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Uhuru backs referendum calls



President Uhuru Kenyatta is received by Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i, Governor James Ongwae and Senator Sam Ongeri (right) upon arrival in Kisii for a working tour of the county. The President was accompanied with Deputy President William Ruto (left) and former premier Raila Odinga. PHOTO: PSCU

He says it will be necessary to ensure inclusivity, but adds that wananchi will have the final word on matter - page 6

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'Tribalism hindering inclusivity'

by Roy Lumbe
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Nakuru residents have cited corruption, nepotism, land injustices, tribalism and divisive politics as some of the major challenges hindering inclusivity in government.

Presenting their proposals before the Building Bridges Initiative taskforce in Nakuru yesterday, the residents said only a few Kenyans have benefited under the previous four regimes.

Former Subukia MP Koigi wa Wamwere told the Yusuf Hajiled team that tribalism has been a major challenge affecting the nation over the years, adding that there is a need to ensure nationalisation in all sectors including the political parties and public offices.

Ojienda claim of witch-hunt dismissed

by Nancy Giotnga
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Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has dismissed allegations by Judicial Service commissioner Tom Ojienda that investigations carried out over misuse of his official car is witch-hunt.

In a replying affidavit through investigator Kennedy Olemuse, EACC termed Prof Ojienda's allegations as speculation and unfounded as they have no bearing to the investigations against him.

The officer said he has conducted the investigations in a most objective and impartial manner and other issues alleged by the commissioner such as witch hunt are mere speculation.

Helb, police hatch plan to hunt down loan defaulters

Board chief executive says net will be cast wider to catch beneficiaries in diaspora

by Irene Githinji
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"You can run, but you can't hide". That was Education Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed's tacit message yesterday to an estimated 74,000 Higher Education Loans Board (Helb) loan defaulters.

They reportedly owe the board a staggering Sh7.2 billion as at December 31, last year.

Amina said the board had enlisted the services of the police to track down the debtors to recover the billions to enable others benefit from the revolving student loans facility, serviced by the taxpayer.

"We are going to partner with our law enforcement agencies to track down those holding jobs and are reluctant to stand up to be counted as responsible and patriotic citizens who honour their debts. This will include tracking graduates working in enterprises such as mobile transfer services such as M-Pesa, AirtelMoney and other emerging jobs," said Amina.

Helb chief executive officer Charles Ringera vowed to cast the net wider in a bid to nab those outside the country, adding that the Foreign Affairs ministry had been roped in to target the Diaspora.

"We are having a large number of graduates leaving the country to work abroad, majority of whom have defaulted. We shall not spare

We are going to partner with law enforcement agencies to track down those holding jobs and are reluctant to repay -Amina



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Amina urged parents and guardians to encourage youth to enrol in TVET institutions across the country and to seek financial support from Helb to finance their education.

This financial year, Treasury allocated Sh300 million to cater for loans and bursaries for students in TVET institutions.

She said the ministry was reviewing the higher education financing policy to make it more predictable and sustainable.

University Education and Research PS Collette Suda, Education CS Amina Mohamed and Helb chief executive Charles Ringera cut a cake during the Helb agenda launch in Nairobi, yesterday.

PHOTO: BENARD ORWONGO

this group," he said.

Overall, the Helb annual student budget has grown from Sh4.6 billion financing 109,189 students in 2012 to Sh11.4 billion financing 248,050 students in 2017/18.

The Exchequer funds 53 per cent of the total budget while 47 per cent is from loan recovery.

"In order to guarantee sustain-

ability of Helb, I call upon employers to enhance loan recovery mechanisms to track over 74,000 defaulters holding more than Sh7.2 billion as at December 31, 2018. This intervention will improve Helb's performing loan portfolio from the current 72 per cent to more than 80 per cent by 2023," said Amina.

She made the remarks when launching the board's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan and the ISO 9001:2015 certification at a Nairobi hotel. The plan has a projected budget of Sh90 billion.

Artificial intelligence

"I directed Helb to adopt artificial intelligence to serve customers better. The agency should equally use block chain technologies to aid in loan recovery and resource mobilisation to align the operations of Helb to those of leading financing institutions globally," the CS added.

Helb is also currently funding 24,252 students in various Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges. Amina said her ministry was engaging Treasury to secure more resources to expand the reach.

It is estimated that this year, some 262,764 students will be placed in technical training institutes and another 90,688 in universities. In order to allow more candidates to access tertiary education, the placement process to TVET institutions will remain open at various intervals throughout the year.

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State saving Sh5b in textbook policy, says Amina

by Irene Githinji
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The government is saving more than Sh5 billion annually under the new textbook policy that it described as efficient use of resources to achieve desired results.

Education Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed made the remarks yesterday as she dispatched 21,987 early

grade mathematics learners' books and teacher guides.

The books have been adapted for learners with hearing impairment, total blindness, physical impairment as well as those with low vision.

She said the books are adapted for Grades 1 and 2 and are also fully compliant with the Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC).

"The Ministry is determined to sus-



tain direct-to-school textbook supply as it has proven to be the best way to achieve the desired teaching and learning objectives in public schools. Procurement of these materials will be carried out in a transparent and efficient way to guarantee greater satisfaction among stakeholders," said Amina, when she flagged off books to be distributed to public schools at MFI Document Solutions Limited.



Why penguin was knighted

The story of Nils Olav from the Edinburgh Zoo starts in 1972, when he was adopted by the Norwegian King's Guard, a symbolic gesture between Norway and Scotland. Nils started off as a lance corporal, and got promoted every time the King's Guard visited the zoo. He, however, died in 1987, so the Guard adopted a new penguin, Nils Olav II. Olar made it pretty far up the chain of command, and in 2008, 50 members of the King's Guard—with the approval of King Harald V himself—knighted him, turning the colonel-in-chief into Sir Nils Olav II. The penguin even got to inspect the troops before receiving his knighthood. Sadly, Nils Olav II died shortly afterward and was replaced by a third bird who became brigadier in August 2016.



Cartel put police dog on the most wanted list

Working with Colombia's counter-narcotics police, this German shepherd has used her super-powerful nose to uncover a whopping nine tons of cocaine as of mid last year. She's also sniffed out 245 suspected drug runners, and needless to say, this has made her a hero with the country's police force. On the other paw, Sombra (which means "shadow") isn't exactly the cartels' favourite canine. One of Colombia's most powerful gangs, the Urabeños, has put a \$70,000 (Sh7 million) bounty on her head. The government has moved Sombra to a city outside the Urabeños' grasp, and in 2020, she will retire from police work, hopefully having survived both gangsters and years of working like a dog.



Monkey helped run railway station

Generally, monkeys shouldn't be involved with public transportation, but Jack the chacma baboon was an exception. In the 1880s, Jack was bought by a South African railroad signalman James Edin Wide. Jack quickly learnt how to operate levers to change tracks and was soon in charge of making sure the locomotives got where they needed to go. Railway managers even tested the little guy to see if it was safe to have a monkey manning the switches, and he passed with flying colours. As a result, Jack was paid 20 cents a day, plus half a bottle of beer each week. (Half a bottle because you don't want to give the monkey in charge of changing tracks a whole bottle of booze.) With the pay check coming in, Jack worked as a signal-monkey for nearly a decade before finally throwing his last lever in 1890.



'Reckless' the Korean war hero

Reckless was a Korean-born horse bought at \$250 (now about Sh25,000) in 1952 by a Marine lieutenant from a kid who needed the cash to buy his sister an artificial leg. Reckless quickly became a favourite as a pack horse, carrying ammo to Marines who operated recoilless rifles. The guns were so dangerous to operate troops often described them as "reckless" rifles (thus the horse's name). And during the Battle for Outpost Vegas, 'Reckless' made over 50 unmanned trips, carrying nearly 400 rounds of ammo one way and injured Marines back the other. In the end, 'Reckless' earned two Purple Hearts, was promoted to Staff Sergeant and was buried with full military honours when she passed away in 1968.



They might all be equal but some are clearly more awesome

All animals might be equal, but to paraphrase author George Orwell, some are more remarkable than others

Dog who mastered calculus



Michigan Math professor Tim Pennings was playing fetch with his dog Elvis, tossing the ball into Lake Michigan for the pup to bring back. The shortest path to the ball was for Elvis to run directly into the water and swim at a diagonal path. But Pennings noticed that instead of taking this route, Elvis ran a little way down the beach, jumped into the water, and swam straight for the ball. Sure, it was

technically a longer trip, but it allowed Elvis to fetch the ball in a much shorter time by swimming less. As Pennings explained, it seemed his dog was inherently using calculus to get the ball as fast as possible. Intrigued, Pennings conducted the experiment multiple times and concluded that Elvis had an instinctual knack for calculus. Pennings and his mathematical canine gave multiple math lectures, and the dog has even been featured in calculus textbooks. In other words, Elvis totally earned that doctorate.

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Pig nominated for president

The Youth International Party, aka the Yippies, were a countercultural group in the US who used bizarre stunts to draw media attention to their causes. In 1968, they protested the upcoming presidential election by staging an event outside the Chicago Democratic Convention during which they unveiled their nomination for the presidency: a local pig by the name of Pegasus. However, Pegasus campaign didn't last long. Police quickly broke up at the rally, and arrested several Yippie leaders for "cruelty to an animal." Pegasus was carted off to animal control by the cops, his unlikely dream of the Oval Office dashed.

Bank manager charged with aiding Dusit attack

DTB Eastleigh branch boss accused of failing to report suspect transactions amounting to Sh34.7 million

by Nancy Gitonga
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A bank manager was yesterday charged before a Nairobi court with aiding last month's terror attack at the 14 Riverside Drive in Nairobi where 21 people were killed.

Sophia Njoki Mbogo, a manager at Diamond Trust Bank Eastleigh branch appeared before Chief Magistrate Francis Andayi and denied three counts of failure to report suspicious activity regarding Sh34.7 million believed to be proceeds of crime, aiding and abetting the commission of a terrorist act and failure to report cash transactions against the law.

The prosecution alleges that on diverse dates between December 4, last year and January 5, this year at DTB Eastleigh branch in Nairobi county, the accused jointly with others not before court, failed to report suspicious activity involving transactions carried out at the branch which is Sh34,736,550. The money is suspected to be related to money laundering or the proceeds of crime.

