increase in cases of mob justice to lack of faith in the justice system.



A mob justice scene. PD/FILE

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UK blacklists 22 individuals linked to corruption globally

Foreign Secretary says country will freeze assets, ban travel for the suspects in fresh stringent measures

■ by Noah Cheploen

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The UK government has taken the fight against corruption globally a notch higher by issuing sanctions against 22 prominent figures involved in the vice in a number of countries, including South Africa and South Sudan.

In a move that is likely to send shivers down the spine of the local players, UK Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab announced fresh stringent measures dubbed 'new Global Anti-Corruption regime', which includes travel bans and freezing of assets.

He said UK will not allow corrupt individuals to use UK as a safe haven for dirty money adding that the new measures imposed will stop individuals involved in serious corruption from entering or channeling proceeds of graft through their country.

Noteworthy, Raab said that these were the first wave of sanctions hinting that there could be more lined up noting that the move has been taken in conjunction with United States—its ally in the war against corruption.

The UK has, for the first time, imposed asset freezes and travel bans against 22 individuals under the new Global Anti-Corruption sanctions regime, which gives the UK unprecedented power to stop corrupt actors profiting from the UK economy and exploiting her citizens.

"Corruption has a corrosive effect as it slows development, drains the wealth of poorer nations and keeps their people trapped in poverty. It poisons the well of democracy," Raab said.

"The individuals we have sanctioned today have been involved in some of the most notorious corruption cases around the world," the official said. "Global Britain is standing up for democracy, good governance and the rule of law. We are saying to those involved in serious corruption: We will not tolerate you or your dirty money in our country," he added.



Ajay Gupta (left) - pictured here with his brother Atul and Jacob Zuma's son Duduzane Zuma.
COURTESY

He said in a statement that UK is concerned with high level cases of corruption particularly in poor countries noting that it hurts individuals and undermines global trade, development and the rule of law.

"More than 2 per cent of global GDP is lost to corruption every year, and corruption increases the cost of doing business for individual companies by as much as 10 per cent," he stated.

Instability and conflict

Corruption also threatens national security by exacerbating conflict and facilitating serious and organised crime, creating space for terrorist and criminal groups such as Daesh and Boko Haram to operate, he said.

Raab said the new regime will allow the UK to combat serious corruption, in particular bribery and misappropriation of funds. It will promote effective governance, robust democratic institutions and the rule of law – demonstrating our powers as a force for good around the world.

The measures are deliberately targeted, so the UK can impose sanctions on corrupt individuals and their enablers, rather than entire nations, the statement said.

Some of the prominent figures in the UK's list of shame includes the Gupta family (Atul, Rajesh and their associate Salim Essa), who were adversely mentioned in serious corruption that brought down South Africa's President Jacob Zuma's administration a few years ago.

Others are Sudanese businessman

MAIN SUSPECTS

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"This diversion of resources in collusion with South Sudanese elites has contributed to ongoing instability and conflict," the statement said. Also in the list of shame is Sergei Magnitsky, who is accused of diversion of \$230 million Russian state property in "one of the largest tax frauds in recent Russian history."

Several individuals involved in serious corruption in Latin America, including facilitating bribes to support a major drug trafficking organisation and misappropriation that has led to citizens being deprived of vital resources for development.

The Global Anti-Corruption sanctions regime builds on the success of the Global Human Rights sanctions regime established in July 2020, which has resulted in the UK imposing sanctions on 78 individuals and entities involved in serious human rights violations, including from Myanmar, Belarus, China and Russia.

The UK will continue to use a range of means to tackle serious corruption around the world, including funding the International Corruption Unit in the National Crime Agency. The International Corruption Unit and its predecessors have restrained, confiscated or returned over £1.1 billion of stolen assets, stolen from developing countries since 2006.



Fishermen in Lake Naivasha. PD/FILE

Chaos as cops hunt down gangs at Lake Naivasha

■ by Kirera Mwiti

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Operations around Lake Naivasha were temporarily disrupted yesterday as police and fisheries officers moved in to kick out criminal gangs that have taken control of parts of the water body.

Gunshots, screams and teargas and running battles were the order of the day as the officers engaged the youths around Kihoto estate where they have been operating.

During the operation, police recovered six boats and tens of illegal nets used by the youths to fish around the breeding zones. The running battles affected the flow of traffic on Naivasha-Mai Mahiu road before police and their prison counterparts managed to contain the situation.

Breeding grounds

For the last couple of months, unauthorised people have invaded the lake after reportedly losing their source of income due to Covid-19 outbreak. Licensed fishermen have accused the intruders of theft and fishing on breeding grounds.

According to Naivasha sub-county commissioner Mutua Kisulu, the exercise would continue until all the illegal gangs are kicked out.

He confirmed the recovery of the six boats noting that the youths were using them to steal from land owners around the lake, fishermen and to do illegal fishing.

Kiambaa aspirants call for fair primaries

■ by Clement Kamau

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Prospective Jubilee candidates in Kiambaa constituency have expressed hopes that the Jubilee Party nominations will be free and fair.

They cautioned the party top brass against interfering with the by-election and instead allow the people of Kiambaa to make their own choice.

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) on Monday announced that Kiambaa constituency by election will be held on July 15.

The seat, which fell vacant following the death of MP Paul Koinange, has attracted a mot-

ley collection of veteran and new politicians.

Those in the race include Charles Munyui, Kari Njama, Damaris Wambui, Raymond Kuria, Njuguna Wanjiku, Lenah Koinange, Lydia Njeri and Eric Mutura among others.

Meritocracy

Munyui (pictured) who is also a governance consultant told People Daily that meritocracy, loyalty to the party and support for the Jubilee government agenda and more so the will of the voters must be what the Jubilee Party must rely on when identifying its candidate.

"It should be the priority for the party to win the seat

and that should be the driving force in ensuring that the party which is our people's favourite political outfit settles on the right candidate," he said.

Kariri said he expects the nominations to be devoid of rigging noting that the same will impact negatively on the party's performance.

The by election has also attracted two members of the Koinange family namely Damaris and Lenah who is sister to the late Paul Koinange.

The two have split the larger Koinange family vote with Damaris, who is a Liaison Officer at the Kiambu County government, enjoying a massive support from the youth.



Lawyer in the dock over theft of Sh7.9m

■ by Alphonse Mung'ahu

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A city lawyer was yesterday charged with stealing Sh7.9 million from a client.

Charles Musyoki was accused of stealing Sh7,954,443, being a compensation award for Moses Mwendwa that was remitted to him by the office of the Attorney General.

He allegedly committed the offence on January 10, 2018 in Nairobi while serving as an advocate of the High Court representing Mwendwa.

Musyoki faced an-

other count of forging Mwendwa's signature in a discharge voucher on November 30, 2017 in Nairobi. He claimed the voucher was signed by Mwendwa.

He denied the charges before Milimani Chief Magistrate Francis Andaya and pleaded for lenient bond terms. He also asked the court to supply him with witness statements.

Andaya released him on a cash bail of Sh200,000 or a bond of Sh500,000 with a surety of similar amounts.

The case will be mentioned on May 11.

WHO calls for preparedness, warns of possible measles outbreak

by Mwangi Munero

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Health authorities must be vigilant for a possible measles outbreak in Kenya and other African countries due to delayed immunisation caused by Covid-19, the World Health Organisation has warned.

Last year, Kenya and 15 other African nations experienced measles outbreaks largely due to low routine immunisation coverage or delayed vaccination drives.

In Kenya, cases have been reported in Wajir, Mandera, Kwale, Garissa and Kitui counties.

According to the global body, early data shows an estimated 16.6 million children in Africa missed planned supplemental measles vaccine doses between January 2020 and April 2021.

During the period, eight African countries reported major outbreaks.

Lowest level

In addition, WHO has observed that the quality of measles surveillance in Africa fell to the lowest level in seven years in 2020, with just 11 countries meeting their target.

"Recent outbreaks of measles, but also yellow fever, cholera and meningitis all point to worrying gaps in



immunisation coverage and surveillance in Africa. As we fight Covid-19, we cannot leave anyone dangerously exposed to preventable diseases," said Dr Moeti Matshidiso (*pictured*), WHO Regional Director for Africa in a virtual press conference with health stakeholders in the continent.

A highly contagious disease, measles requires at least 95 per cent immunisation coverage in the population to prevent outbreaks, according to experts.

WHO acknowledges that across the African continent, vaccination has stagnated around 69 per cent — exposing infants to likely outbreaks

of the deadly disease. Only seven countries achieved 95 per cent measles-containing vaccine coverage in 2019.

Equally, most diseases, including tetanus, diphtheria and yellow fever, require 90 per cent coverage, yet rates in Africa remained stuck at around 70 to 75 per cent over the last decade, Dr Moeti said.

According to Dr Moeti, around nine million children in Africa miss life-saving vaccines annually.

One in five children remain unprotected from preventable diseases, which claim the lives of over 500 000 children under five years every year.

BRIEFLY

Pioneer college to open in June

Construction of the pioneer Teacher Training College (TCC) in Kinango sub-county, Kwale County is on course ahead of its commissioning in June. Inaugural college, which is being constructed to a tune of Sh300 million, will be the second public institution in the coastal region after Mombasa's Shanzu TCC. The Catholic Church owns the other TTC in Bura area of Taita Taveta County. Governor Salim Mvurya (*below*), while inspecting the works yesterday, said the Ministry of Education has already posted a principal to the college ahead of its official opening and first intake by June. "We look forward to opening the doors of Kwale TTC this year, as there is not much work left to be done," he said.

- KNA



Man detained over alleged defilement

A 38-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly defiling his step-daughter at Osodo village in Ndhiwa sub-county, Homa Bay county. John Agira was yesterday arrested by officers from Kamato police post and area assistant chief who handed him over to officers at Ndhiwa police station. It is reported that Agira has been defiling the 15-year-old girl several times when the mother was away. Komungu sub-location assistant chief, Kenneth Ongut, said the woman yesterday became suspicious when her daughter started walking with difficulty. Upon enquiry, the minor revealed that the suspect had been defiling and threatened to kill her if she revealed the incidents. She was taken to Ndhiwa Sub-County Hospital for medical examination while the suspect is being detained awaiting to be arraigned.

- KNA

Wajir MCAs oust governor over abuse of office claims

A total of 37 members voted in support of his impeachment while 10 voted against it

by Hillary Mageka
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Embattled Wajir Governor Mohamed Abdi Mohamud has been impeached.

This is after 37 Ward Reps voted in support of a censure motion against him, surpassing the two-thirds threshold of 33 votes during yesterday's debate.

The number is four more than the 33 MCAs that had signed the notice of impeachment motion.

Announcing the resolution, Speaker Ibrahim Yakub said that only 10 MCAs voted against the impeachment motion sponsored by Elmuri/TulaTula Ward MCA Abdullahi Issack with no one abstaining.

Stands impeached

"Having confirmed that a total of 37 MCAs have voted in favour of the impeachment motion, with only 10 against, I declare that Governor Mohamud stands impeached having attained the two-thirds majority vote needed," said Yakub announced shortly after 7PM sending legislators into frenzy.

Governor Mohamud, through his lawyers had on Monday rushed to court to stop the impeachment proceeding but



Ousted Wajir Governor Mohamed Abdi Mohamud during a past appearance before a Senate committee. PD/FILE

37

Number of Ward Reps who voted in favour of the impeachment motion.

Speaker Yakub proceeded with the motion.

"It should be clear that as an assembly, we respect the Judiciary and its orders but this House cannot be stopped from doing its work," Yakub ruled as Mohamud's lawyer Njiru Ndegwa presented a court order to the assembly debating chambers.