In the second count, Njoki was

charged that on similar dates and place, aided and abetted the commission of a terrorism act which is "The DusitD2 Attack" on January 15 by failing to report suspicious activity involving transactions carried out at the said bank and the branch which is Sh34,736,550 suspected to have funded that attack.

On the third count, she was charged that she knowingly failed to report cash transactions carried out at the bank and branch Sh34,736,550 which amounts to \$10,000 on December 4, 2018 and January 5.

The prosecution through State Counsel Eddie Kadebbe opposed the accused bail application on grounds that she is facing serious charges that attract heavy punishment if found guilty and she is likely to abscond from the jurisdiction of the court.

It claimed that investigations into the matter are still ongoing which may lead to arrest of more accomplices, who are still at large and more charges may be preferred against her, therefore releasing her on bail may interfere with the ongoing investigations.

"The accused person is the bank manager at the said DTB Eastleigh branch where she exercises control over her staff some being subject of inquiry and therefore, she is likely to interfere with witnesses and exhibits."

Prosecution said the money was transferred from South Africa and investigators are yet to trace part of the money believed to have been sent



ABOUT THE ATTACK

Njoki has been in custody for the last 30 days following her arrest two weeks after the attack that was claimed by al Shabaab.

All the five attackers who stormed the hotel and business complex were killed, police said. Officers have been hunting the people who helped to organise it.

Among those in custody is Ali Salim Gichunge, whom the police claimed hosted the suspects in his house in Muchatha, Kiambu. He was said to have been in communication with one of the terrorists as the attack went on.

Diamond Trust Bank Eastleigh branch manager Sophia Mbogo at Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: CHARLES MATHAI

to Somalia through illegal money transfer agents commonly known as Hawalla. Investigators are looking at large amounts that were transferred from South Africa to Kenya on diverse dates through Mama Money and Send Home amounting to more than Sh34 million which is believed to have financed the "Dusit attack".

Sophia was arrested at DTB Eastleigh branch in connection with money laundering and terrorism financing that facilitated the 'Dusit Attack' which occurred on January 15, in Nairobi.

Poll agency needs Sh3.9b to clear pending bills, MPs told

by Mercy Mwai
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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) requires Sh3.9 billion to clear all the pending bills.

Of the Sh3.9 billion include validated legal fees used in the last General Election amounting to Sh469 million, legal fees for the 2013 polls, Sh1 billion, legal fees pending judgment at Supreme Court Sh81 million, pending bills at counties Sh18 million, pending bills processed and exchequer not issued Sh1.5 billion and legal fees still under negotiations Sh659 million.

This came on the day that it emerged that the country may be forced to spend billions of shillings to buy new equipment to be used in the 2022 General Election as the current equipment are almost being rendered obsolete.

IEBC Chief Executive Marjan Hussein regretted that the commission has not serviced the equipment for the last two years and thus they risk not functioning.

Appearing before the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee yesterday, Marjan told MPs that if the bills are not settled, the quantum will not



IEBC chief executive Marjan Hussein (left) with other officials when he presented 2019-2020 Budget Policy Statement of the commission before the National Assembly's Justice and Legal Affairs committee in Nairobi, yesterday.
PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

State plans to open 16 more foreign missions

by Anthony Mwangi
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is seeking to increase its foreign missions and consultates from the current 56 to 72 as it pushes to expand its footprint globally.

Cabinet secretary Monica Juma said when she appeared for the National Assembly Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee the ministry was pushing for more allocations to meet the requirements as the country seeks to maintain its influence in the region.

"The opening of the 16 new missions will increase the country's foothold across the world, we need to be seen and heard as a country," said the CS.

Cabinet last year approved the move to increase the foreign missions and was expected to start immediately through the opening of three missions. Juma told the committee that by opening fully fledged diplomatic missions and consultates in countries with a high potential, will lead to expansion of trade and promote the principle

of reciprocity.

The ministry wants to be allocated Sh37.8 billion allocation in the current financial year to meet its obligations.

Meanwhile, Speaker of the National Assembly Justin Muturi has said Kenya's foreign policy does not support Unilateral Declarations of Independence.

Speaking when he received the Speaker of the National Assembly of Serbia, Maya Gojkovic, Muturi said Kenya is a strong proponent of adherence of international law and hence respects international mechanisms on dispute resolution under the auspices of the United Nations.

"As a country, because of our belief in the adherence to UN policies, we cannot recognise regions that have unilaterally declared self-independence," he declared.

He was referring to the self-declaration of Kosovo, a region in Serbia that has declared independence, but is yet to acquire international recognition by the larger international community.

Shock as gang kills woman, rape 4 others

by Phillip Yegon
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A sombre mood has engulfed Samuget village in Litein town in Bureti, Kericho county after four thugs raided a home and reportedly killed a woman, 73, and raped her three granddaughters and a house help.

The four-man gang was said to have gained entry into the house through an opening on top of a window where the couple and four other people were sleeping. They descended on them using crude weapons killing the elderly woman and injuring others.

Kericho police boss James Mugera said the thugs stole unknown amount of money and other valuables.

He said the injured are receiving treatment at Litein Mission Hospital, adding that the motive of the attack is still unknown but investigations are ongoing.

Leaders urged the government to beef up security in the area.

Raila's firm ordered to pay Sh7.7m

by Sophie Njoka
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A Mombasa court has ordered a company associated with former Prime Minister Raila Odinga family to pay Sh7.7 million debt owed to a Mombasa-based company.

Principal magistrate Francis Kyambura ordered Spectre International to pay Betrie Kenya Limited for goods they had supplied in 2016.

The company was further directed to pay for the cost of the suit, which was filed in 2017.

Betrie Kenya Limited said it supplied fuel worth Sh8,089,422 but Spectre managed to pay Sh350,000 leaving a debt of Sh 7,739,422. The money for the delivery was to be paid within three days after delivery.

NTSA now suspends bus licence

by George Kebaso
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The National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) has cracked the whip again and suspended the licence for Green Line Bus Company following last Sunday's tragic accident that claimed nine lives on the Nakuru-Eldoret highway.

Director General Francis Meja yesterday said the suspension was in line with Section 34 of the NTSA Act.

"The suspension has also been necessitated by the company's continued traffic violations and the levels of compliance of the operator with the Public Service Vehicles Regulations, 2014," he added in a statement yesterday. On Monday Meja promised to take appropriate action against the company once investigations were completed and firm found culpable.

The poison that is Nairobi River

Medical waste dumped in city river raises alarm over residents safety

by Bernard Gitau
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Shocking. Callous. Unbelievably reckless—and outrightly idiotic! This does not even begin to capture the extent of toxic waste dumped into the filth-choked slush that is the Nairobi River.

Yesterday, while on an inspection tour of the river, Environment Cabinet secretary Keriako Tobiko and his team, all in outdoor gear, came face-to-face with the reality of what those charged with keeping residents safe and healthy have ignored for too long: A toxic river that is not only slowly but surely dying, but dragging along many innocent lives into an early grave.

The epicentre of this poisoning scandal where contaminated medical waste—mountains of blood bags, used HIV/

Aids testing kits, syringes and gloves—were found was Kirirawa river, a tributary of Nairobi River at Kawangware slums.

Tobiko's words captured the calamity that is supposed to be a life-sustaining source of water for many Nairobians: "This is dangerous, we need to know and prosecute individuals and health institutions disposing medical waste on the riverbed."

National Environment Management Authority (Nema) director general Prof Geoffrey Wahungu had initially directed that medical waste be buried or burned, but after consultations, he urged his team to collect the waste for proper disposal in incinerators.

Closer scrutiny by *People Daily* revealed an alarming fact that blood in some of the sys-

rings from HIV testing kits had positive results for the virus.

"This is not only an environment issue but also a national security threat," Tobiko said.

Unlicensed clinics and health facilities around Kawangware and other informal settlements with no incinerators and other waste management facilities have been blamed for what could be termed attempted perpetration of mass deaths.

Abdication

Contacted for comment on the disposed medical waste, deputy Public Health director James Wainana said: "It is a sad state of affair and should not have happened."

His vow to deal with the culprits led to the arrest of five medics operating reportedly unlicensed clinics in the area.

The exposure showed the shocking abdication of the National and Nairobi County governments' commitment to rehabilitate the dying river, whose life is being suffocated by effluent from the several factories in the city's industrial areas, open sewers, uncollected garbage, human waste, agrochemicals and metals.

6 This is not only an environmental issue but also a national security threat -Tobiko



'UP YOUR GAME'

After touring a yam and maize farm being irrigated by raw sewage, Tobiko asked Nema to up its game and address the pollution of Nairobi River.

About 56 per cent of Nairobi residents live in 46 congested informal and middle-class settlements located along Nairobi River hence at great risk of waterborne diseases and other respiratory conditions.

Environment CS Keriako Tobiko during a tour of the Nairobi River, yesterday.
PHOTO: BERNARD MALONZA

Sabina calls for medics vetting

by George Kebaso
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National Assembly's Committee on Health chairperson Sabina Chege yesterday called for vetting of people handling pharmaceutical products, especially drugs, to ensure smooth implementation of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) pillar of the Big Four agenda.

Dictate prices

She said the cost of drugs in the country is too high compared to other countries in the region because of the unregulated pharmaceutical industry, which paves way for proliferation of middlemen.

Sabina, addressing delegates at the ongoing first Africa Social Behaviour Change Conference (ASBC) in Nairobi, said it has been established that Kenya is a hotspot for pharmaceutical dumping, giving middlemen room to dictate the prices of drugs.

DTB DIAMOND TRUST BANK

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST EASTLEIGH BRANCH MANAGER OVER THE I4 RIVERSIDE ATTACK

DTB has taken note of the charges preferred on February 20, 2019 against Sophia Njoki Mbogo, the Branch Manager at our Eastleigh Branch. We continue to cooperate with the law enforcement agencies and stand with our fellow Kenyans during this challenging time of seeking answers.

We wish to confirm our total support to the relevant authorities. We have provided all the information requested by the authorities in the last few weeks and remain committed to supplying any more support needed towards this investigation.

DTB also wishes to reassure our customers, staff and partners that as a responsible corporate citizen and regulated entity, we respect and comply with all laws and applicable regulatory guidelines.

We also adhere to international best practice in banking, over and above the requirements of national laws.

We remain committed in our unwavering support to the government in its effort to fight terrorism, money laundering and eradicating corruption and to uphold the integrity of the financial system to build a robust, stable and secure financial system.