"The court will have their say in the impeachment process but after the assembly and the senate have concluded its work," the Speaker added.

The MCAs have cited various reasons on why they want their governor out of office, including gross violation of the law, committing a crime under the national and international laws and lacking the capability

to run the county.

Besides, runaway corruption and abuse of office, the Ward Reps accuse the governor of lacking the mental capability to run the county government.

The governor is also on the spot for allegedly failing to provide quarterly expenditure reports in violation of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012.

The county chief stands accused by MCAs for incurring unsustainable debts and other pending obligations to the tune of Sh2 billion.

Systematic crippling

"These pending obligations were never disclosed both in the County Fiscal Strategy Paper 2019 and 2020 thus violating 201(e) of the constitution, 2010 and section 107(2) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012," the motion read in part.

The governor has also been accused of violating Articles 176(1) and 185 of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 by disregarding and undermining the county assembly through systematic non-remitance of the requisitioned funds for the county assembly's operations amounting to Sh70 million.

"This systematic crippling of the assembly operations compromises the independence of this House," the motion says, adding that it is an affront to the separation of power.

The governor is also accused of not seeking approval of payments out of the emergency fund for the last three financial years.



Cops thwart MP's meet

Nyalı MP Mohammed Ali at constituency offices where police thwarted a bursary meeting he had convened, citing violation of Covid-19 safety regulations. The lawmaker had invited 12 head teachers and 30 parents to unveil Sh35 million bursary. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU

Businesshub

Keroche cranks up competition with strongest local beer

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Naivasha-based Keroche Breweries has cranked up competition in the beer market with the launch of newly launched Vienna Ice Strong Lager. While launching the new product, the firm warned over a dip in beer production, saying sales have dropped by 25 per cent on the back of Covid-19 pandemic, with bars and restaurants remaining closed. Despite the challenges, the company still exudes confidence that it will recover through the

newly launched Vienna Ice Strong Lager. This emerged during the colourful launch of the new Vienna Ice Strong Lager that has a 10 per cent alcohol content.

According to the company CEO Tabitha Karanja, this was the first locally brewed strong beer in the market dominated by imports.

Karanja said plans were underway to launch another brand of strong beer in the next three months meaning more job opportunities for residents and revenue. "The new product Vienna Ice Strong Lager will generate over Sh1

billion to KRA every year and this will rise with time as per our market projections," she said. The CEO said that the product was introduced to the market following a two-year survey which indicated the absence of strong beer in the country.

"For years consumers have relied on imports in this market and the new brand which is unique will fill in this gap," she said.

Karanja admitted that the pandemic had adversely affected the liquor sector with sales dropping by 25 percent due to closure of bars.

She was, however, optimistic that

things would change in the coming months with their projections of attaining 10 per cent of the country's market still on track.

"Tax remains a major challenge for us and we are content with the recent court ruling that directed the Competition Authority to the issue of beer packaging," she said.

Operations manager Nicholas Kipchirchir said the new product was launched after the successful acceptance of KB lager last year.

He said the company would meet demand of the newly launched strong beer.



Keroche Breweries CEO Tabitha Karanja and Chairman Joseph Karanja toast during the launch of Vienna Ice Strong Lager in Naivasha yesterday. PD/KIRERA MWITI

Experts fault Treasury over external debt advisor search

They say ministry already has an office whose role includes minimising the cost of debt management and borrowing over the long-term

by Noel Wandera
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The government is in the market for an international advisory firm to help the National Treasury improve the country's commercial debt sustainability profile.

In the expression of interest, Treasury says this will involve conducting a liability management operation on some unspecified external syndicated commercial loans. This is after it removed Eurobonds from its planned restructuring of external commercial loans.

Exclusion of the international sovereign bonds saw the exchequer cancel an earlier tender last week seeking for a sovereign debt advisory. The ministry put up a new tender limiting the advisory services for restructuring of syndicated commercial loans raising concerns among experts.

"The proposed assignment is meant to provide liability management advisory services to the government of Kenya to conduct liability management operations on some external syndicated loans to improve the debt sustainability profile," read the new tender notice published yesterday.

Treasury applied for, and received exemption from the Bretton Wood institutions to tap Eurobond issues, even as it enjoys concessional financing from both the International Monetary Fund (IMF) credit lines and the World Bank Development Policy Operations (DPO).

Out of the amount, Sh249.8 billion (\$2.3 billion) Eurobond will go to project financing, while Sh543 billion (\$5 billion) will be used to manage its debts, which includes the financing of the 2024 Eurobond and retiring its expensive syndicated loans. But most financial and economic

Loan

Contract

In the expression of interest, Treasury says contract will involve conducting a liability management operation on some unspecified external syndicated commercial loans



Office

The Treasury has set up an independent public debt management office with former Central Bank Deputy Governor Haron Sirima taking reins at the Office in 2019



Liability

According to measures, that were contained in draft Debt Policy and Borrowing Framework, Treasury was also to appoint a registrar for government securities to control its increasing liabilities.



REVENUE

Kenya Revenue Authority has been straining to raise revenue, with collection projected at Sh2 trillion, trailing the fiscal budget at Sh3 trillion.

Churchill Ong'oti, a lead research analyst at Genghis Capital Ltd says under such circumstances, new loans are bullets the country cannot dodge, the only option being to reduce spending requirements.

experts reckon the move is ill-advised.

"Our problem is not lack of experts, but the will to implement what you are told by your own people," said John Kirimi, the executive director, Sterling Capital Ltd, in reference to Treasury's debt management unit headed by former Deputy Central Bank Governor Haron Sirima.

Unsustainable levels

He was appointed on June 5, 2018 to streamline a grossly understaffed Independent Public Debt Management Office (PDMO), which has been blamed for plunging the country's debt to unsustainable levels. It is estimated Kenya faces \$2.6 billion (Sh280 billion) in sovereign external debt servicing in 2021 and \$3.6 billion (Sh388 billion) in 2022.

Albert Onyango, a finance expert said the National Treasury's move was part of a strategy to blind Kenyans into believing

the government is genuinely interested in changing the maturity profile of its debts.

"It's a fraud," he said, adding: "The world over, it is known that long debt-to-GDP ratios are undesirable."

Onyango said room for loan restructuring is too tight because the country has overborrowed, and is on the verge of defaulting.

In an earlier interview, Samuel Nyandemo, senior lecturer, Economics at the University of Nairobi said Kenya was living beyond its means, with the borrowing having surpassed its national wealth, a prospect he said was not good for business.

The IMF recommends that the ratio of public debt to gross domestic product should not be higher than 40 per cent, with the country's current debt standing at Sh7.6 trillion. Kenya Revenue Authority has been straining to raise revenue, with collection projected at Sh2 trillion, trailing the fiscal budget at Sh3 trillion.

Lotus to launch last pure petrol powered car

The sportscar maker Lotus has announced that a new model, to be called the Emira, will be its last conventionally powered car. The new design forms part of a major overhaul of the Norfolk-based business, which is controlled by China's Geely.

Managing Director Matt Windle told the BBC it would form a bridge between what he called the analogue cars of today and the digital cars of tomorrow. The firm wants all its models to be electric in future.

The investment programme orchestrated by Geely, which will see production in the UK tripled, as well as expansion abroad, is expected to cost more than £2 billion.

Hugely successful

Lotus is a brand redolent with heritage. The car company was founded in the early 1950s by the engineer Colin Chapman. It was a sister business to the racing team, which was hugely successful in the 1960s and 70s.

After Chapman's death, the Lotus group struggled. It spent periods under the ownership of General Motors, Bugatti and the Malaysian group Proton, but despite producing evocative designs such as the Esprit - an occasional company car for James Bond - it rarely made any money. In 2017, the business was taken over by Zhejiang Geely Holding and Malaysia's Etika Automotive, with Geely holding a controlling stake. A year later, it launched a "long term business transformation strategy", called Vision 80.



Lotus is already experimenting with electrification with its Evija hypercar, which goes into production at the end of the year. COURTESY



Comesa invites member states to bid for Sh20b market access funding

CREDIT: Africa's main regional trade bloc, the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) has called on member countries to bid for up to Sh19.6 billion (150,000 Euros) funding to support market access.

The minimum a member country of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa can apply for is Sh6.5 billion (50,000 Euros). The application deadline is November 30 this year.

The fund will be provided under the Technical Assistance Facility established by the European Union and seeks to support activities that fall under the Comesa Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Markets Programme (Recamp).

This facility is meant to cater for priority needs of member states on the implementation of the Comesa regional integration agenda at the national level. Only interventions related to Result Area 1 of the Recamp are eligible for support," said Comesa in a statement.

Market access

Result Area 1 entails sustainable enhancement of the competitiveness and market access of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and other firms in the targeted sectors.

Under the result area, the capacities of beneficiary firms related to sanitary and phytosanitary and regional standards and quality management will be improved. This includes

-Lewis Njoka

the social and environmental standards required under the World Trade organisation and EU market.

The Recamp is an innovative approach to regional co-operation which complements other support mechanisms available to the Comesa Secretariat and its member states.

It seeks to increase private sector participation in sustainable regional and global value chains by enhancing their access to markets and improving business and investment climate.

Necessary resources

"All eligible member states have the opportunity to submit requests which will be assessed by the secretariat with the successful requests awarded necessary resources for implementation, in line with the Comesa rules and procedures," Comesa added.

According to Africa's main regional trade bloc, this the first call of applications to be launched under the Recamp programme and it is expected that member countries will take the opportunity and benefit from the facility.

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa comprises 21 member states that came together with the aim of promoting regional integration through trade and the development of natural and human resources for the mutual benefit of all people in the region.

-Lewis Njoka

Trade bloc mulls protocol to drive gender, youth interests

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) secretariat will develop a protocol to address issues of women and young people in the implementation of the continental free trade agreement, an official has said.

Emily Mburu-Ndoria, the director for Trade in Services and Intellectual Property at the AfCFTA Secretariat, said during the All-Africa High-Level Virtual Roundtable on AfCFTA Youth Inclusion that the heads of state and government of the continent had tasked the secretariat to formulate that protocol to ensure that women and youth have access and derive the intended benefits from the new trade arrangements. "At

the core of the AfCFTA implementation, we have the roles of women and youth. The protocol will therefore ensure the full inclusion of women and youth," she said.

Since many small and medium enterprises on the continent are led by youths and women, the official said, there was a need for awareness creation to get the youth interested in the processes of implementation of the new trade area agreement. She urged African youth to form themselves into sub-regional groupings to represent their interests during critical discussions on continental trade issues.

-Xinhua

NCPB eyes Sh4.1b from State to purchase maize

Board stopped buying maize for commercial trading mid last month due to lack of funds

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National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) is banking on Sh4.1 billion from Treasury to resume purchase of maize from farmers.

The board buys maize and other grains such as rice and beans under its commercial wing for trading.

Managing director Joseph Kimote said purchase of maize for commercial trading stopped mid last month due to lack of funds and expected to resume once fresh injection of funds is received from the exchequer.

He said the Sh4.1 billion was part of expenditures factored in the supplementary budget recently approved by Parliament. "We are hopeful that the money will be released soon and enable us to continue buying maize from the farmers," said Kimote during a phone interview with *Business Hub*.

The move which comes amid an increase in the cost of maize flour on hoarding claims could gobble up excess maize and avail it to the market to ease pressure on consumers already affected by Covid-19 pandemic. United Grain Millers

PRODUCTION

● Agriculture and Food Authority Acting Director General Kello Harsama has allayed fears over alleged shortage of maize in the country.

● He said projections for up to the end of May 2021 indicate a surplus of 11,807,681 90kg bags, with the price of maize expected to remain stable.