Stephen Kodumbe
Company Secretary

EACC raids governor's homes over Sh2b scam

Samburu Governor Moses Lenolkulal, aide and senior officials under probe for funds misappropriation

by Kinyuru Munuhe and Hillary Mageka
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In a chilling pointer to the depth of looting at the devolved units, the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) detectives yesterday raided the homes and offices of top Samburu county officials and unraveled leads pointing to embezzlement of Sh2 billion.

Among homes raided was those of Governor Moses Kasaine Lenolkulal in Samburu and Nairobi.

Lenolkulal later recorded a statement at the Integrity Centre, EACC's headquarters.

EACC officials said their investigations have established a web of corruption involving the governor, his friends, relatives and senior officers.

"We are targeting the governor, chief officers, directors and contractors for wanton misappropriation of public funds amounting to Sh2 billion either using fictitious companies or supply of air," a detective involved in the operation told journalists in Nairobi.

As the raid on Samburu of-

ficials was going on, the Senate Health Committee heard that a non-governmental organisation may have colluded with officials of Isiolo county to siphon public funds through a "special purpose account".

Senators yesterday put an official of Living Goods Limited to task over special joint account with the Isiolo county government contrary to Public Finance Management (PFM) Act.

Appearing before the committee, county director Thomas Onyango and his deputy Ruth Ngechu were at pains to explain why in the health partnership deal, they sought to have an account jointly with the Mohammed Kutile government.

Phony companies

According to EACC chief executive officer Twalib Mbarak, investigations indicate that Sh2 billion was withdrawn from the Samburu county accounts in cash and shared among officials.

In a statement, Mbarak said that others affected by the raids included homes and offices of Lenolkulal's personal assistant Simon Lelesit, County Executive Committee members (CECs), chief officers and contractors.

Phony companies associated with the governor's confidants were awarded tenders and payments worth Sh700 million made

TRAIL OF THEFT

Ethics and Anti Corruption Commission says investigations show that Sh2 billion was withdrawn from the county's accounts in cash and shared amongst various county officials.

Suspected phony companies associated with the Governor's confidants said to have been awarded tenders and payments worth Sh700 million for work not done.

Other contracts worth Sh1 billion believed to have been awarded irregularly while no or minimal works have been done.

for contracts where no work has been done, according to EACC.

"The commission has evidence of millions of shillings in bribes paid to county employees by companies that were awarded contracts. Investigations further reveal that the officials under investigation invested the embezzled funds in real estate development," Mbarak said.

Investigations also show that contracts worth Sh1 billion were awarded irregularly for projects where minimal or no work has been done, after kickbacks were paid.

Lenolkulal, his personal assistant Lelesit, Speaker of Samburu County Assembly Solomon Lempere, various county Chief Officers, CECs and contractors awarded various contracts by the county," Mbarak said.

inclusivity, the President said, that he teamed up with his former political arch-rival Raila Odinga, after a prolonged electioneering period that threatened to tear the country apart. "Through BBI we want to talk to all Kenyans on the issues they would like addressed," the President asserted.

The President said never again should Kenyans fight and shed blood due to politics, stressing that the building Bridges initiative will end politics of hatred, tribalism and unite Kenyans. The Building Bridges Initiative Taskforce which was gazetted in May 018 was given a year to file proposals on tackling national challenges to build lasting unity.

Uhuru and Raila formed the 14-member team after they agreed to work on uniting the nation after a divisive election in 2017 that saw the opposition leader inaugurate himself as the People's President.

It was because of the need for



EACC Chief Executive Officer Twalib Mbarak.

PHOTO: GERALD ITHANA

Mbarak further disclosed that large sums were also transacted over the counter.

Besides filing criminal charges upon completion of investigations, the commission has commenced a process of freezing and forfeiture of the assets in order to recover public funds lost," Mbarak said, adding that the scope of investigations spanned four years.

Joint account

In the Isiolo case, the Senate Health committee chair Michael Mbito (Trans Nzioa) and Kisumu Senator Fred Outa demanded that Living Goods Limited, Onyango and Ngechu explain the joint account saga.

Onyango defended the partnership, saying the special purpose account was to help the two entities mobilise funds for health services.

Senator Fatuma Dullo presented a petition on behalf of Isiolo residents to oppose the agreement, which would have seen the private firm also take charge of three sub-county hospitals for four years at an estimated cost of Sh433 million.

Sh310m CJ house unoccupied, MPs told

by Mercy Mwai
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The Judiciary yesterday disclosed that the Sh310 million house in Runda estate bought in 2013 as the official residence for the Chief Justice is yet to be occupied five years later.

Chief Registrar Anne Amadi told a parliamentary committee that the house has been lying idle because there was a case filed in court after the Judiciary terminated the initial tenancy agreement.

Amadi told the MPs in the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) chaired by William Cheptumo that they are in the process of refurbishing the house after the case was withdrawn from the courts.

Procurement scandal

The Judiciary purchased the house from Machakos Senator Johnstone Muthama and paid for it in April 2013, but a scandal over procurement procedures got in the way before it was occupied.

"Currently, the house is not in a habitable condition. Initially it was a subject of investigations but because we are done we want to refurbish the house," she said.

Amadi who had appeared before the committee to defend the Judiciary's budget regretted that the determination of corruption cases as well as completion of stalled projects in various parts of the country will be affected if the National Treasury fails to give them additional funding totaling to Sh5.2 billion.

Of the Sh5.2 billion include Sh2 billion for recurrent expenditure and Sh3.2 billion for development projects that Judiciary plans to undertake as currently they have only been given a ceiling of Sh 3.8 billion.

EACC has evidence of millions of shillings in bribes paid to county employees—Mbarak



Former Prime Minister Raila Odinga addresses a leaders meeting at Kisii High School where he accompanied President Uhuru Kenyatta and his deputy William Ruto on a working tour of the county yesterday.

by Robert Ochoro
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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday supported the ongoing debate on constitutional reforms and proposed the formation of an all-inclusive government in future to avert possible bloodshed.

Stating that a national referendum is inevitable because it is what will guarantee inclusivity in government, Uhuru urged Kenyans to support the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) that is apparently collecting views from Kenyans.

"We have to look into the structure of our government so that we can ensure no Kenyan feels left out. We all have good plans for our country, but we must have inclusivity because that is what will take us to the next level of development," he said.

It was because of the need for

inclusivity, the President said, that he teamed up with his former political arch-rival Raila Odinga, after a prolonged electioneering period that threatened to tear the country apart. "Through BBI we want to talk to all Kenyans on the issues they would like addressed," the President asserted.

The taskforce has been traversing the country seeking submissions on how to end perpetual violence and divisions during elections.

War on graft

Addressing Gusii leaders at Kisii Boys High School, the President said his Handshake with Raila is meant to unite Kenyans, adding that he is determined to leave a legacy of a united and peaceful country. "I will work with Raila to ensure that I leave behind a legacy of a peaceful and united country. We must all be inclusive," said the President as he lauded him for putting the interests of the country as a priority by embracing the Handshake.

Raila, who was accompanied by Deputy, William Ruto, Raila, Cabinet secretaries Fred Matiang'i (Interior), Sicily Kariuki (Health), Eugene Wamalwa (Devolution),

Governors James Ongwae (Kisii), Wycliffe Oparanya (Kakamega), Wilbur Otiichilo (Vihiga), John Nyagarama (Nyamira), Chief Justice David Maraga and MPs Richard Onyango (Kitutu Chache North), Richard Tong'i (Nyeri Bar Chache) and Jimmy Angwenyi (Kitutu Chache), Woman Rep Janet Ong'era and Senator Sam Onyango reiterated his commitment fighting graft and urged Kenyans to support him.

He said he will not relent in the war against graft and lauded the Judiciary for supporting it, adding billions of shillings meant for development has been lost through graft.

The President, who commissioned a 250 male ward bed capacity, CT scan, incinerator, Doctors Plaza and a morgue at Kisii Teaching and Referral Hospital said a cancer centre worth Sh2.5 billion will be constructed in the county.

CUE: No cause for worry over unapproved courses

Commission calls on universities to commit to have programmes evaluated

by Irene Githinji
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The Commission for University Education (CUE) has directed universities with unapproved, but running, programmes to commit themselves in writing to have them accredited.

CUE chief executive Mwenda Ntarangwi issued the directive and urged students not panic about the programmes they are already enrolled in.

In a statement to the newsrooms yesterday, the commission explained that Universities Standards and Guidelines provide that each programme be supported by a minimum of two lecture rooms for a four-year programme.

He said that last November,

the commission received a request from Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) to validate undergraduate programmes offered at all local public and private universities.

KUCCPS also asked CUE to assess capacities declared by each of the universities for placement of government-funded students for the 2019/20 placement cycle.

To advise KUCCPS on its request, Ntarangwi said the commission initiated a routine data collection exercise on the availability of academic resources in universities for programmes in various local universities.

Overall, CUE subjected 1,828 programmes to the special examination arising on the placement service's request.

"The aim was to triangulate the data with the capacities and confirm validity of the programmes declared at the individual universities. The commission's decisions were based on facilities as well as programmes on offer as at August 2018," Ntarangwi said.



CUE chief executive Mwenda Ntarangwi. PHOTO: FILE

And based on preliminary examination, CUE raised some basic compliance issues with some of the programmes.

He said the compliance issues were contained in an initial non-conclusive working document that formed the basis for further consultations with CUE and individual universities ahead of the commencement of the selection

process this February.

"The Commission has worked with the relevant agencies to ensure that the compliance issues raised against the majority of the programmes have been addressed. As a result, the Commission allowed the Placement Agency to admit students to the affected programmes in the 2019/20 academic year," he said.

Kimani murder suspect wants confession 'out'

by Bernice Mbugua
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A suspect accused of killing human rights lawyer Willie Kimani and two others three years ago now wants the court to stop the prosecution from using a statement, in which he reportedly confessed to the killings.

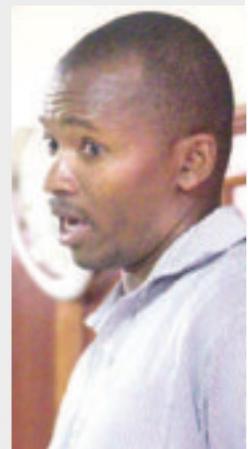
Peter Ngugi alias Brown (pictured) yesterday told trial judge Jessie Lesit he did not understand the implications of the same and was coerced to do so.