● Currently, a 90 kg bag of white maize retails at between Sh2,900 and Sh3,000 compared to between Sh2,600 and Sh2,700 early this month.

Association (UGMA) chairman Ken Nyaga said farmers are hoarding maize thus contributing to increase in *unga* prices.

A 2kg packet of a good number of maize flour brands in the local supermarkets and estates is currently retailing at between Sh91 and Sh110 with millers warning the price might increase in the coming months.

Low availability

This Nyaga warned is likely to be dictated by two factors – low availability of stocks and high demand of the commodity. Nyaga said there is little maize in the market and in some segments the commodity has high levels of aflatoxins, for example, in Eastern region and Nanyuki in Laikipia county. "The poison level

in counties of Makueni, Machakos, Kitui, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru and Laikipia aflatoxin levels in maize is between 50 and 100 parts per billion (ppb)," he said in a previous interview.

Kimote said, the government paid NCPB Sh1.6 billion two months ago as part of the huge debt owed by its various agencies to buy maize.

"We allocated Sh1.2 billion from the money received to purchase maize from the farmers for commercial trading. As at mid-March, we had purchased 729,000 bags of 50kgs from farmers at Sh2,700 per bag thus exhausting the set said cash," he added. Kimote said the remainder of the cash was used for administration and other operations activities.

He said the ban on maize from Uganda and Tanzania by the government early this year due to high aflatoxin levels was beneficial to local farmers' prices.

Currently, a 90 kg bag of white maize retails at between Sh2,900 and Sh3,000 compared to between Sh2,600 and Sh2,700 early this month. A bale of maize flour ranged between Sh1,100 and Sh1,250 at the end of last week.

Millers and government last week differed over the availability of maize stock in the country, with the former saying farmers are hoarding the commodity protecting low prices in the market.

However, Agriculture and Food Authority said the country has enough maize to feed the population up to the end of next month.



Crypto Market

FROM RIGHT: 51 Capital chief executive Joe Kariuki, relations officer Regina Maina, administrator Winnie Oketch and relationship officer Abigael Mumbi hold cryptocurrency card used by clients to transact online during the soft launch of Round-up, the new Kenyan platform that is intended to connect consumers and accredited vendors. COURTESY

Leather sector set for a digital boost

■ by Bernard Sigei
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A new digital platform that promises to turn around the fortunes of the leather industry in Kenya and the wider East African region is set for launch.

The Leather Industry Network (LIN), a virtual space for the region's industry to connect, formulate, exchange, disseminate information, and advocate common interests, will be launched on Thursday. The platform is a one-stop shop for sector information, including facts, statistics and quantitative measures.



"This information is necessary in shaping the industry's policy direction and disseminating market information that is key to improving industry processes to give excellent customer experience," said Beatrice Mwasi, Director of the Centre for Business Innovation & Training (CBiT) in a statement.

She added that the platform will help industry players to build and manage their business profiles and will also allow consumers to connect conveniently with other market players in the regional leather sector to eliminate unnecessary intermediaries.

LIN-East Africa represents about 0.24 per cent of the \$200 billion (\$21.5 trillion) global market value, with annual revenues of \$478 million (\$51.5 billion) comprising \$106.4 million (\$11.5 billion) in wet blue and \$372 million (\$40.1 billion) in finished leather.

Office of AG held back in KTDA probe

Agency top officials targeted in move to ensure tea farmers benefit as opposed to middle men

by Steve Umidha
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The High Court on Tuesday restrained the Attorney General (AG) from probing the East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) and the Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) for 14 days until a matter challenging the move is heard and determined.

Criminal High Court Judge Jessie Lessit put on hold an earlier court order which had allowed Attorney General Kihara Kariuki to scrutinise internal dealings, statutory and regulatory compliance breaches allegedly committed by directors of the two agencies.

Enforce ex parte order

"This honorable court has hereby issued an order restraining the respondent by himself, his officers, servants, agents, investigators, inspectors or representatives of otherwise howsoever from enforcing and/or continuing to enforce the ex parte order issued on 15th April 2021 in Nairobi Milimani Law Courts Chief Magistrate's Court Miscellaneous Criminal Application No. E1248 of 2021, Republic (Through the Office of the AG) vs. KTDA, KTDA Management Services, Chai Trading Company and EATTA pending

the hearing and determination of this Application, inter partes," ruled Justice Lesiti.

In March this year, President Kenyatta directed Agriculture CS Peter Munya to oversee a probe into the KTDA and its top officials, and ensure that it is farmers that benefit the most from the earnings as opposed to middle men.

In his directives contained in an Executive Order No. 3 of 2021 on the Revitalisation of the Tea Sub-Sector directed, President Kenyatta also directed AG Kariuki to conduct an inquiry into allegations of statutory and regulatory breaches in the last decades believed to have put small-holder farmers at a disadvantageous position.

Kenyatta had moved that there were "credible allegations raised regarding potential Price and Auction Manipulation, Abuse of Dominance, Insider Trading, Wastefulness and Breach of Director's Fiduciary Duties, and other alleged malfeasances by or within KTDA."

The matter comes up for direction as to hearing on Thursday April 29.

RAIDING KTDA

Following presidential orders, officers from Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) sought Magistrate's court order to raid Kenya Tea Development Agency (KTDA) headquarters on April 17.

The raid saw four employees from KTDA's ICT Department held at the facility for several hours as detectives fought to retrieve information from servers.



Pandemic cushion

Pwani Oil Products team leader central region (right) hands over a donation of Popco vegetable cooking oil to Halima Hamma of the Office of the Senator Isiolo county. More than 600 families from the county will benefit from the donation which is part of Pwani Oil's on-going efforts to support vulnerable members of the society. This as Kenya battles the Covid-19 pandemic knocks. PD/ALICE MBURU



MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
17.60	8.20	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25	15.00	15.00	600
460.00	290.00	Kakut Plc Ord 5.00	355.00		
100.00	57.00	Kapchorwa Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	82.00		
605.00	360.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00	360.00		
22.70	14.00	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	17.75		
178.00	92.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	145.00	145.00	4,700

AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
27.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	21.60		

BANKING

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
13.85	8.50	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	8.64	8.68	63,600
31.00	12.15	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	25.00		
166.00	60.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	6825	68.50	1,000
55.50	28.00	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	39.15	39.10	801,400
7.90	2.86	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	3.96	3.97	26,100
126.00	42.00	IHD Holdings Plc Ord 1.00	47.50	45.35	68,800
55.50	30.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	39.70	41.80	1,053,400
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.12		
41.00	20.00	NBCA Group Plc Ord 5.00	24.85	25.00	68,800
117.75	72.25	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00	76.00	83.00	10,300
225.00	132.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	14100	141.00	64,700
17.00	10.05	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	1190	11.90	920,300

COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
5.10	0.45	Deacons East Africa Plc Ord 2.50	0.45		
1.30	0.75	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.08	1.10	1,600
8.50	2.50	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	4.28	4.14	1,000
0.00	0.00	Homeboy Entertainment Plc 0.50	4.66		
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.83		
8.80	4.05	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00...	4.46	4.28	900
5.80	0.49	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00	4.92	4.67	43,200
7.00	9.00	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	17.00	17.00	18,200
4.70	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	3.75	3.64	200
33.00	18.00	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	18.05	19.00	2,100
25.15	11.50	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	16.80		
0.95	0.20	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.24	0.24	9,000
25.00	5.04	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	5.98	5.94	153,500

CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	5.55		
145.75	19.05	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 1.00	41.90	41.95	18,000
97.00	36.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	38.10	38.10	1,400
3.98	1.24	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 5.00	1.30	129	53,200
20.50	7.80	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	8.00	8.00	200

ENERGY & PETROLEUM

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
7.40	4.00	KenGen Co. Plc Ord 2.50	4.24	4.27	1,270,400
5.59	1.18	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	1.44	1.44	486,200
5.59	4.50	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00	4.53		
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00		
33.00	21.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	24.00	23.90	8,000
8.70	5.00	Umemi Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	5.90	6.12	43,800

INSURANCE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
10.50	5.70	British Lifecare Plc Ord 0.10	6.88	7.08	2,755,200
4.85	1.95	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	2.15	2.29	65,500
42.00	21.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	20.00		
14.30	2.00	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.42	2.50	87,000
13.00	6.80	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	7.68	7.80	800
26.00	9.50	Santom Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	11.50	11.45	1,900

INVESTMENT

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
37.40	15.15	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	15.60	16.00	44,900
0.77	0.30	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.39	0.39	2,000
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurulu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00	1500.00		
3.39	1.81	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.21		
4.50	1.08	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	1.20	1.32	4,600

INVESTMENT SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
16.00	6.50	Nairobitex Services Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	8.40	8.56	4,300

MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
87.00	52.25	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	62.00		
700.00	305.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	452.00	443.75	2,500
13.00	7.10	Carbcheid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	1220	11.95	4,000
230.00	135.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	167.75	168.50	2,900
3.15	0.77	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.25	1.32	46,300
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00	10.40		
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27		
42.00	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	29.50		

TELECOMMUNICATION

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
39.95	20.10	Safaricom Plc Ord 4.00m	39.35	39.00	10,080,800

REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
11.00	4.98	ILAM FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	6.02	6.08	3,100

EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
2100.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1855.00		

MARKET WATCH

TREASURY BONDS CLOSURE OF REGISTERS

ISSUE NO.	PAYMENT DATE	PERIOD OF CLOSURE	PAYMENT TYPE	INTEREST RATE (%)	REFERENCE RATE (%)
FXD1/2014/01/0	18-01-2021	14-01-2021 to 18-01-2021	Interest	12.180	Fixed
FXD2/2014/05/05	18-02-2021	14-02-2021 to 18-02-2021	Interest	14.069	Fixed
FXD1/2014/09/05	18-03-2021	14-03-2021 to 18-03-2021	Interest	12.966	Fixed
FXD1/2014/12/05	18-04-2021	14-04-2021 to 18-04-2021	Interest	13.000	Fixed
FXD2/2014/01/05	18-05-2021	14-05-2021 to 18-05-2021	Interest	10.701	Fixed
FXD1/2014/05/05	18-06-2021	14-06-2021 to 18-06-2021	Interest	12.340	Fixed
SDB1/2011/09/30	15-07-2021</				

World News

Protestors want civilian rule in Chad

N'Djamena rocked by violent protests with two people killed Tuesday as demonstrators call for military to cede power

N'Djamena, Tuesday

At least two people were killed and 27 injured in Chad on Tuesday as demonstrators took to the streets demanding a return to civilian rule after the military took control following President Idriss Deby's death last week.

A woman died on Tuesday when anti-military protesters attacked a bus in N'Djamena, while a man was killed during demonstrations in the south of the country, prosecutors said. "The demonstrators attacked a bus in the Dembe district, some passengers fled but a woman remained and was killed by the protesters," N'Djamena prosecutor Youssouf Tom told AFP news agency.

Tuesday's unrest underscores the



Mahamat Idriss Deby was declared president after his father was killed during a visit to the front lines of the battle against rebels.
- AFP

tense atmosphere in Chad following Deby's death with the military transition already struggling to win over a population exhausted by 30 years of monolithic rule.

The ruling military council seized power after Deby was killed as he visited troops fighting rebels on April 19.

A spokesman for the council said security forces were attempting to contain the protesters while limiting material damage.

CHAD PROTESTORS MARCH ON STREETS

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Some opposition politicians have called the military takeover a coup and asked supporters to protest, even as the army appointed a civilian politician, Albert Palimi Padacke, as prime minister of a transitional government on Monday.

Demonstrations banned

The military council banned protests in a statement Monday, saying no demonstrations that could lead to disorder

were allowed while the country was still in mourning.

The military council, headed by Deby's son Mahamat Idriss Deby, who was declared president, has said it will oversee an 18-month transition to elections. Police responded with tear gas as protesters burned tyres in several neighbourhoods of N'Djamena early on Tuesday.

A Reuters news agency witness said fire-fighters struggled to contain the blaze that was large enough to be seen from several neighbourhoods away. "We do not want our country to become a monarchy," said 34-year-old protester Mbaidiguim Marabel. "The military must return to the barracks to make way for a civil transition."

Trucks loaded with soldiers were seen patrolling the streets around central N'Djamena. "The police came, they fired tear gas, but we are not scared," said Timothy Betouge, age 70.

The council is coming under international pressure to hand over power to civilians as soon as possible.

- Xinhua

Response to police stabbing

French police officials block off a street near a police station in Rambouillet, south-west of Paris, on April 23, 2021, after a woman was stabbed to death in the town. A female police employee was stabbed to death by a Tunisian man at a police station southwest of Paris on Friday. AFP



BRIEFLY

Iran, US warships in tense Middle East encounter

As American and Iranian warships have had a tense encounter in the waters of the Gulf earlier this month, the first such incident in about a year amid wider turmoil in the region over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal, the US Navy said on Tuesday. Footage – dated April 2 – released by the Navy showed a ship commanded by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) cut in front of the USCGC Monomoy,

causing the US Coast Guard vessel to come to an abrupt stop with its engine smoking. The IRGC did the same with another Coast Guard vessel, the USCGC Wrangell, said Commander Rebecca Rebarich, a spokeswoman for the US Navy's Middle East-based 5th Fleet. Iran did not immediately acknowledge the incident, which resulted in no injuries or damage.

- AFP

Spanish, Irish nationals seized in Burkina Faso ambush

The United Kingdom has slapped sanctions on four Zimbabwean security officials over alleged human rights abuses, in a move that will restrict their travel to Britain and freeze their assets. Applying a new sanctions regime following its exit from the European Union, the UK on Monday cited a crackdown on protests in January 2019 which killed 17, and post-election violence in 2018, as it introduced the

sanctions on Minister for State Security Owen Ncube, as well as heads of police and intelligence organisations. "These sanctions send a clear message that we will hold to account those responsible for the most egregious human rights violations, including the deaths of innocent Zimbabweans," Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said in a statement.

- BBC

STOP ASIAN HATE

Racism on frontline: UK's Asian healthcare workers cry foul

London, Tuesday

It was just after eating Christmas dinner with her son last year, that Bristol-based care home nurse Carine* started experiencing the worst headache of her life.

Carine, 65, who is from the Philippines but has lived in the UK for more than 30 years, cast her mind back to the moment three days prior, when she had learned a resident she had just been helping wash himself had tested positive for Covid-19.

"But you told me he was negative just half an hour ago," she recalls saying to the duty manager who broke the news to her.

Sure enough, Carine – who has worked at the care home since 2019 – went on to test positive herself. Falling ill with a severe case of Covid – an ambulance was called to her home when she started hallucinating from the pain – she was forced to take two months off work.

Stopped full wages

After one month, however, her employer stopped paying her full wages. For the following four weeks, she received just \$132.70 per week – well below what she needed to be able to afford

to take the time off. "I even tried applying for Universal Credit [a social benefit available in the UK], but I couldn't as I am not a British citizen," she says.

Months after becoming infected, however, she says, "I found out from my colleague that [those who caught Covid] all got paid in full and I should have gotten paid too." Carine believes she is the only person at the care home not to have been notified of this entitlement.

"Whether or not all of this is because I'm the only Filipino staff in the home, I don't know...." Carine says, her voice trailing off.

There is a long pause before she points out that her concerns have not been without precedent. She says there have been many instances she has been mistreated by her duty manager: being falsely accused of other employees' mistakes, of clocking out early, of taking too many breaks – her list of grievances is long.

- AFP

Spice ➤ Flavour your day

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We love to dress up, but we also love edgy outfits. If you're thinking of adding a little bit of flavour to your closet, then you might consider switching it a notch higher. **Faith Kyoumukama** presents a few trendy fashion items we are loving this period.

A floral African print ensemble might be it, even for a Friday at the office. This piece can bring a little funk to the boardroom.



This little dress with African print sleeve details is your one-way ticket to style wonderland. It accentuates the curves and gives you a piece of two worlds; sassy and stylish.

THE TREND SEASON



A red dress is one of those pieces you just have to have in your wardrobe. Get one with unique details.



Sharp shorts are playful and unique. A perfect fit for a birthday party or just a hang out with the girls.

Model: Mitchell Sebi
Outfits: Koture

GET THE LOOK WITH FAITH KYOUMUKAMA

Looks inspired by Bakre

Tobi Bakre is popular for his participation in the TV reality show *Big Brother Naija*. He is also an actor, published photographer and model. Maybe fashionista should also be added to his bio. Here are some looks from his fashion book that men out here can borrow.

Sometimes it's just better to stick to a neutral hue. He effortlessly and stylishly pulls this look over the line. Take note of the sandals.



Simple but over the top! This look is awesomely African and casually correct.



This Jacket blazer is so unique and versatile. It can be paired with both khaki and official pants.



Clique & Clicks

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DJ Kasper distributes cloths to street children.

There's love in giving

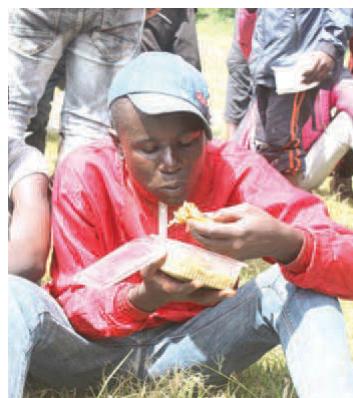
■ by Njenga Kung'u

The DJ Kasper Foundation on Sunday put a smile on faces of hundreds of people living in the streets of Nairobi, when its founder DJ Kasper led a team of well-wishers in donating food and clothes. The foundation aims at improving living standards for the less privileged in the society, especially in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The event that was held at Uhuru Park was also used to sensitise the street families on how to keep safe during the pandemic period.

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Participants Joyce Mueni, Vincent Kyeli and Labyne Nyiva.



Savouring every bite. One of the beneficiaries.



Well wishers Edwin Ngare and Gilbert Njuguna.



It's celebration time for the newly-weds Patrick Zuma and Agnes Mtengo.

TWO BECOME ONE

■ by Ndegwa Gathungu

It was a moment of celebration on Saturday at Wesa area in Kilifi county, when Mombasa-based Milele FM news reporter Agnes Mtengo tied the knot with her fiancé Patrick Zuma at the Wesa Pef Church. Mediamax Network Ltd's Coast team joined friends and family as the two were joined in a holy matrimony. People Daily wishes the newly-weds a happy marriage.

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The Mediamax Network Ltd Coast region team look the part.



Ruth Masita with Ann Wagga.



Rehema Kiteto.

Mary Karisa with Pauline Mwango.

Made for this: Doreen Yawa and Phiscilla Kai look delightful.

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Self-esteem is simply how you feel about yourself; how you value yourself in view of the perceptions you have about who you are and what you are capable of. Psychologists reckon this as important because it influences a person's thoughts and actions, and that if you spend time doing the things you enjoy, you're more likely to think positively. **Daniel Ofisi** lists a few ways to boost your self-confidence

Approaches to amplify your self-worth

1 Know yourself

Who are you? What motivates you? What saddens you? Why are you driven by one thing, but not another? Why do you feel upset in one situation and not in another? What are your values and beliefs? Where did they come from? This introspection is going to be exhausting at first, but once you make it a habit to question every emotion that you have and validate it, you'll begin to see a pattern. This pattern will be a map to the source of any negative emotions. Once you find the source, kill it and have no mercy. It has no business bringing you down. It's important to be hard on the

gremlins that want to destroy you, but you also need to have compassion for yourself. Never talk down to yourself or abuse yourself. Repeat this process until you know yourself inside and out; until you understand everything you feel and why you feel it. Then repeat it until you understand everything you do and why you do it.

2 Always put yourself first

I know this sounds counter-intuitive to everything you've been taught about being a good person, but if you want to build your self-esteem and keep it for the rest of your life, then the first thing you have to do is put yourself first. When you do this,

acknowledge that you're worth it. Do what makes you feel the best without hurting anyone else. Don't let anyone call you selfish—they cannot expect you to sacrifice yourself for them. Asking you to do so means they are telling you that they are worth more than you are, and that will bring down your self-confidence.

3 Surround yourself with positive people

Self-esteem is not only limited to our own internal feelings, but is also linked to the types of people we surround ourselves with. When we have positive people in our life; people who will support our goal and life journey, we also feel positive and motivated. This in turn helps us to develop healthy self-pride. Find people who will support you and help you reach the goals you set in your life.

4 Deal with failure

Basketball legend Michael Jordan once said, "I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." And it's that kind of mentality (being able to live with failure and learn from setbacks) that helps you build self-confidence, says executive coach Marshall Goldsmith, PhD, author of *What Got You Here Won't Get You There*.

5 Contribute to a greater cause

Low self-esteem can stem from us obsessing too much about our own lives. When you step outside of yourself and contribute to something that is greater than yourself, whether that's giving to a charity or volunteering your time, it does amazing things for your self-esteem. It makes you feel grateful and appreciative for the life that you have.

6 Practice in front of the mirror

Do you have a presentation or a job interview to attend? Practise in front of a mirror or with a trusted friend. They don't say 'practise makes perfect' for nothing. Give yourself time to prepare and even if the outcome is not what you're after, try not to beat yourself up over it. Learn from it and move on.

7 Exercise to relieve stress

It's a well-known fact that exercising releases endorphins and relieves stress, but you need to do it because you want to. Forcing yourself through some intense exercise regime that you hate isn't going to improve your mood or self-esteem. Instead, try different workouts until you find something you love—be it walking, team sports, dancing or yoga classes, and you'll gain the benefits of it, as well as being proud of yourself for finding a new and exciting hobby.

8 Set mini-goals

Try to break your goals up into small challenges that can be celebrated. For instance, if you are learning to cook, celebrate learning a new recipe each week. You'll be more successful in completing it as it's more surmountable, and you'll enjoy it more and feel proud of everything you're accomplishing, hence boosting your self-esteem a great deal.

9 Read books and apply

Invest in books that empower your personality. It doesn't matter whether it is a cooking book, meditation book, dictionary, or more, just as long as it will broaden your knowledge and your perspective. Applying what you learn would be the best part of this exercise.

10 Kill negative thoughts

Negative and pessimistic thoughts can seriously ruin your life and affect your self-worth. Start seeing the good in everything and even if things go wrong, never stop believing in that four-lettered word called 'hope'. So, banish out negative thoughts from your system and see the brighter side to everything. Treat yourself with kindness and encouragement and notice the difference.



Eureka ► Design, innovate, engineer

App brings hospital to your home

A gap in employment opportunities for healthcare workers saw the birth of Tibu app.

Jason Carmichael, the co-founder, breaks down the journey

■ **Harriet James**
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While working on a joint Amref Health and University of British Columbia faculty of medicine project in northern Kenya, Jason Carmichael, a public health guru in statistics and an epidemiologist, noticed a number of healthcare workers didn't have a full time jobs due to lack of opportunities.

"I also noticed they weren't too pleased with opportunities available," says Jason.

Being that he was already in the sector that leverages technology for health solutions, he had an idea of using mobile phones in providing opportunities to healthcare workers and increasing access to health services. All he had to do was to ensure services delivered were convenient, safe and would strictly adhere to World Health Organisation standards.