He claimed he was forced to sign some documents which he did not understand as he is a Class Four dropout.

Ngugi also said he was a police informant since 2009.

However, things changed in 2016, when he was arrested and charged alongside four administration police officers with the murder of lawyer Kimani, his client Josephat Mwendwa and driver Joseph Muiruri.

In the case, four police officers, Fredrick Leliman,



Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku, Leonard Mwangi and Ngugi are said to have abducted Kimani and four others as they exited Mavoko Law Courts on June 23, 2016.

Bodies of Kimani and two others were found in Oldonyo Sabuk river days after they were reported missing.



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Hurdles to a 2019 referendum

Analysts say state of IEBC, funds and lack of referendum law may delay proposed review of Constitution



We must build political consensus and avoid going into the referendum a divided nation—Mkangi

by Hillary Mageka
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Will there be a referendum on the Constitution this year or not? This is the big question prompted by Opposition leader Raila Odinga's declaration last week that those who stand on its way will be swept aside.

This emotive question will likely be decided by the outcome of the views being collected by the Building Bridges Initiative—a creature of the March 9, 2018 Handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila.

Initially opposed vehemently by Jubilee politicians mainly allied to Deputy President William Ruto, a referendum to review the nearly nine-year-old Constitution is almost a foregone conclusion. It is now more of a question of when, not if.

According to constitution lawyers, analysts and politicians, that when may not be soon.

West Mugirango MP Vincent Mogaka sees the possibility of holding a referendum this year as a long shot.

According to him, the earliest a referendum can be held is 2021, a year to the 2022 election.

Mogaka says the biggest hurdle to a plebiscite is the state of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC).

Skeletal commission

He says that besides the skeletal commission, the electoral body is saddled with other responsibilities like the boundaries review, besides lack of funds.

Constitution lawyers Senior Counsel Nzamba Kitonga and Bob Mkangi – both who were members of the Committee of Experts that helped write the 2010 Constitution – agree that IEBC cannot deliver a referendum in its current state.

According to Mkangi, re-organisation of the electoral agency and its guiding legal framework need to be addressed.

IEBC, he says, suffers from a deficiency of public confidence and trust.

"To repair IEBC, we should not just top up the commissioners but do an overhaul of the commission," he says.

Kitonga agrees with Mkangi that recruitment of more commissioners will not address the lack of confidence and trust in the polls team.

Mkangi says money is a factor on whether a referendum can be held this year or not.

"The National Treasury has not allocated any funds in the 2019/20 financial year to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission to conduct a referendum," he says.

ARGUMENTS FOR, AGAINST CHANGE

Proponents of a review of the Constitution say it will help bring about inclusivity in the country's leadership by expanding the Executive to include a prime minister.

Those opposed to the calls for amendments to the Constitution say it is merely meant to create positions for politicians.

Observers say it may be necessary to arrive at a consensus among the politicians to avoid going into a referendum that will threaten the country's unity.

Besides the state of IEBC, Mkangi says the fact that a referendum law is yet to be enacted complicates the situation even more.

"We must put our house in order if we are going to have a plebiscite," says Mogaka, who is also a lawyer.

Referendum law

But the Leader of Majority in the National Assembly Aden Duale told *People Daily* that the House Business Committee is waiting for a referendum law proposal from the Justice and Legal Affairs committee.

"We have no referendum law and that is why last year we told the Justice and Legal Affairs committee to work with IEBC and table before the HBC a proposal on that," he said.

To avoid a referendum that may divide the country down the middle like the 2005 plebiscite and an unpleasant spillover to the 2022 election, Mkangi says there is need to arrive at a consensus among the politicians before subjecting the proposed issues to a national vote.

"We must build political consensus around some issues and avoid going into the referendum a divided nation as was the case in the 2005 referendum," said Mkangi.

Kitonga says the proposed amendments must be scrutinised to separate those that need a referendum and those that can simply be enacted by Parliament.

"We must separate what goes to Parliament and a national referendum. Not all proposals need a referendum," he told *People Daily*.

Kitonga, who was the chairman of the Committee of Experts, said a committee that will draft a document on referendum proposals should be established.

Governance system

At the heart of the Constitution review debate is the system of government.

Among the controversial proposals is the creation of position of executive prime minister, abolition of the Senate and scrapping the positions of nominated MPs and MCAs and Woman Repre-



“We could agree to have it with the elections in 2022—William Ruto



“Not all proposals need a referendum—Nzamba Kitonga



“We asked Legal Affairs committee to prepare proposal on referendum law—Aden Duale

“This will be the year of change for this country—Raila Odinga



“We must avoid going into the referendum a divided nation—Bob Mkangi

sentative seats in the National Assembly.

Some groups have also been calling for a review of the devolved system. While others want a three-tier system, some want the counties reduced from 47 to not more than 16.

While the proponents of a review of the Constitution say it will help bring about inclusivity in the country's leadership, those opposed to the calls say it is merely meant to create positions for politicians.

Expanded Executive

Last week, Raila, who is seen as the leader of the pro-referendum group, declared 2019 the year of reforms.

"This will be the year of change for this country," he told university student leaders who paid him a courtesy call.

His sentiments were in contrast to those of Ruto, who is considered

“We must first put our house in order—Vincent Mogaka

the leader of the anti-referendum brigade.

"We need to ask ourselves if it's possible to have the census this year, boundaries delineation next year and general election thereafter and a referendum in between. We could agree to have it with the elections in 2022," Ruto said in an interview with BBC.

Raila wants the executive to be expanded to bring back the position of prime minister which he held between 2008 and 2012. He argues that this would ensure more Kenyans are represented in the country's leadership and end the winner-takes-it-all system.

While Ruto says he supports the creation of an all-inclusive government, he is sceptical about proposals to create the position of prime minister and two deputies, saying it does not solve the problem of lack of inclusivity. He says what is needed is "a functional, constitutional official Opposition".

Official opposition

The DP says that the leader of the party which comes second in elections and his or her running mate should automatically become Members of Parliament, and assume leadership of the Official Opposition.

While they have contrasting views on whether to review the Constitution and what needs to be changed, Ruto and Raila agree on at least one thing: The need to appoint some or all Cabinet members from among Members of Parliament, unlike in the current situation where Cabinet secretaries must not be MPs.

President Uhuru Kenyatta's opinion on a referendum on the Constitution or his preferred system of government should there be changes, is not known, because he has steered clear of the entire referendum debate.

The closest he has come to commenting on the matter was when he vouched for an all-inclusive government during a visit to Kisumu last year.

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“We will partner with law enforcement agencies to track own Helb defaulters. We want them to be responsible citizens by repaying the debts,” **Education Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed.**



“To achieve the great tasks our country faces, we need to get rid of everything that limits business freedom. The situation must change for the better now,” **Russian President Vladimir Putin.**



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Editorial

Philanthropy noble, but fix health sector

A cursory look at the news gives the impression that Kenya is on the threshold of achieving universal healthcare. For most of last year, President Uhuru Kenyatta was launching the Universal Health Coverage pilot programmes in four counties namely; Kisumu, Nyeri, Isiolo and Machakos.

Virtually every county now has a referral hospital with modern diagnostic, curative and intensive care equipment. Rare surgeries, from the re-attachment of man's severed foot in April last year to the reattachment of a boy's manhood recently, have been successfully done in Kenya. Ironically, these stories of hope sit side by side with tales of woes: People dying of treatable diseases such as malaria or diarrhea; a mother walking for several kilometres with a dead child just to make a notification at a police post; or the numerous cases of people detained in hospitals because they cannot clear medical bills.

The latest case of “medical prisoners”—that of a young father who ended up in court for trying to sneak his daughter out of the Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) because he could not raise the Sh56,000 bill—is a symptom of a serious malaise affecting our health sector. While Boniface Murage was lucky to get away with a suspended sentence and the bill paid by philanthropists, there are thousands like him languishing in hospital wards as bills continue to pile.

If there is one lesson to be learnt from the Murage case, is that despite the campaign to encourage Kenyans to join the national health insurer, the National Hospital Insurance Fund, many are still not insured, exposing them to situations like he found himself in.

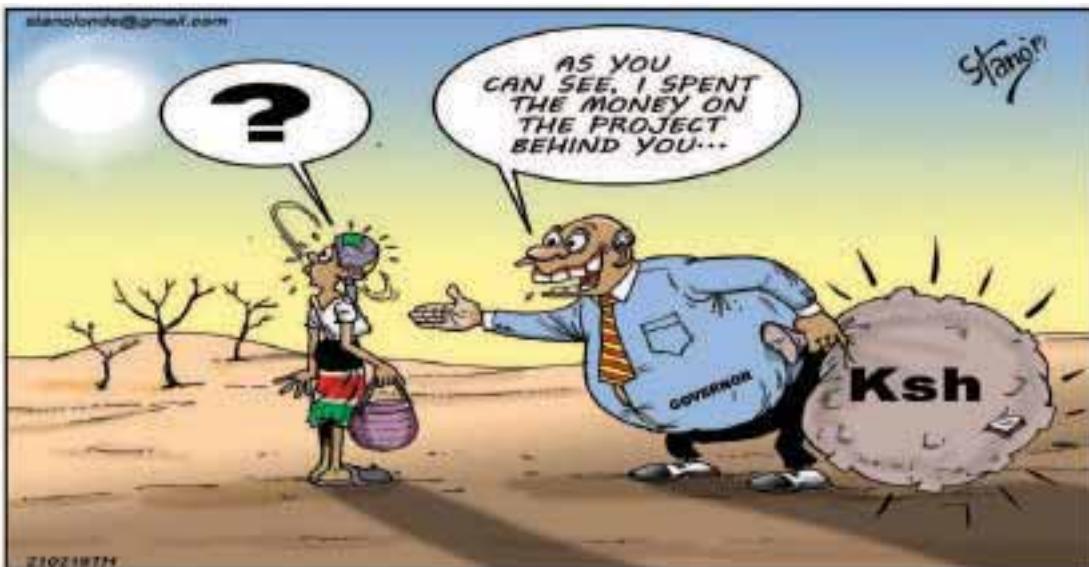
There is need to double efforts to convince all Kenyans to enroll for NHIF cover, or any health insurer of choice. And this is where the political leadership should come in. Early last year, Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi made a statement that some might have considered callous: “I will not attend harambees to clear medical bills. Join the NHIF.”