Together with Peter Gikera, a software engineer, they created Tibu, an app that connects patients to healthcare professionals or health care services. Instead of patients seeking medical attention in clinics and hospitals, the app connects them to healthcare practitioners who come directly to their homes.

Peter now deals with the technical aspects of the app and Jason handles the administrative part. The app took two and a half years to be completed.

"We launched the tech company in March last year just with the onset of Covid-19, which was a complete coincidence. A few of our business partners were a bit concerned, but we used the opportunity to make strategic partnerships with big companies such as the Lancet and Amref Health, which will assist in leveraging the platform," says Jason.

Now the chief executive officer and co-



LEFT: A healthcare worker at a patient's house. RIGHT: Healthcare worker carries the Tibu medical kit to her appointment. PD/HARRIET JAMES



founder of Tibu Health, Jason says launching the app during the pandemic was a great opportunity as more services went online.

Vetting process

"People have appreciated having quality healthcare services delivered at home or places of work rather than going to hospitals where they are worried about being exposed to the disease or pathogens. They stay home and are safe," he says.

One can reach the doctors by downloading the app or calling the customer support. The maximum time you can wait for a healthcare worker to attend to you is 30 minutes. Compared to the hospital prices, it is cheaper by 40 per cent. For instance, one pays Sh2,500 for consultation and Sh6,500 for a Covid-19 test.

The healthcare workers pass through a vigorous vetting process, which takes two weeks before they can be incorporated as part of the team. One needs to have a minimum of two years of hands-on practice and all valid licenses and registrations with appropriate boards. They must have professional liabilities cover.

"We have learnt it's common for healthcare workers to lack personal professional indemnity cover, especially lab technicians and nurses. So, we have worked with insurance companies to create those types of policies to make it safer and protect the healthcare space," adds Jason.

Once all that is verified, the doctor will undergo a tough interview process and if successful, undergo training on how to use the app, the medical kits and how to deliver care in someone's home.

"A different level of professionalism is required when you enter people's homes or offices compared to being in the hospital. For instance, we train them on what protocol to use when knocking the door, how to greet people they meet, how to deal with a child running around while they are working with the parent. All the small things must be taken into consideration," he says.

Jason says the service is more personalised compared to the hospital.

"We will still check on the patient and find out how they are doing even after the visit. We realised most patients are not used to this and for us it's standard to give

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Most people have been taught over time that the hospital is the only place one can get cured



a very different medical experience," he adds.

Over 3,000 individuals have downloaded the app in Nairobi so far and they have done over 6,000 interactions between health professionals and patients since launch. However, even with the success, there are challenges they have to grapple, one of which is logistics.

"We need to ensure bookings and logistics are seamless to make operations as efficient as possible. You can't be sending a healthcare worker from Westlands to Embakasi as there is traffic, which makes it time consuming to get there," he explains.

The startup plans to have a number of deployment hubs in the coming months to make their work efficient. Another challenge that they face is lack of awareness.

"Most people have been taught over time that the hospital is the only place one can get cured so our challenge is changing this 200-year of ingrained behaviour and making people see they can get 70 to 80 per cent done at home," Jason adds.

Reinventing systems

In addition, they plan to introduce imaging services that would for example enable them conduct home-based ultra sounds for expectant mothers.

"There will always be the need for hospitals, but they will have to reinvent themselves or part of their businesses will become irrelevant, especially if we focus on prevention and early detection. We have to stop people from just reacting when they feel sick," he notes.

When it comes to data safety, Jason assures the public that all of their protocols are compliant to data privacy and protection laws such as the Data Protection Act, 2019.

"It took quite some time to build the apps and we involved a number of lawyers before getting it right. The client is the only person with access to their records as its encrypted in and out," he says.

Funding is also another challenge and instead of having people from the outside finance projects in Africa, Jason believes that Kenyans can support their own.

"There are a lot of Kenyan startups with great ideas, but are struggling. We need our people to see that the future is tech and for them to be interested in investing in the small startups. It doesn't have to be big money, but when they do, their money will be a 10 times return," he observes.

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Battlegrounds, one of the mobile games by PubG Mobile. COURTESY

Smartphone picked for gaming competition

OPPO's Reno5 has been selected as the official smartphone partner for the PubG Mobile Middle East and AfricaEsports2021. The OPPO Reno5 was selected for its extraordinary gaming hardware and software that deliver an exceptionally immersive and fluid gaming experience.

As the official smartphone partner, Oppo will play an active part in the company's Esports championships that will run throughout the year.

The Reno5 series' latest smartphones

come with gaming features such as shortcut mode and adjustable gaming touch that allow users to be totally immersed in entertainment.

"OPPO's strategy is focused on engaging with our users' passions. Being selected by the region's leading gaming company as the designated smartphone for PubG Mobile esports is a testament to the extraordinary and immersive gaming experience offered by the Reno5," said Ethan Xue, President of OPPO Middle East and Africa.

This is the second time PubG Mobile is partnering with OPPO after a PUBG MOBILE Mena Challenger Cup in 2019.

John Lacey, Head of Tencent MENA office said, "At PubG Mobile, we're committed to bring the ultimate fun and enjoyment for passionate, adventurous trendsetters and Esport enthusiasts. Leveraging on our experience and expertise in Esports, we're thrilled to join hands with OPPO to enhance the ever-growing mobile gaming landscape."

- Barry Silah

Relatively Speaking ▶ Inner circle truth

Bro bond that propels us to thrive

Ledama Semple is a lead producer with a leading film company in Kenya. His equally creative brother **Lesiamon** is a chef. The brothers not only share a close upbringing but also a love for careers that involve creative expression. **Njeri Maina** had a sit down with them to learn more about what makes them tick not just individually, but as friends

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I walk into Nyama Mama five minutes late. I find Ledama and Lesiamon Semple already seated, having arrived a full quarter hour before me. We are always early, they say. I sincerely apologise before we delve into the meeting. The brothers may look strikingly handsome and alike, but the similarities do not end there. They are both hardworking and driven people. They also both work in creative fields, with one being a film producer and the other a chef.

Early start in art

"I have always looked up to my big brother. Growing up, he would come home from school with cool stuff such as basketball cards. He was also artsy. I really loved to watch his various drawings and caricatures," Lesiamon explains.

A respected chef in his own right, one is awed by the undertone of love and respect as he talks of his big brother. He shares how his brother was an entrepreneur from an early age and how he bought his first watch while in Class Two. This inspired the younger brother to be equally enterprising. He would later take a short hospitality course at Utalii College then immerse himself in the world of baking and pastries. He became the guy who made cakes for events such as tea parties, birthdays, as well as weddings. Out of this, he was comfortable making a decent living and was okay with it. It was his big brother who pushed him to go back to school and take a culinary course as he wanted him to be his best self.

"He pushes me to be better. He is the reason I went back to culinary school and, therefore, got the chance to work in five-star hotels in Kenya and at a cruise ship for a year. He did not want me to just be a baker. He wanted me to be a baker and more. Ledama is not okay with me simply doing just fine. He wants me at my best and that for me is the truest definition of brotherhood and friendship," chef Lesiamon says.

Ledama laughs and explains how he feels the need to share his experience and knowledge with others in order to empower them. He talks of how his mind is analytical and how this has served him



Ledama and Lesiamon Semple enjoy pushing each other to greatness. BELOW: There's room for a little competition among the brothers who have a shared love for health and fitness. PD/NJERI MAINA

well not just in giving advice to his younger brother, but also in production. He will sift through all available data, project it into both the past and future, mull on it before coming to a decision.

"I always wanted to join the army. I had an uncle who was in the army. I think that is why I first fell in love with the army. I think I would have made a great army officer; I love analysing everything and are quite good at laying down structures and having people keep to the structures. This is pretty much what production, coming up with schedules and having people follow them is all about," he explains with a small laugh.

Work hard and play hard

But the best things come through hard work, perseverance and determination. Ledama shares how his journey into the film industry started off as a set runner on *Makutano Junction*, a local television show. He would apply himself and deliver so well such that he was moved to be the third assistant director in the next season. Hard work never goes unnoticed, he believes. He would get bumped up again to be assistant art director. After about a year, he would become the first assistant director, a coveted role he had aspired for while he was starting out.

"I think there is a lot that goes on in the production of films and adverts that audiences are not privy to. I feel humbled to do what I do and are really passionate about it. Being on set on various locations across East Africa might look

glamorous, but there is a lot of hard work and planning that goes into it. You have to commit to a client's vision and go over and beyond to ensure you deliver, even if it means starting the shoot in the wee hours of the morning and finishing up late at night. You have to be passionate about what you do to stick with it," Ledama emotively explains.

The brothers agree on the importance of hard work and commitment. They share about their shared love for health and fitness. They workout frequently as their demanding jobs require them to be in tip top shape. You have to be fairly fit to spend hours on your feet. Ledama laughingly shares about the one time he beat his younger brother at a 10 kilometre race.

"I will never leave this down will I? I guess we will have to race again soon. See what I mean when I say he wants me to be my best always," Lesiamon laughingly says. "Make it next week," Ledama says in a rejoinder. I cannot wait to learn who wins.

LESIAMON

■ ■ ■ **Ledama is not okay with me simply doing just fine. He wants me at my best and that for me is the truest definition of brotherhood and friendship**

AT A GLANCE

● **Lesiamon Semple** is the executive chef at Good Earth Group while **Ledama Semple** is a lead producer with Film Crew in Africa.

● The brothers enjoy going to the gym and running together. The jury is still out on who can run longer and faster. Lesiamon has promised to curate a brothers' workout soon.

● They are currently working together on a YouTube channel 'Chef Les The Kenyan Kitchen' with Lesiamon in front of the camera and Ledama behind it. They hope to use the channel to share great and sumptuous authentic Kenyan food.



Family Fusion ▶ All about kin and kith



MomInTheMix
With FANNE MWAMBI



Children need more time, not gifts

I stood by my sink, washing up the few dishes I had used to prepare breakfast with, and as usual, took time to glance through the window. I saw one teenager happily unwrapping chocolate and quickly threw it whole into her mouth, seconds before two of her younger sisters appeared from behind the door.

"What did you buy?" one of them asked. She quickly defended herself that it was her gift from dad. "You already had yours, so let me eat mine in peace." And so, with nearly zero satisfaction, the girl's walked into the house. Their father worked in another disease-infested county and only came home once a week. I figured he was home that morning.

This thought took me back to a scene in my past,

at a dining hall in the first boarding school I attended when I was 11 years old.

I missed my mum so much that I chose to indulge in the school food to relieve my frustrations. And so, I ate as much as I could and even went back for a second helping. I felt full and thought I would no longer be homesick, but nothing could fill that void.

Fill the void with time

Oftentimes, all our children want is to feel our love and presence. All they want is for us to stop what we're doing and make time for them. My youngest daughter, Ella, is in the habit of asking me to stop cleaning or cooking and sit with her. Just that.

It may not be possible to stop everything to spend time with them, but when you get a chance to, then do it. Ask them how they're doing and listen attentively to what they say. Hug them more and remind them that they are special little human beings.

Every minute counts

If you can, try to help them understand the situation that draws you apart to understand and appreciate time with you. Buy gifts, yes, but the gift of your attention is worth much more than anything you buy. These moments shared last through their lifetime and will teach them to be more caring toward their own in the future.

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Shifting trends in circumcision as a rite of passage

Over the years, initiation of boys into adulthood has transitioned from being elaborate traditional ceremonies to just a family event owing to urbanisation and now Covid-19

It's that season again when boys are due for circumcision after completing their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams. Of the many rites of passage that exist, circumcision is common. Traditionally, the practice entailed elaborate rituals that went on for days, drawing relatives and friends from far and wide.

However, circumcision has undergone major transformation overtime as many people now reside in urban and semi-urban areas, hence opt to take their children to hospital to have the procedure done rather than stick to the traditional cultural practices. And in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, this event has greatly been affected, and everyone involved has to ensure that they adhere to safety measures to prevent spread of the virus.

Fred Kiuru, a counselling psychologist, author and life coach who also speaks to boys after they have undergone circumcision says due to Covid-19, the number of initiates attending training camps has been affected. Also, the number of days the initiates stay at the camps has reduced from two weeks to seven days.

Safety first

"The Ministry of Health guidelines say only 30 initiates are supposed to be admitted in training camps, something that most churches have adhered to, especially in Nyeri and Mount Kenya region where I am based," says Kiuru.

Maxmillian Nanjala, a mother of two, recently had her 11-year-old son undergo the procedure in hospital. "I am glad that it went well. I preferred taking him to hospital. He was first checked if he had any Covid-19 related symptoms and was in mask until the time he was taken to theater," says Nanjala. "I had to look for a mentor who would guide and offer him words of advice as he transitions into an adult. He now has a best friend who has walked the journey with him both emotionally, psychologically and socially. When it comes to spirituality, our church pastor has been there and as a mother, I also try to offer him guidance," she adds.



Peter Were, son Elisha Kanake, daughter Naomi Muthiri and wife Damaris Kabura after Elisha underwent the cut as rite of passage. BELOW: Fred Kiuru, a counselling psychologist. PD/KWACH WAKHISI

The healing process for her son was fast, with no infections. She offers: "Years ago, I witnessed how a relative went through the traditional way in the village and ended up in a lot of pain and infections. That's why I opted for the hospital. I would have wanted him to be circumcised once he completes his Class Eight, but he had another medical condition and that's why I decided that he undergoes both procedures early. The doctor who performed the procedure also talked to him on how he should behave and conduct himself as an adult."

Jacob Wamuswa, a father of two boys aged 14 and 12 says there are communities that still hold dear to their culture, especially the Bokusu. And being in such an environment, one

can easily be influenced to follow what the other generations did.

"I opted to take my son to the hospital. At that time, they were aged nine and seven. Traditional circumcisers use one knife to cut all the boys in the entire village and beyond earmarked to undergo the practice. That is such a great risk and would expose many to infections," says Wamuswa.

Karago Kabura says circumcision of boys amongst the Kikuyu community mostly occurs after the boy completes Class Eight, or when they attain the age of 13. "Immediately our son completed his primary education, he only stayed for a week before his father and mentor began preparing him for the transition process.

He was 12 years old. He was enrolled into a programme conducted by the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) in conjunction with a hospital within our area," says Kabura.

NANJALA

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Kabura says they preferred the hospital service due to the changing times in society. "It is good to go with the current times. Considering the dangers of infections, we felt the hospital would be the most ideal place since hygiene and cleanliness of the tools of operation is keenly observed. Also, considering that we live in an urban area where space is limited, the church-based setting becomes the best option because the boys board in the facility for one week where they are fed, nursed and taught how to be responsible as young men. Circumcision of the body ought to accompany that of their mind. It even becomes better when the church works together with the hospital since the boys get to have a hygienic transition from boys into men and at the same time get spiritual nourishment during the time they stay in the facility," she explains.

From boys to men

Kiuru says the modern parent is much informed, educated and exposed, which informs the decision for many of them to take their boys to hospital for the important cut.

Some churches have come up with programmes to help parents and the boys as they transition into the next stage of life, by taking them for two weeks training and preparing them to become men of character and substance in the society. "This is the safe place to take boys to prevent them from being taught or exposed to vices such as drinking alcohol and cigarette smoking when they are taken to other unknown places, which are not formal," he says.

"The boys are taught various lessons depending on the area and issues pertinent in the locality. For instance, in an area where there have been a lot of boy/girl relationship issues, topics surrounding pre-marital sex and rampant drug abuse should be addressed to prepare the young men to handle such situations. Some of the topics I have personally handled when I go to talk to these boys include social media and its influence, life in secondary school, drug and substance abuse, sexual purity, mental health, soft skills, character and discipline and virtues of a young man," explains Kiuru.

Taboo ▶ Let's talk about it



Men break taboo to include spouses in wills



Considered a no-no in many cultures, men bequeathing property to wives and daughters is now a norm

by Harriet James
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From the time he was born, Job Odongo Ouko, a resident of Rang'ola village in Homa Bay county was raised to believe the man is the head of the home and that everything in it, including wife and children belong to him.

"When I'm dead, my wife is to be inherited by a man older than me, even my brothers. She has no say over it. My brothers will decide just who will inherit her," he explains. His wife too has no authority to own land, and being that he has one boy and four girls, should he pass away, his son and not daughters, will have a say on the land.

Having seen the effect of such attitudes in his community, Job wanted to learn more about land and women rights to create change, a process that saw him attend Kenya Legal and Ethical Issues Network (Kelin) training on Securing Your Family's Future, where he learnt about writing wills and the place of a woman in the society.

Wills and title deeds

Kelin is a non-governmental organisation working on matters human rights, including HIV and TB, litigation, sexual reproductive health and rights as well as women land and

property rights.

The training focused on changing social norms on women land tenure, which has negatively been affected by the misapplication of culture resulting in violations around women land rights.

Job recalls watching the elder brother of a man in the village take away all his cattle and property after his death.

"He took everything plus the identity card thinking it had money. I then asked my wife, if this is what is happening to this woman, what would happen if I died?" he says.

He adds, "The land that I possess was under my name alone and I realised given prevailing customs and traditions, if I die, my

wife will have difficulty claiming it. So, I opted to go against customs and co-register the title deed with both my name and hers for easier succession for her and our children."

Positive change

In the past, due to culture, Job would make decisions affecting the household without consulting his wife, but today, he never does anything without informing her. He also discusses with her on saving for their children's education and how their daughters too can be included in the inheritance and not just his son.

So far, his wife, Rose, a teacher, is enjoying the impact of the change she's seen in him.



Job Ouko and his wife, Rose, in their home in Homa Bay.
PD/HARRIET JAMES

"In the past, I had no idea how much he made or how he spent it. He would come home with a new car, without telling me he had bought it and that would really hurt me. I felt devalued," she says. Just like many women in the community, Rose was afraid she would be disinherited of the land and properties her husband owned when he dies. She was pleasantly surprised when Job said she is included in the will together with their daughters.

Embracing new ways

"I am happy that now my future and that of our daughters is secure should anything happen," she adds.

Just like Job, Thomas Dulo from Oasi Ondiko ward in Kisumu county has opted to write a will and co-register his wife's name in the title deeds.

"When I was growing up, my father owned land and my mum couldn't talk about it. In our culture, a woman can't own land, but we are now in the modern times and our thinking should be different from theirs," he explains.

In the past, women owned property under polygamy, where their husband would allocate land to each wife, which she would share with her children. When he died, the society would ensure the widow and her children were well taken care of and that no one would snatch their land. However, nowadays, such traditions have been corrupted by greedy men who have sexualised the concept from taking care of your brother's home and the continuity of the name to satisfy their greed, leaving widows and orphans with nothing.

"Under Act 45 of the Constitution, man and woman are equal before, during, and at dissolution of marriage either upon death or divorce. One of the things that came out during the programme is continuity. For example, if I am Luo and my father is the man of the house and has the final say and has the right to own property; should he die, his property is taken over by his brothers. Such things can't be disputed because it is all I know. The norms perceived to be right are wrong. Such customs are calling us to be proactive and take gender transformative steps towards property and land," says Kennedy Otieno, an advocate with Kelin.

Having gone through disinheritance after the loss of his father, Felix Okal, an elder at Nyakach, is also taking charge in involving his wife in joint discussions and also includes his sons and daughters. He also ensures he addresses mourners or other gatherings on the issue to change the mindsets.

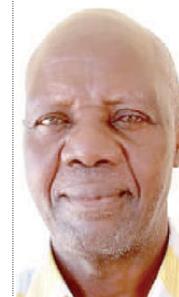
"Community members are now realising the significance of writing wills and co ownership of land. Once or twice a week members come to seek for advice regarding wills and how they can ensure that women participate more in such affairs," he says.



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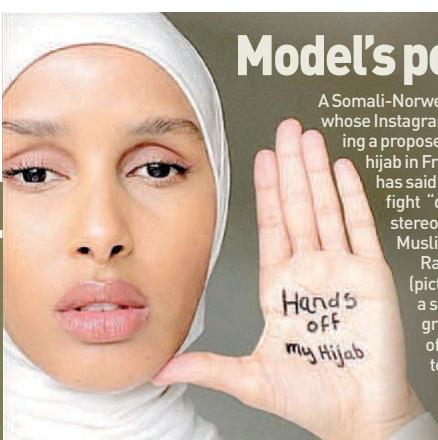
Man and woman are equal before, during, and at dissolution of marriage



FELIX OKAL



Community members are now realising the significance of writing wills



Model's post sparks protest over France's proposed hijab ban

A Somali-Norwegian model whose Instagram post criticising a proposed ban on the hijab in France went viral has said she wants to fight "deeply rooted stereotypes" against Muslim women.

Rawdah Mohamed (pictured) posted a selfie on Instagram with "hands off my hijab" written on her hand, starting a campaign that has been

trending on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. "I started the hashtag as I felt the need to humanise the movement," Mohamed told the Guardian. "Ethnic minority women are always spoken for. I wished to take back the control of our narratives and tell our stories."

Mohamed added that the proposed legislation "stems from discrimination and deeply rooted stereotypes against Muslim women".

France was the first country to ban the niqab in public spaces, in April 2011, and French provinces have banned the burkini, starting a national conversation around nationalism, identity and feminism.

"I wanted my oppressors to see my face and the women who look like me," she said. "They don't get to hide in their luxurious parliament offices and regulate women's bodies without a fight."

On Instagram, Mohamed wrote: "The hijab ban is hateful rhetoric coming from the highest level of government and will go down as enormous failure of religious values and equality." The model went on to relate a story of being told that she could not wear her hijab to school as an anti-bullying measure. "Sitting in a room full of adults discussing my body and what I could and couldn't wear as a young girl left more scarring than the bullying

itself," she explained. She said it only made the bullying worse. "I have lost count of the many times I was rejected for a job because of my hijab and not because of my lack of skill."

She claimed she had been rejected for lots of jobs because clients feared a backlash from politicians and the media for featuring a woman in a hijab in advertising campaigns.

"I constantly have to fight against inaccurate representation and biased perceptions coming from the highest level of government, which is further perpetuated with the general public [and] the fashion industry," she said. -The Guardian

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1. DISTRESS FOR RENT

LANDLORD VS CICILIA NYTHENYA
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maker, r. blender, toaster, wall unit, dining table
+ 6 chairs, sofa set 4-seater.

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(NO. 13 OF 2019)**

CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of parcel NO'S THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 3/248 located in Phase 13 area in Thika Sub-County, proposes to change the use from single dwelling to Multi-dwelling. Resident of the proposed land is owned by the Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions, Members of the public etc., with any comments and/or objections to the proposed should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:
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Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned goods on Wednesday 5th of May 2021, 10:00am at Lenana Road - Yemen Restaurant.