While philanthropic acts are good, Kiraitu's approach is even better. Leaders should be in the forefront in sensitising citizens about options, such medical cover, that will free them from undue dependency.

Leaders also have the role of ensuring healthcare facilities under their jurisdiction are working and adequately staffed. The best hospitals with the most advanced equipment with no medical personnel—as is the case currently in most Kenyan public hospitals—cannot save lives.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

In colonial conquest, language did to the mind what the sword did to the bodies of the colonised—**Ngugi wa Thiong'o**



Stephen Ndegwa

Let's change attitude towards vernacular



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Educated Africans pride themselves for inability to communicate in their mother tongue

Accusations that Africans suffer from self-hate are not totally unfounded. Perhaps, due to being brainwashed by colonialists for decades, we suffer from inferiority complex. US-based Kenyan writer and novelist, Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o, captures it so well in his treatise *Decolonising the Mind*.

The result is that we shy away from identifying with our cultures. One area that has seriously suffered from this indoctrination is language. Educated Africans pride themselves for inability to communicate in their mother tongue, while they strive to talk like native speakers of foreign languages. Sadly, they are deliberately passing this negative attitude to their children.

We fail to understand that English, French, German and other languages, are other people's vernacular dialects, which they guard jealously. For instance, Germans do not care to learn any other language, unless compelled for business or professional purposes.

This is reciprocated by many other countries, including in Asia. Try speaking English in China, or French in Japan, and you might as well be talking to yourself. Mother tongue is

the *lingua franca* in developed world.

Now, today is International Mother Language Day. The day, which is organised by the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), aims at promoting linguistic diversity and multilingual education.

This year's theme is, 'Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation'. According to Unesco, at least 43 per cent of the estimated 6,000 languages globally are endangered. Only a few hundred languages have a genuine place in global education systems and the public domain, and less than 100 are used digitally.

However, credit goes to Kenya's education authorities for including the mother tongue in the new curriculum. If we lose our languages, we will have lost the most powerful instruments of preserving and developing our tangible and intangible heritage.

As people from my community say in jest, the police are not my in-laws! Indeed, I have had a few unpleasant altercations with traffic police, particularly when they are extorting a bribe.

However, I have also dealt with

some kind souls in uniform. Sometimes, the latter experiences have left me feeling guilty that I have been left off the hook easily. Cops gone rogue are simply a case of the proverbial bad apples and a reflection of ourselves.

I do not purport to be a mouthpiece for the service, but let us cut the police some flak! Like many other thankless public service jobs in Kenya, our men and women in blue—or is it dark blue nowadays—strive to manage law and order under very difficult circumstances. So let us avoid always being overly judgemental.

Over the last few days, many people, under the influence of media-driven human rights propaganda, had accused police for of extra-judicial killing of Dandora activist Caroline Ochieng Mwatha.

My condolences to Mwatha's family—their denial in the circumstances is human. I'm not being judgmental either, but what do human rights activists now have to say about the culprits in the botched tragic abortion, since the practice is still illegal in Kenya? Human life starts at conception, right?

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Henry Olsen

Bernie Sanders another one-hit wonder?

The Democratic presidential jam session gained a new act Tuesday with Senator Bernie Sanders' entry into the race. Despite running second in most early polls, Sanders is likely to find that he can't recapture the magic once he goes back out on tour.

Sanders 2016 debut effort was the definition of catching lightning in a bottle. His fiery progressive populism resonated among the Democratic left and the young, both of whom hungered for a different tune. Hillary Clinton had scared every other significant competitor out of the race but proved to be a poor campaigner unable to find a convincing rationale for her candidacy. The combination of these factors caused Sanders to rocket up the charts.

Today, however, Sanders's songs are not novel. Just as the Beatles begot a host of imitators, it seems that virtually every Democratic contender sings some sort of Bernie-inspired tune. He launches a new single, "Medicare-for-all," and suddenly most other Democrats are covering it.

Progressive politics is hot, and like the disco era in the late 1970s, it seems there's a new successful act every minute. We see that bevy of imitators charting in the polls. Senator Kamala Harris has moved into a close third in most polls and has the benefit of being a younger person of colour—a fresh act, so to speak. Senator Elizabeth Warren has her fans and is releasing new, original work of her own, such as a wealth

tax and a national child-care plan. Former congressman Beto O'Rourke has brought youth, charisma and even performance art to his progressive act.

Bernie no longer has the stage to himself.

History shows this is likely to seriously hurt Sanders. CNN's Harry Enten has compiled a list of every candidate who finished second in one year's primaries and chose to run again the next time. He found that only six of those 13 people won the nomination in the next race, and only one of those (John McCain in 2008) became their party's pick. The fact that Sanders runs second now is a strong indicator he will not be the nominee in 2020.

Sanders seems most similar to two people who fared extremely poorly in their next efforts, Eugene McCarthy and Rick Santorum. McCarthy's rise to fame was a lot like Sanders': He was an obscure senator who challenged a seemingly unbeatable leader (President Lyndon B Johnson) and attracted young voters and liberals with his anti-Vietnam War stance. His lightning in the bottle forced LBJ to drop out in 1968, but when he tried to attract support on his own in 1972, a younger imitator, Senator George McGovern, attracted his voters with a broader left-wing and anti-war appeal. McCarthy finished fifth.

Santorum's meteoric rise among Republicans in 2012 was similar. Languishing in the polls as late as January, the former sen-

ator from Pennsylvania rocketed to win the Iowa caucuses on the strength of religious conservatives who did not want to nominate Mitt Romney. He rode their backing to finish second, but when he tried again in 2016, religious conservatives looked for the fresh face. Senator Ted Cruz and neurosurgeon Ben Carson thrashed Santorum. The man who won the state in 2012 received less than one per cent in 2016.

Sanders's chances are slim even if he regains progressive support from his competitors. While his backers contend the Democratic establishment rigged the 2016 race in Clinton's favour, the fact is Sanders lost because he got wiped out among African American voters. This is a long-standing problem for white, progressive challengers to the Democratic establishment. Since 1984, African American Democratic primary voters have either supported a serious African American candidate or the more moderate among the white candidates. Sanders would face the same challenge that doomed him in 2016 and has shown no indication that he has figured out how to meet it.

Politics, like music, is filled with shooting stars and one-hit wonders. Sanders is likely to learn that tastes have changed and he hasn't. He will likely drop out and retire, his influence consigned to history.

The article first appeared in the Washington Post

STREET talk

Big name, no cash! CS, MP tussle over V8

A Cabinet secretary is furious with an MP for allegedly refusing to pay back money he lent him to buy a Toyota V8 car. Besides the CS acting as the MP's guarantor for a loan, he also gave him Sh4 million for down payment. The MP promised to clear the balance with the car dealer in six months but has since not paid a cent, forcing the CS to pay to avoid his name being dragged through the mud. The CS now wants the legislator to hand over the car to him until he pays.

MP plays hide-and-seek with shylock

Still on MPs, a lawmaker has devised schemes to evade a shylock he owes Sh2 million. The MP has been telling family members and friends his life is in danger and that should he disappear, the shylock should be held liable. The money lender is now mulling "more diplomatic" ways of recovering his cash.

Two men fight over activist at her burial

A funeral of an activist in western Kenya last weekend turned into a theatre of the absurd after two men claimed to be husbands of the woman. One who is said to have lived with her in a leafy suburb claimed to be the legal husband, yet the activist's family denied ever meeting him! Tempers flared up as the two men almost came to blows at the funeral.

Legislator in war of words with drunks

A first-time MP embarrassed himself at an event in Siaya when he engaged in a bitter exchange with inebriated constituents. He reportedly showed the middle finger to drunk youth for supporting his rival in 2022 race. Some residents were heard questioning his sense of judgement and anger management.



TRUTH IS: The question is not where is God, but where isn't He?

Kimani Mwangi

Creating positions won't cure Kenya's woes

Following the highly divisive electioneering in 2017, the main protagonists in the presidential duel—President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga—took an unprecedented decision to calm the political temperatures through the March 9 Handshake.

And with that, a 14-member Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) was born to spearhead the reforms to cure the perennial genie of political violence that has dogged the country every election cycle. Political exclusivity in governance and skewed resource distribution has for long been blamed for divisive polls.

The BBI team has a lot in its plate: evaluate the national challenges and prescribe the remedy, towards a new Kenyan nation—a united and cohesive country.

The bold attempt by Uhuru and Raila to rewrite the country's political narrative that has been scarred by betrayal seems to have resonated well with the majority of Kenyans. But it has also bred anxiety and even fear, to political elite and other status quo beneficiaries.

There are those who see the rebirth of Kenya through referendum to ensure inclusivity while others see it this path as a ploy to lock them out of the 2022 poll.

Many pro-referendum politicians argue that creation of new posts in the governance structure, to include Prime Minister, ceremonial President, deputy PMs and others, will entrench political inclusivity and end negative ethnicity! The current winner-takes-it-all system, politicians argue, is to blame for perennial election chaos, with some communities feeling disenfranchised.

However, it's Cottu secretary general Francis Atwoli and former Vice President Kalonzo Musyoka who added a new twist to the referendum push. On May 1, last year while addressing workers at Nairobi's Uhuru Park Atwoli asked: "If we don't amend the Constitution, where will Uhuru go and he is a young man?" And just this month, while addressing Kamba leaders, Kalonzo expressed willingness to support law amendments that would see Uhuru stay in government after his term ends.

With the increasing call for the creation of the PM post to redress the system, I have a strong feeling that politicians are intentionally misdiagnosing our problem and want to administer a wrong cure for it.

Creating positions to accommodate political retirees and cronies misses the point. Our woes lie with those who form govern-

ment and misuse their power to reward supporters and neglect losers.

Nothing explains this better than the following two incidents.

Last December, Gatundu MP Moses Kuria complained that Central region had been neglected development-wise. And on January 9, three Ukambani governors, lamented the region has remained undeveloped despite Kalonzo having been a key decision maker in previous governments.

Such leaders are embodiment of parochial thinking that is the bedrock of tribal politics of reward and punishment in which communities supportive of winning party are accorded preferential access to State jobs. In return, these communities turn a blind eye to the ravages of the regime's misrule.

This trend has been perpetuated by politicians to acquire and retain power since independence, and is undoubtedly the biggest hindrance to national cohesion.

If Uhuru is keen on building lasting unity, he must evaluate of his government to rid it of any element of this insidious politics. He should then instigate legal amendments to ensure that successive governments are compelled to distribute national resources equitably.

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Sanders will likely drop out and retire, his influence consigned to history



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Our woes lie with those who form government and misuse their power to reward supporters

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KOT were in awe of Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko for being the only African leader to address the UN conference in the US.

@Sam_Lulli: The governor's speech at the UN Conference

was stunning! Call him names bit this man @MikeSonko is going places.

@teddyeugene: @MikeSonko was the only Kenyan governor addressing the UN conference in

New York. Thanks for representing Kenya well.

@dedang: Congratulations at @MikeSonko. You have proved all things are possible.. Keep it up.

@HarryKimemia: @MikeSonko is evidence that you can be who you want to be in life.

@OppotKE: Sonko is proving naysayers wrong. It's good that he seized the opportunity.



Only seven people, all aged over 70 years, can speak Yakunte fluently, a language native to Yaaku people. As we mark International Mother Language Day, we look at efforts being made to preserve this tongue

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In the sleepy Kurikuri village, about 250km from Nairobi, there is a tribe unknown to many – and an older generation seeking to preserve its culture, especially their Yakunte language.

At Manasseh Matunge's home, one can view the magnificent surrounding hills of Mukogodo in the vast Laikipia plains. Mukogodo Forest, a name which connotes cave people, is a reminder of their past life when beekeeping and hunting wild animals, practices they have not abandoned to date, thrived.

While he is not fluent in the language, Manasseh, a Yaaku spokesman, together with the few elders, have been desperately trying to save a dying culture. "I want the language to continue and for generations after me to still speak it fluently as myself," says Leteiyio Leituko, an 80-year-old man and one of the fluent speakers of Yakunte alongside Lesi Kinyanyi.

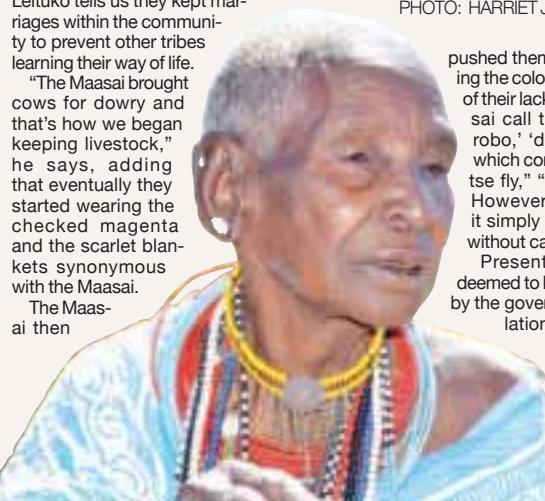
So far, there are only seven fluent speakers of the language, all over 70 years. Yakunte is closely related to Rendille, spoken in northern Kenya. The community

has four clans – Orondi, Losos, Sialo, and Luno.

From the 1930s, Yaaku were assimilated into the Maasai and Samburu culture through intermarriages, something that the older generation never encouraged. Leituko tells us they kept marriages within the community to prevent other tribes learning their way of life.

"The Maasai brought cows for dowry and that's how we began keeping livestock," he says, adding that eventually they started wearing the checked magenta and the scarlet blankets synonymous with the Maasai.

The Maasai then



Leteiyio Leituko and Naruato Matungo are among the seven Yaaku people who can speak Yakunte language fluently.

PHOTO: HARRIET JAMES

pushed them into the forest during the colonial period. Because of their lack of wealth, the Maasai call the Yaakus, 'il dorobo,' 'dorobo,' or 'torobo' which connotes "short," "tsetse fly," "cattle," or "forest." However, some argue that it simply means "the people without cattle."

Presently, the Yaaku are deemed to be part of the Maasai by the government. Their population was 6,000 people in the 2009 census, but it is said to have increased to about 10,000. The younger generation neglected Yaaku in favour

of Maa. Despite being assimilated, they still have a strong desire to retain their language and culture.

One of the biggest challenges is that there is only a small number of fluent speakers incapable of teaching others due to old age. They also lack teaching skills. Leituko, the only teacher, with the full-fledged knowledge of Yaaku, fights to keep the language alive.

He works mainly with young children, teaching them at least Yakunte vocabulary and pronunciation. He also spends a significant amount of his free time outside the school teaching older Yaaku people advanced lessons in their language such as grammar or art of Yakunte conversation. Matunge has also been teaching weekly basic vocabulary classes.

Since their discovery, a lot of people interested in culture have visited them with the promise of change. Blood and saliva samples have been taken to trace their origins. Sadly, nothing has been done since the late 1960s, when a German linguist, Bernd Heine, attempted to

Kenya has the highest number of extinct languages in East Africa

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Out of the 42 languages in Kenya, six are at serious risk of disappearing according to a recent report by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) titled *Extinct and Endangered Languages*. This puts Kenya top on the list of countries with the highest number of extinct languages in East Africa. Uganda has three extinct languages and three languages under threat. Although Rwanda, Burundi and Tanzania are still categorised as safe, there is high possibility that they too might soon join the list.

Dr Kiprop Lagat, Director, Arts and Culture in the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Arts, believes that since language is the vehicle for transmission of culture, its extinction is directly linked to the extinction of culture. "There are about six ethno-languag-

es that have been documented by Unesco as extinct in Kenya. They include the Elmolo, Kinare, Sogoo, Yakunte, Lorkoti and Kore. Others such as the Abasuba, Bongom, Boni, Dahalo, Burji, Omotikland, and the Sengwer are endangered and could become extinct if urgent measures are not put in place to safeguard them," he says.

With these numbers, two questions emerge. Why do languages go extinct? Second, why is it currently a phenomenon?

Under pressure

The risk of extinction in Kenya, especially has been attributed to the advent of western influences and fusion of different local cultural and languages, which have led to emergence of hybrid cultures and languages such as Sheng.

Dr Tom Odicho, a lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Nai-

robi, says many Kenyans are abandoning their traditional languages and cultural traditions in favour of dominant western cultures and languages, which threaten their survival. "Some cultures borrow more and in the process adopt and adapt to the cultures and languages of their neighbouring communities. This can occur through intermarriages, adoption, among others," he explains.

He argues that while the cultures and languages of minority groups such as the Maasai, and Suba are under pressure of assimilation and extinction, it will take a long time before they become extinct.

"Total extinction may actually be difficult because many Kenyan people live in rural areas where they continue not only to observe their traditional customary practices, but also adhere to their traditional ways of living, livelihoods and existence," he says.

Of concern, however, is that while there is an awareness that some languages are disappearing, there is debate whether the government should be concerned about this and whether languages at risk of extinction should be preserved.

Preserving culture

"Culture embeds the national philosophy, hence development can only be achieved if we reconfigured our aspirations to incorporate culture," Dr Lagat stresses.

All the same, the Department of Culture has committed itself to ensuring that Kenya's indigenous languages and oral traditions are preserved and developed, and those threatened with extinction revived. The ministry recognises that when a language is extinct and has no documentation, it cannot be revived, but that the endangered languages can be revived.



Dr Kiprop Lagat, Director, Arts and Culture in the Ministry of Sports, Culture and Arts. PHOTO: COURTESY



Manaseh ole Matunge teaches his grandson Yakunte language.
PHOTO: HARRIET JAMES



revive the language.

Heine convinced a Yaaku tribesman, Koisa ole Lengei, to accompany him to the University of Nairobi to teach him the language. The man, who apparently spent his childhood in a cave disappeared after two weeks in the capital. Police searches have borne no fruit and it is thought that the man might have fallen victim to criminals, something that has made the elders bitter.

Efforts by a team of Dutch linguists, which managed to put together a manual of the language in 2014, have done little to preserve the language.

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Authority is considering developing an application to support other efforts to preserve the Yakunte language and save it from extinction. The app is set to not only document and preserve language, but also make it accessible for the young generation enthused with using technology in line with the authority's effort to promote the positive use of ICT. The proposed app will have three sections: audio, video and dictionary. Anyone with the app will be able to learn the language.

Bible translation through the years

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The first Bible probably landed at the Kenyan coast on April 4, 1498 when Portuguese sailor, Vasco da Gama, set foot in Mombasa. However, the missionaries were faced with one huge problem – language barrier.

But undeterred in their mission, they decided to translate the Bible into local languages. German missionary, Dr Johann Ludwig Krapf, soon after his arrival in 1844, translated the New Testament into Kimvita Swahili, which was followed closely by the translation of the Gospel of Luke into Kiduruma in 1848 and the Gospel of Mark into Ki-kamba in 1850.

With the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Societies (BFB) in 1869, the missionaries translated a number of scripture formats, took them for printing in their countries and later distributed them once they were sent back to Kenya. This gave Kenya the New Testament in Kiswahili in 1878.

With Kenya's independence in 1963, churches and Kenyans at large took charge of their own Bible societies. In 1970, the Bible Society was registered under the Societies Act to take up Bible work and translation. Out of the 60 languages spoken in Kenya, only 22 have the complete Bible in their language, 16 have the New Testament and 11 have portions of the scripture while work is ongoing in another five. Eleven have no scripture at all in their language.

These numbers prompted the partnership between the Bible Society of Kenya and Bible Translation and Literacy with the objective of ensuring that every community has a Bible in their native language by 2030. The two organisations formed the Kenya National Bible Translation Trust to support the cause.

However, not everyone is on board. Naysayers and critics have (at times rightfully) claimed that the Bible was the white man's tool for colonisation. This is despite the link between the



Stephen Kimani, translation manager at Bible Society of Kenya and Thomas Tharao, head of business development.

Bible and reducing harmful cultural practices such as Female Genital Mutilation and that the Bible is currently the main medium for language preservation.

"Through our literacy projects in Maasai, Pokot and Turkana counties, we have seen people's lives change. They are able to run their business better, help their children with homework, transact through mobile phones, communicate better and ultimately read the Bible," says Elizabeth Muriuki, the CEO of Bible Society of Kenya.

She observes that with the dynamism of language and the need to be relevant to changing times, Bible revisions have to be done so that people can understand the word better.