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 13.00 News Cut
 13.30 Jungu La Spoti
 14.00 Bongo Movie
 15.00 Jungle Book
 15.30 Akili & Me
 16.00 K24 Mashinani
 16.30 Floopaloo, Where Are You?
 17.00 Beatbox
 18.00 Her Mother's Daughter
 19.00 K24 Saa Moja
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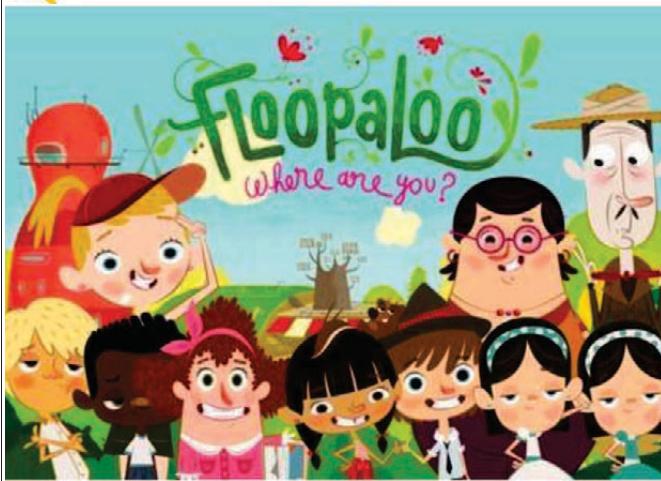
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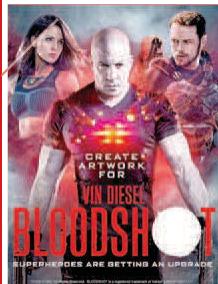
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 PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA: 18:30, 20:45 :BLOODSHOT 2020
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Sudoku

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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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 13:30 Business Defined
 14:00 Business Africa
 14:30 Parliament Live Club 1
 18:30 The Great Debaters
 19:00 Taarifa Bold Conversations
 20:00 First Lady
 21:00 Channel 1 News
 23:00 CCTV
 23:30 Lay'd Back

HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

You need to lie back and enjoy a little rest. Don't offer to pay for others. Delays are evident.

TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Concentrate on getting ahead financially and let your personal life settle down for a while. You may have been too agreeable to someone who just wanted to use you.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 22)

It is time to clear your decks. Outbursts of passion may cause arguments with your mate. Be prepared to neutralize any threats.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Balance is required if you want stability. Accept the inevitable and continue to do your job. You may overspend if you travel today; however, the trip will be one to remember.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Be careful how you handle friends and relatives, they may take things the wrong way. You need to keep everyone on your domestic scene too busy to complain.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Just be yourself. Pleasure trips will be a form of healing for your emotional state of mind. Kick your shoes off and relax.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Sign up for seminars that will expand your business awareness. Don't be too eager to dismiss someone who works under you. You will find that unfinished projects at home will be most satisfying.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)

If it can make you extra cash, it will be even better. Be cautious who you deal with financially. Put your time and energy into home improvement.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

Female colleagues may be able to help you get the job done. Your high energy will enable you to take the role of leader in group functions. Put your energy into home renovations.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN. 20)

Elders may need your help. Limitations at work might set you back. Keep important information to yourself.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You will do extremely well if you get involved in competitive activities today.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Your mate is going to want and need some attention. Don't expect anything for nothing and you won't be disappointed. Plan your day thoughtfully, but try not to rely on others.

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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5. Ovid	2. Dial
9. Chaos	3. Fish and chips
10. Renew	4. Exacts
11. Tantamount	6. Ventured
14. Trendy	7. Downtime
15. Stream	8. Atypical
17. Pitchback	20. Cramp
21. Loose	13. Restrain
22. Lone	16. Alumna
23. Babyhood	18. Mono
	19. Fend

- ACROSS**
- 1. Mission (4)
 - 3. Large game bird (8)
 - 9. Cost (7)
 - 10. Popular sport (5)
 - 11. Shockingly (12)
 - 14. Knock vigorously (12)
 - 16. Semiconductor (5)
 - 17. Snappy dog (3)
 - 18. Unhappy (12)
- DOWN**
- 21. Game of chance (5)
 - 22. Taking notes (7)
 - 23. Enclosed area in a farm (8)
 - 24. Ring (4)
 - 1. Value greatly (8)
 - 2. Fantastic (5)
 - 4. Weeding tool (3)

- 5. Agreements; plans (12)
- 6. Cherubic (7)
- 7. Playthings (4)
- 8. Preliminary (12)
- 12. Open disrespect (5)
- 13. Extravagant (8)
- 15. Computer peripheral (7)
- 19. Garbage or drivel (5)
- 20. Stone block (4)
- 22. Jolt (3)

Sport

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Saving Omanyala

Despite setting a new national record in 100m, athlete faces the prospect of not representing Kenya in international events due to a past cheating offence. Can rugby offer a way out for the talented youngster?

■ by Alex Njue
@PeopleDailyKe

Can rugby offer beleaguered sprinter Ferdinand Omanyala another shot at redemption? Kenya Sevens rugby coach Innocent Simiyu seems to think so.

Omanyala has been a revelation on track but a doping violation in 2019 for which he was banned for two years may put paid to his chances of representing Kenya in international events.

Simiyu, however, believes all is not lost for Omanyala after he named him in his 30-man that has been putting a shift in Kasarani ahead of a trip to South Africa and later the Olympics.

Simiyu believes Omanyala can put to good use his "wheels" which have seem race 100m in under 10.01 seconds in a fresh career as a winger for Shujaa.

Shujaa boss says the 25-year-old can be an undisputed sprinter in the HSBC Sevens series from next season.

The sprinter who has been training with Shujaa since November set a new national record in the Betking MoG Grand

Prix Yabatech Sports Complex in Lagos, Nigeria, last month. The record was, however, not recognised by Athletics Kenya since the event was not sanctioned by the Nigerian athletics federation.

But Shujaa boss says should Omanyala opt to switch his spikes for rugby boots, the speedster will be a welcome addition to his future plans.

Simiyu is assured Omanyala will reign supreme as king of pace in rugby just slightly ahead of the fourth fastest Australian and active sprinter turned rugby player Trae Williams (10.10 in 2018) and USA winger Carlin Isles (10.13 in 2012).

Since joining their rugby national teams, 22-year-old Williams and 31-year-old Isles have not regretted ditching athletics for rugby. Isles in February 2020 became the first American to surpass 200 tries in the HSBC series.



Ferdinand Omanyala training with the national sevens rugby team and (inset) in action on track. PD/ALEX NJUE & DAVID NDOLU

"He is always welcome after he is done with athletics. We were happy to have him in the setup during the preseason phase as he is humble and a hard-working young man," Simiyu told People Sport.

"He has speed to burn and his work ethic and effort was clearly outstanding. We are of the opinion that he is an international star, he will soon be that athlete discussed at the dinner table either in athletics or rugby."

Shujaa team manager Eric Ogweno believes the former winger who once trained at Mwamba RFC has a future with Shujaa and will be available for future selection.

"He trained with Shujaa and we might use him next season. He has the right speed to compete in HSBC and has toughened since his days as a rugby player before switching to athletics. He was a winger for Friends School Kamusinga, played select matches in lower division and trained at Mwamba," Ogweno said.

Omanyala set a new 100m national record when he clocked 10.01 seconds on March 30 to hit the qualification cut for the Tokyo Olympics set at 10.05 seconds but a firm stand against previous doping violators by Athletics Kenya may see him miss out.

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Kiptum:
The ex-athlete accused of fixing his mates

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Australian cricketer Lynn requests charter flight home from virus-hit India

CRICKET: Batsman Chris Lynn has requested a charter flight home for Australian players after the Indian Premier League, News Corp reported on Tuesday, as a surge in Covid cases prompted Canberra to suspend passenger flights from India. India has been ravaged by a record-breaking wave of Covid infections in recent weeks, with a surge in cases and deaths overwhelming hospitals. Three Australian cricketers have already left the IPL, the



world's richest Twenty20 tournament, which is taking place in biosecure conditions behind closed doors in six cities until the end of May. Lynn said he asked for a flight when the governing body contacted players about their health and travel plans. - AFP

French women champions Lyon appoint Bompastor their first female coach

FOOTBALL: Perennial French women's champions Lyon appointed former international defender Sonia Bompastor as their new coach on Tuesday after Jean-Luc Vasseur was sacked following the defeat by Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League semi-finals. Bompastor, 40, who won 156 caps for France, will be the first woman to coach the team that has dominated European women's club football in recent years. Lyon have won the last 14 French



league titles and the last five Champions League titles, but PSG dumped them out of this season's European competition and are threatening to pip them to the league title. With five matches left to play, PSG lead Lyon by a point. - AFP

Formula One set to adopt 'sprint' qualifying for three Grands Prix this season

MOTORSPORTS: Formula One has unanimously approved the adoption of sprint qualifying at three Grands Prix this season, the organisers announced on Monday. The sprint qualifying over a distance of 100 kilometres will determine the GP grid and give the top three finishers championship points, F1 said in a statement. It said

the sprint sessions, which are "designed to increase the on-track action", would take place at two European races and at one race outside Europe. Website Autosport reported the two European sprints will be held at July's British GP at Silverstone and the Italian GP at Monza in September.

- AFP





Safari Rally gets Sh100m ahead of WRC

KCB Group pledges more support for sports as it seeks to connect with communities and grow talent

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleDailyKe

KCB Group has committed Sh100 million in sponsorship towards the 2021 World Rally Championship (WRC) Safari Rally, which will return to Kenya after a 19-year absence.

The deal amplifies the bank's support for sports that cuts across various disciplines, including motorsports, golf, athletics, chess, rugby, volleyball and football.

The Shs100 million will be channeled through WRC Safari Rally Kenya.

Speaking during the presentation at-

tended by Sports CS Amina Mohamed, KCB Group CEO Joshua Oigara said the bank is keen on further deepening its contribution towards sports in the East African region as a way of supporting communities and development talent.

"We take pleasure that our sponsorship has sustained motorsport and helped build a critical mass of talent competing in local and international platforms. The ambition is to take this association into the elite level of global rallying. We believe the upcoming event is a great opportunity to demonstrate Kenya's growing credentials as a global sports powerhouse," said Oigara

said on Tuesday. In the past 18 years, KCB has invested over Sh1.2 billion towards supporting motorsports, largely rallies and autocross circuits, through the Kenya Motorsports Federation (KMSF).

Additionally, over the past decade, KCB has invested Sh820 million in supporting the bank's sports teams -- football, volleyball, rugby, and chess. The bank has also spent over Sh300 million on golf in the past 10 years.

"The sponsorship is a significant milestone for the Safari Rally as we have an indigenous institution supporting one of the most iconic events in Africa. KCB has been proactive in supporting sporting activities and nurturing talents around the country across all the games," said Mohamed.

The WRC competition will see the return of the world's best drivers competing on Kenyan soil. This year's championship will cover 797 kilometers in Nairobi, Naivasha and Kiambu counties, said Phineas Kimathi, KMSF chairman and chief executive, WRC Safari Rally.

"After successfully staging African Rally Championship (ARC) Equator Rally over the weekend, we are confident that we can host a bigger and even more exciting event," said Kimathi.

WRC is one of the oldest and leading global motorsport competitions and is governed by Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA). The championship returns to Kenya in 2020, after a nearly two-decade hiatus.

From left:
Sports PS Joe Okudo, Safari Rally competition Boss Phineas Kimathi, Sports CS Amina Mohamed and KCB Group CEO Joshua Oigara during the unveiling of the sponsorship yesterday. D/ RODGERS NDEGWA

Amina rules out speedy sports resumption

by Amos Abuga
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taken the measures of ensuring the athletes are vaccinated. But, even in our efforts to see sports resume, we should remember this is a presidential directive which we must respect," said Amina.

The conclusion of the Equator Safari Rally over the weekend was seen as an indication that sports was ready to resume.

Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohammed yesterday gave a clear indication that sporting activities in the country are unlikely to resume any time soon.