"While Bible translation mainly seeks to give communities access to the scriptures, it also gives value to poor and marginalised communities by helping them become more developed, preserve their language and foster development while increasing literacy and opportunities," says Thomas Tharao, head of business development management at Bible Society of Kenya.

Like any other organisation in the printing world, the shift to digital pref-

erence has seen many Christians dump the holy book for the Bible apps on their phones.

"We are in the process of digitising our Bibles to enable many people access the word of God in digital formats. We are working with YouVersion, on which currently we have the revised Kalenjin, Gikuyu and Kiswahili Bibles," says Muriuki.



AT A GLANCE

- Stephen Kimani, Translation Manager at Bible Society of Kenya, takes us through the Bible translation process:
- Churches in a given language group establish a genuine need for scriptures in that language, then approach Bible Society Kenya (BSK) for assistance in translation.
- Translators from the local languages are recruited often in groups of three from different denominations and dialects.
- People involved in the process include translators, reviewers, ground/reviewers committee, translation consultant, manuscript examiner, and the translation and publishing manager.
- Translation takes several stages: drafting, team revision, reviewers check, translation consultant checking (involving a person versed with original languages of the Bible, linguistics and advanced learning in theology and biblical studies), manuscript examination, typesetting, proofreading, careful insertion of corrections after proofreading, confirmation of proofs, production of copies for printing.
- BSK publishes scriptures without denominational doctrinal comments. Churches are left to interpret the message of the Bible to their members.
- On average, translation takes 12-15 years, but some projects have taken more than 25 years. The New Testament translation takes five to six years.
- The Bible has 31,102 verses and it costs about Sh1,000 to translate a verse, hence, it costs approximately Shs31 million for a full Bible to be translated.

From Kenya to the world: Keeping the books going

■ by Peter Ngila
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Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o writes primarily in Gikuyu, yet he is an award-winning, world renowned Kenyan writer and academician. It was defiance that pushed him to write in Gikuyu. This was after he was arrested for publishing the play *Ngaahika Ndeenda* (I Will Marry When I Want) that focused on inequalities and injustices in Kenyan society.

While in prison, Ngugi abandoned English as a literary language and committed himself to writing in Gikuyu. "I decided to write in the very language which was part of my incarceration. However, there was something else that happened when I was in prison: I started thinking more deeply...about how the colonists always impose their language on the colonies. So I decided that, Western readers would know me only through translations," he said in a past interview.

His work include, *Caitani Muth-*

arabaini (Devil on the cross), *Murogi wa Kagogo* (Wizard of the Crow), *Matigari ma Njirungi*, and his recent novel *Kenda Muiyuru*, among others.

Another renowned author, Ken Walibora, writes in Kiswahili. His books *Siku Nyema* and *Kufa Kuzikana*, are currently being translated into English, French and Arabic.

Better job

"Whenever my work is translated to a different language that I'm not conversant with I only hopes the translator does a good job. But I usually don't dictate the direction the translator would decide to take," Walibora says.

Liliiane Oloo, a member of the East African Interpreters and Translators Association, says there is a lot of awakening towards translation of literary works. "Translation is currently being used to restore the country's culture and language in a civilised world," she says.

Oloo, an English and Translation Studies lecturer at St Paul's Univer-

sity says, it is easier to find books translated from an indigenous language to a Western language than the other way round. That means the big languages such as, English, gain from the cultures of the indigenous people.

It's impossible to talk about translation in the country without involving Jalada Africa, a pan African writers' caucus. They managed to have Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o's short story, *The Upright Revolution: Or Why Humans Walk Upright* (originally written in Kikuyu) translated into over 30 African languages. Jalada also published an anthology, titled *The Language Issue*, which was translated into short stories and poems in different languages.

While translating, Oloo says it depends on the techniques, the subject matter, the audience and the languages at play. "In Western languages such as French (which I'm fluent in), the adjective comes before the noun, while it's the opposite with Kenyan languages such as Dholuo," she says.



Ken Walibora, a renowned author, chats with Lilian Oloo, a member of the East African Interpreters and Translators Association.
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A generation that can't speak its mother tongue

While some people like Ngugi wa Thiong'o are of the opinion that knowing the vernacular empowers people, others believe it is both retrogressive and a hindrance to the push for peaceful co-existence among various tribes in the country

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In a post titled 'Nanny wanted' on her Facebook timeline, Purity Akinyi was categorical when she wrote down what she was looking for in her would-be help. But what stood out and attracted backlash and support in equal measure, was one requirement written in bold and underlined — 'The lady must be a Luo and an eloquent speaker of the language.' A few of those in support of the idea said it is vital to teach their children mother tongue since it's a form of identity and not learning it might mean that children would lose out on cultural identity and suffer alienation from their roots.

"At 25, I cannot speak my mother-tongue and it bothers me. I blame it all on my parents, even though they were both Kalenjins; they did not teach me and my siblings our mother tongue," posted one Cynthia Cherotich noting that her parents brought them up speaking either English or Kiswahili.

The debate

Cherotich is determined to learn her mother tongue at whatever cost. "I am still searching for a school that teaches my mother tongue. How will I say I come from a certain lineage or tribe if I cannot even communicate in that language? I would also love to marry someone from my tribe, thus understanding my mother tongue is vital for my future," she adds.

Those who opposed the idea argued that learning mother tongue is retrogressive and a hindrance to the push for peaceful co-existence among various tribes.

"There is no point teaching our children their mother tongue since it will not do them any good in academics or in their work life later," argued Francisca Muhatia, adding, "I don't talk to my children in their mother tongue because I think it is useless. In today's world, international languages give a person a competitive edge and that's all that matters," she retorted.

Started in the year 2000, International Mother Language Day was meant to promote multilingualism. The theme for this year is *Indigenous languages matter for development, peace build-*

ing and reconciliation.

Experts in the field of language argue that African languages are an important instrument of learning.

Chris Odweso, training and quality editor, People Daily, says language is an important marker of identity and is more than simply used to communicate with one another. It is also tied in with culture and a way of life for a community. "When you look at African languages, you learn that they help communicate different perspectives on life, relationships, spirituality, the earth, health, humanity... medium to pass down wealth of knowledge that cannot be expressed in English. When these languages die, that unique knowledge is lost," Odweso says.

Renowned Kenyan author Professor Ngugi wa Thiong'o once noted, "If you know all the languages of the world and you don't know your mother tongue, that is enslavement. But if you know your language and add to it all the languages of the world, that is empowerment. The choice for us is between intellectual enslavement and intellectual empowerment."

Ngugi who



Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o. He says it is unfortunate that children in schools are discouraged from and even punished for speaking their local dialect. PHOTO: COURTESY

was in the country recently to popularise his book *Kenda Muiyuru* said it is unfortunate that children in schools are discouraged from and even punished for speaking in their local dialect. Other schools advise parents to stop using mother tongue at home to help their children improve performance at school.

However, he lauded the government for reintroducing local languages in the Competency Based Curriculum system, but insisted that more needs to be done for a significant progress to be made. The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development approved the use of learning materials in various mother tongues through listening, speaking, pre-reading and pre-writing. They include Gikuyu, Kikamba, Dholuo, Ekegusii and Kigiriamal languages.

The rise of vernacular radio stations has also been critical in retaining and maintaining mother tongue.

The collapse of communal ties in

traditional African society and rise of individualism can also be blamed for the lost mother tongue.

Now, worried about their offspring losing their tongue, some parents are enrolling their children in vernacular programmes. "I enrolled my children in a vernacular school around Upper Hill for two reasons; as a political strategy and, because I want my children to identify with the community when they visit people in the village," says a politician from the Elgeyo Marakwet region.

He regrets never exposing his now, teenage children to their mother tongue, "I have lived in Nairobi with my children all my married life, and the language of communication in the house was mostly English despite my wife and I both coming from the same tribe," he poses regretfully. He says for the past three years, he has been sending his children to the village at every opportunity so they could learn and practise what they are learning at the language school.

Indispensable pillar

Among schools that are offering vernacular lessons in Nairobi are ACK Language And Orientation School, which offers classes in Kikuyu, Luhya dialects, Maasai, Dholuo in written and spoken form. Charges range from Sh600 per hour with a minimum of 60 hours required to learn the basics.

International School of Kenya offers an after school Mother Tongue Programme from kindergarten to Grade 12.

Sociologist Albert Marango attributes the loss of mother tongue to urbanisation. Children today grow up in multi-ethnic urban settings that make the use of mother tongue appear out of place. The other prime factor is the adulteration of language in general. English, other foreign languages and Kiswahili have all been consistently ravaged by the Y-generation who are more at ease with Sheng and other forms of lingual corruption.

He says mother tongue is an indispensable pillar of ethno-cultural identity. And for that alone, it needs need to be salvaged.

"Teach local languages as an optional subject of choice in private institutions across the country where willing parents can enrol their children," he explains.

Intermarriages also contribute to a possible erosion of mother tongue. "This leads to dual-lingual marriages where the children have no specific orientation to rely on regarding their ethnic identity," states Marango, adding that on the contrary, eradication of mother tongue may be a good thing in the sense of eradicating tribalism and ethnocentrism.



EACC to question firm directors over hyacinth harvester purchase

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Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) is set to question directors of a British company, Unit Exports Limited, which is linked to the controversial purchase of a Sh76 million hyacinth harvester by the World Bank-funded Lake Victoria Environmental Proj-

ect (LVEMP) in 2016.

EACC Western regional manager Ignatius Wekesa said the agency will start seeking the contractor.

The British firm was contracted by LVEMP to deliver the machine to aid the removal of the water weed, but instead delivered a fabricated harvester from an Italian firm.

The equipment that could harvest at least 20 tonnes of hyacinth weed

per hour stalled immediately after it was commissioned.

On Monday, NASA leader Raila Odinga led three Cabinet secretaries in demanding immediate arrest and prosecution of the contractor, who was reportedly overpaid to deliver the machine.

By yesterday, EACC had grilled six out of 10 top officers summoned over the matter.

Senate indicts Rotich, Bett for Sh1.9b maize scandal

Team says duo should be held responsible for issuing gazette notices that opened doors to duty free grains

by Hillary Mageka
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A Senate report has recommended that National Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich and his former Agriculture and Livestock counterpart Willy Bett be held responsible for Sh1.9 billion maize scandal.

In a report tabled in the House yesterday, the *ad hoc* committee on the maize crisis suggested investigations to be launched against Rotich and Bett.