While sympathising with the sports persons especially footballers who have seen all Football Kenya Federation run leagues suspended, Amina said the ministry has no choice other than to strive to ensure containment measures are followed until levels of coronavirus infections go down.

"I am not going to lie. All our efforts are directed towards ensuring levels of infections are down. So we all have a role to play towards that agenda. As a ministry, there is nothing we can do at the moment. I realise several federations have

"Yes there is hope we shall be able to resume sports but first things first, we must be able to observe all the protocols put in place to boost containment measures," she said.

The Ministry of Health yesterday the national caseload for the deadly disease is approaching 160,000 with over 2,650 death registered so far.



Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed.
PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

BRIEFLY

KPA men impress in first continental assignment

VOLLEYBALL: The Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) management has congratulated their men's volleyball team that finished fifth position in the CAVB Africa Men's Club Championship in Tunisia. This was KPA's maiden appearance in top continental event that attracted 16 leading teams in Africa. Kenya was represented by KPA and national champions, General Service Unit (GSU). KPA played a total of six matches to win four and lose two. The Dockers first beat APR of Rwanda by three sets to two, before losing to the hosts Esperance 3-0. They then thrashed Rwanda's Rukinzo 3-0 to emerge the second in group A. KPA then clashed with Africa giants Zamalek of Egypt losing 3-0.

- Harrison Kivusi

All eyes on Prisons as other Kenya representatives fall short in Tunisia

VOLLEYBALL: Kenyans will be keenly following the goings on at the Confederation of African Volleyball Women's Africa Club Championship semi-finals today when Kenya Prisons battle out with Club Féminine de Carthage for a place in the Friday finals at Kelibia, Tunisia. Prisons under former Malkia Strikers coach David Lung'aho came second with 10 points behind home side CS Sfaxien after defeating Wolaita Sodo University of Ethiopia 3-0 Monday afternoon. It will be a battle of first versus second respectively from Pool B and Pool A as Prisons who



are five times continental champions will be looking to end the two-week tournament in style.

- Barry Silah

Cricket Kenya Normalisation team hears players, coaches concerns

CRICKET: The Cricket Kenya Normalisation Committee chaired by Lady Justice (Rtd) Joyce Aluoch met national team players and coaches on Tuesday at Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani. The committee appointed by Cabinet Secretary for Sport Amina Mohamed on March 16 has been working to deliver on its mandate, which includes amending the constitution and organising elections for the troubled Cricket Kenya. Since inauguration, the committee has reviewed existing documents, mapped stakeholders, met the Cricket



Kenya staff. And on Tuesday, the committee heard from the players and coaches on issues ranging from the need to have a home for cricket, player welfare, facilities, general development and structure of the game.

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Vihiga need Sh4m for Cecafa club competition

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Women's Premier League champions Vihiga Queens require close to Sh4 million to prepare for the inaugural Cecafa Women's Championships League expected to take place in July in Kenya.

Apart from financial challenges, the team is also having a hard time training as a unit with players being made to train in groups of three due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Vihiga head coach Alex Alumira is concerned that the opposing teams are continuing with their preparations while his team is hampered by restrictions.

"At the moment I am being forced to monitor the players through social media where they get some instructions on what they should do. Remember this only improves fitness levels which is just one of the many attributes that contribute to the perfect performance of a player," said Alumira.

"We are also trying to work on skills whereby players operate in groups of three but we are disadvantaged a bit because it requires group training but we are hopeful with time the team will be ready."

"I have been analysing my players and one area that we are working on is finishing where

we have been struggling a lot to kill the matches. We create many chances but our conversion rate is wanting."

He, however, revealed that with the availability of Harambee Starlets winger Jentrix Shikangwa who has completed her high school he has noted that many goals will come.

"It's not about one player we have to build a strong team spirit but I want to welcome her back. The team has struggled a lot during her absence. Her presence in the national team has improved her confidence and given her good exposure and experience," he added.

Captain Enes Mango revealed

that they are ready for the Cecafa championship and thanked the Football Federation of Kenya for giving them the opportunity to represent the country at the top level.

"I am also grateful to the Vihiga County government who are our sponsor for the support together with the technical bench that has sacrificed a lot to ensure that we get the right preparations mentally, physically, and tactically," Mango said.

Vihiga Queens who have won the Kenya Women's Premier three times in a row are scheduled to represent the country in the tournament set to kick off from July 17.



Vihiga Queens players training. PD/FRED LIKUYANI



Posta grab two league honours

Club tactician Stanley Okumbi and goalkeeper Kelvin Opiyo win FKF Premier League coach and player of the month awards for March respectively

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Posta Rangers head coach Stanley Okumbi and goalkeeper Kelvin Opiyo were yesterday named the FKF Premier League coach of month and player of the month respectively.

Opiyo helped his team pick seven points out of a possible nine during the month by keeping clean sheets in all three matches.

The custodian, who had not enjoyed much playing time since arriving from National Super League side APS Bomet in September last

year, was thrown into the deep end in March and returned the favour by maintaining a flawless record against Kario-bangi Sharks, Gor Mahia and Mathare United.

"It has not been easy for me but in all that I have kept my faith and kept working hard. It is not often that you get a third choice keeper getting an opportunity to prove himself. I took the opportunity with open arms and seized it," said Opiyo.

He beat Zoo Kericho centre back Alex Onchwari and Gor Mahia forward Wilson Silva to the award that comes with a customised trophy and

Sh50,000 cash award. The 25-year-old is hoping to keep the momentum going when the league resumes.

Opiyo is also hoping competition with first choice Jairus Adira and Brian Omondi will make him better.

"We have a very capable goalkeeping department and trainers. I think we will be able to push ourselves even further," said Opiyo.

Onchwari, who came second, was the bright spark in the relegation-threatened Zoo, who improved in March after a poor start to the season.

Other shortlisted nominees were Gor Mahia winger Clifton Miheso, veteran Nairobi City Stars midfielder Anthony 'Muki' Kimani, Kakamega Homeboyz attacking midfielder Christopher Masinza and Kario-bangi Sharks forward Peter Lwassa.

Meanwhile, Okumbi, who was hardly a month old in the job, saw Posta deliver an impressive display.

The Mailmen began the month with a barren draw against Kario-bangi Sharks before humbling champions Gor Mahia 1-0 in their subsequent match despite playing with a man less from the fourth minute of the game.

Posta wrapped the month with a comfortable 2-0 win over Mathare United to ease their relegation fears.

The national U20 coach beat Kakamega Homeboyz tactician Nicholas Muyoti and Gor Mahia's Carlos Vaz Pinto to the award.

Posta Rangers head coach Stanley Okumbi (in red) and goalkeeper Kevin Omondi (#34) display their BetKing Premier League awards for the month of March yesterday at the Goal Project offices in Kasarani.

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Broke Gor Mahia ask CAF to release Sh6 million owed to them

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around we're doing the same through the federation hopping and for the best."

Odhihambo, who was elected last year as treasurer, also claimed the previous office left a debt of Sh200 million in uncleared bills, something the new office holders are trying to sort.

"I have invented methods of trying to clear the bill to get the club back on its feet. No one should blame me for past mistakes. I reduced the wage bill when I took over as one of the measures to rescue the club from collapsing," The K'Ogalo official also revealed that the wage bill of the club currently stands at Sh4.5 million down from Sh5.5 million since she took charge of the financial department.

Odhihambo further stated how the money they get from the sponsors is far from enough to help them run efficiently. "Our sponsors only give us Sh55 million annually yet we need close to Sh60 million for salaries, let alone travelling, accommodation and pitch hire," she said with the Gor Mahia players having recently downed tools due to accrued monies owed to them since February.



Gor Mahia players during their CAF match against APR of Rwanda at the Nyayo Stadium in February. PD/DAVID NDOLLO



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Kiptum, the ex-athlete accused of fixing mates

Former runner said to be part of international ring bent on getting Kenya kicked out of global racing events

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For a man described as an average athlete, the source of his money was hardly surprising.

Elias Kiptum, a jovial man, is a mobiliser, an organiser-in-chief, well known in the world of athletics. Photos of Kiptum with former and current world champions in and outside Kenya on social media give a glimpse of the kind of connection he enjoyed.

Whenever there were big marathons outside the country, he could organise viewer points mostly in North Rift where fans flocked to watch the action on big screens.

He was close to the Who's Who. A number of journalists and governors and MPs from North Rift are said to be his friends.

A journalist, who frequented his residence in Iten, in Elgeyo Marakwet, de-

scribed his manner of dressing, mostly jackets and fancy shoes and T-shirts, as one to envy.

So when Kiptum was on Monday arrested for forgery where he is believed to be part of an international conspiracy ring out to tarnish Kenya's image in the athletics world, many including athletics administrators and top athletes were astounded.

"I am extremely shocked by the revelations. Kiptum was a man of the people, so I thought. I am in one of the groups where he was the administrator. Top athletics officials are some of the members," a current world record holder told to People Sport on condition of anonymity.

Widespread doping

Another athlete, who refused to be named, said he was once approached to appear in an international television interview to support claims of widespread doping in the country.

"Of course the catch was money which was really tempting. I was promised good rewards if I affirmed there was widespread doping in Kenya. While I never did the interview, I know fellow athletes who did," said the athlete.

Former Olympic and triple world 1,500m champion Asbel Kiprop who has maintained his innocence despite being banned for blood boosting drug EPO in 2019 alleged he and other athletes might have been victims of Kiptum and his accomplices.

"I don't want to divulge further for two reasons. One is an ongoing court case and two is the fact that I am a police officer therefore I want my superiors to comment first."

"But I am honestly happy for once people will start seeing sense in my cries. Kiptum is a commoner whom nobody could suspect, but there is a cartel that goes all the way up to certain individuals in the World Anti-Doping Agency labs mostly in Stockholm, Sweden," Kiprop intimated to People Sport.

He continued: "I know of athletes who have been asked for huge sums of money even before tests are done, sometimes it is outright suspicious. There are corrupt officers who use guys to tarnish athletes' names."

Kiptum was on Monday arraigned before the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport Court.

He is accused of spreading false doping allegations against Kenyan athletes, but he denied all 12 charges leveled against him. He was remanded in custody pending bail ruling.

A statement on Directorate of Criminal Investigations indicated that Kiptum's arrest and subsequent arraignment followed investigations by the DCI's Anti-Narcotics Unit detectives.

The statement explained that the detectives have since September 2020 been pursuing a criminal syndicate which has been working with foreign journalists to fabricate information on doping in Kenya.

Elias Kiptum.
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"The perpetrators had prepared documents purporting that doping was being promoted and encouraged by several state agencies in the country, with the aim of having Kenya suspended from participating in the forthcoming Olympics in Japan," said the statement.

Forged documents purportedly signed by officials from the Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (Adak) and Athletics Kenya (AK) were shared with the Europe-based journalists, who have been part of the ring, the statement explained.

In an operation by DCI sleuths on April 18, a raid conducted at Kiptum's residence in Iten saw the confiscation of several documents bearing ADAK and AK letterheads, alongside suspicious bank slips.

"Contract agreement documents between local suspects and the foreign journalists, three laptops, mobile phones among other electronic gadgets were also confiscated from the suspect's house and are undergoing forensic analysis at DCI Headquarters," said the statement.

Strongly worded

On Monday, Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed denied claims of doping cover-up by the Kenyan authorities.

In a strongly-worded statement, Mohamed noted that cliques of unscrupulous characters are hell bent on tarnishing Kenya's image whenever a major international sporting event approaches.

"We wish to state that the ministry has noted with great concern that whenever Kenya us about to participate in major international sporting events, unscrupulous characters embark on a mission to disparage Kenya's decades of well deserved sporting repertoire and our leadership in the global anti-doping efforts," read part of the statement.