"The CS national Treasury and former CS Willy Bett must take responsibility for these gazette notices which led to flooding of maize imports leading to distortion of the local market and disadvantaging the local farmers," the report reads in part.

The senator Margaret Kamale-led committee criticised Rotich and Bett for opening a floodgate for fraudulent dealers to supply maize to National Strategic Reserve.

In addition, the committee wants the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) who are allegedly investigating the matter to widen

WHAT REPORT SAYS...

"Treasury CS and former Agriculture CS must take responsibility for the gazette notices which led to flooding of maize imports leading to distortion of the local market and disadvantaging the local farmers".

"DDP must ensure the investigations are not open-ended but must be concluded expeditiously and found culpable prosecuted forthwith".

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the scope to cover the two.

"The ODDP must ensure these investigations are not open-ended but must be concluded expeditiously and those found culpable prosecuted forthwith," it adds.

The committee also wants investigation carried out on leasing of depots and silos in National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB)

and whether the agency got value in the process. "Further, whether leasing to large-scale millers had resulted in rotten maize being resold to NCPB," it said.

The committee also asked for the substandard maize currently being held in NCPB silos and stores be destroyed as well as a review the NCPB Act and Public



National Treasury CS Henry Rotich. PHOTO: FILE



Former Agriculture CS Willy Bett. PHOTO: FILE

Finance Management (SFR Trust Fund regulations) to realign their mandates to the devolved system of governance.

The committee established that maize imported by different dealers was sold to the Ministry of Agriculture through NCPB at a profit.

In its finding, the committee said the EACC investigation report showed that Sh4.5 billion was paid to only 146 individuals, with 20 of them receiving Sh2.1 billion.

"One of the glaring cases is a family comprised a mother, two daughters and a son, who from NCPB records, supplied maize worth Sh745 million using fake vetting forms," the reports say.

"In a report from the Ministry of Agriculture, there is a case in Bungoma county where 21 phony farmers received Sh563 million. All these were paid by NCPB at the expense of genuine farmers in the county," the senators said.

'Misbehaving' Nairobi MCAs suspended

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The Powers and Privileges committee of the Nairobi County Assembly has suspended four MCAs for breaching code of conduct during the dramatic eviction of Speaker Beatrice Elachi last year.

The committee arrived at the decision "after a review of the MCAs' behaviour on different days".

Chair Naftaly Mathenge said three MCAs—Mary Njambi, Laura Mwende and Nancy Muthambo—will be out of office for 10 working days for breaching the code of conduct on September 10.

The trio are said to have acted unethically when they stormed the Speaker's office and attempted to attack Elachi after her impeachment on September 6.

And Nominated MCA Mary Arivisa was suspended for 21 calendar days, after the committee indicted her for misconduct on September 25.

Speaking after the passing of the motion yesterday, Arivisa expressed dissatisfaction with the verdict but vowed to adhere by it.

Defiler gets 15 years behind bars

A 30-year-old man, who tested HIV-positive after defiling his niece, 12, has been jailed for 15 years by a Kericho court.

Chief Magistrate Samuel Mokua found William Otieno guilty of defiling the minor on October 13, 2016, at around 2.30pm at Nyagacho village, Kericho county.

Otieno was also charged with an alternative charge of committing an indecent act with a minor to which he pleaded not guilty.

Reported matter

However, the prosecution presented seven witnesses in court, who gave collaborating evidence against the accused.

The minor had told her parents the accused picked her from school claiming he had been sent to pick the house keys by her mother, then he took her to his house in Nyagacho, where he committed the offence.

He has 14 days to appeal. -KNA

KPC in internal audit to address graft reports

by Anthony Mwangi
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Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has moved to address corruption within its ranks by initiating an internal audit on the company systems, procedures and controls.

The firm has also set up a parallel taskforce to address long-standing issues affecting staff, in deliberate efforts by the management to ensure a participatory approach in promoting a culture of honesty, transpar-

ency and accountability amongst employees.

Acting managing director Hudson Andambi said the taskforce has up to March 28 to complete its work and submit its findings to the management for action.

Andambi, in a statement coming in the wake of a damning report by Auditor General Edward Ouko, said the corporation has set into motion actions to stop immediately any malpractices, and in the long term embed robust controls and processes



to ensure that similar incidents are not repeated.

"As the government's investigative agencies look into several other claims to determine the veracity and set out their next course of action, we have set up a process, which will help expedite the process," he said.

He said on February 2, KPC closed insurance cover lapses that were identified earlier in the year. He added that the corporation was undertaking a thorough review of its procurement processes, in the

knowledge that the bulk of corruption allegations in the firm involve procurement.

Andambi said the exercise is already underway and assured that the corporation would disclose the full report when completed.

To address concerns over fuel losses within KPC system, the corporation board of directors has invited their customers, oil marketing companies (OMCs), who are the owners of the fuel products that KPC transports, to conduct a forensic audit.

NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



Chaos in Kisumu Assembly as MCAs fight over position

Fresh leadership and supremacy battles have hit Kisumu County Assembly yet again after a series of chaos experienced last year. On Tuesday, chaos and confusion rocked the Assembly chambers as Members of County Assembly engaged in fist fights following the removal of Budget and Appropriation committee chairman Steve Owiti. The ward reps, who had just resumed from the long recess, exchanged blows as those opposed to the swearing-in of Central Kisumu MCA Judith Ogaga as new budget chair made fruitless efforts to thwart the process. Trouble started when Leader of Majority Kenneth Oyango questioned how the process of removing the budget chair was arrived at.

- NOVEN OWITI



Ongoing nurses strike to hurt fight on HIV, says NACC

Gains made in containing the spread of HIV and Aids could be eroded because of the ongoing nurses strike that has now spread to more than 15 counties. According to data from National AIDS Control Council (NACC), cases of Mother-to-Child Transmission (MTCT) of HIV rose sharply during a similar strike in 2017. The 2018 Kenya Aids Response Progress Report by NACC indicates that MTCT rates rose from seven to 11 per cent during the 100 days of strike by the medics. As per the report, counties in northern Kenya were the hardest hit with Wajir leading in the Mother to Child Transmission rates standing at 32.6 per cent.

- KIRERA MWITI



State to align human trafficking laws with global standards

The government is in the process of aligning its anti-human trafficking laws with international trafficking programmes so that foreigners found engaging in the vice are charged within international legal standards. Speaking in Mombasa yesterday, Ministry of Labour Chief Administrative Secretary Abdul Bahari (pictured) said this will also ensure that victims of human trafficking are not treated as criminals. Kenya passed an anti-trafficking law in 2010 but it has proved difficult to secure convictions. He said for the war on human trafficking to be won, the country needs to develop a multi-agency approach.

- HARRISON KIVISU



CLOCKWISE: Deputy President William Ruto with master Ian Kipkoech after landing in Nairobi on Tuesday. Kipkoech with his mother Yvonne Chelang'at and Bomet Governor Joyce Laboso. Ruto's Director of Communication Emmanuel Talaam with Kipkoech and his mother get ready for the flight. PHOTO: DPPI

Ruto airlifts sick boy for specialised treatment

by Felix Yegon
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Deputy President William Ruto on Tuesday sent a chopper to pick a seven-year-old boy Ian Kipkoech whose health condition attracted his attention during a function at Silibwet in Bomet on Saturday.

Ruto was presiding over the Universal Health Coverage half-marathon organised by Bomet Governor Joyce Laboso to raise funds towards the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) kitty for the needy.

More than Sh80 million was raised during the event. Kipkoech is suffering from a condition called hydrocephalus which is the build-up of fluid in the cavities (ventricles) deep within the brain.

He has been in and out of

...I will handle it...
this is now my responsibility - Ruto

hospitals in the area seeking medical care but in vain.

Efforts by her mother, Yvonne Chelang'at to seek assistance from well-wishers to enable her meet the medical costs have not been fruitful.

Kipkoech will undergo specialised treatment at the Aga Khan Hospital in Nairobi.

Ruto's Head of Communication Emmanuel Talaam, who came to pick the two said a specialist had been booked and was waiting to examine him.

UN hails Sonko plans to build more markets

Nairobi governor also gets approval for his efforts to beautify city during the UN General Assembly in New York

by David Ndolo
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Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko was on Tuesday applauded at the United Nations meeting in New York for his efforts to beautify Kenya's capital city.

Sonko was also praised for his pledge to hasten construction of markets in at least all wards within the county in line with the Sustainable Development Goal on Food Security and President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda.

Speaking during the UN General Assembly in New York, Sonko said he had taken a number of steps to address the issue of food shortage in Nairobi.

"My county government is in the process of constructing several markets to ensure more people have access to fresh produce a short distance from their homes," he said adding that he had also set up a Food System Directorate tasked with ensuring that residents have access to safe food, of good quality, at affordable prices, wherever they live.

Sonko said agriculture has been the mainstay of Kenya's economy and directly contributes 24 per cent of the GDP.

About 45 per cent of the National government revenue is from agriculture and the sector contributes 75 per cent of industrial raw material.



ABOUT THE MEET

Governor Mike Sonko was selected to lead African cities in the UN General Assembly conference in New York on Tuesday.

The conference was organised jointly by the Office of the President of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN.

"More than 80 per cent of households, especially in rural areas depend on agriculture. However, one would be forgiven for thinking that with these statistics, there is an abundance of food everywhere," he observed.

Sonko noted that more than half of Nairobi's nearly a million households live on total expenditure of less than \$70 a month.

"With this kind of budget, most of the households cannot afford more than one decent meal a day. In most instances, the meals lack

Nairobi Governor and Good Deeds ambassador Mike Sonko during the UN conference in New York, US, on Tuesday.
PHOTO: COURTESY

basic nutrients because they cannot afford tomatoes, onions or even fresh vegetables," said Sonko.

Sonko blamed a cartel-like distribution system, a market that is very difficult to penetrate, lack of market information to enable consumers make informed choices; and a small number of physical market spaces that make it difficult for the poor to access quality products.

"In Nairobi, we now have a Food Markets Information System that enables residents to know where foodstuff is available, and at what price. This helps to enable consumers make informed choices, although the system is still not yet in wide use," said Sonko.

Father held for keeping 4 children out of class

Police in Matuga, Kwale county have arrested a middle-aged man for allegedly forcing his four children to drop out of school on religious grounds.

The man, Tumaini Hamisi, from Sheep and Goats village, is a member of Good News International Dominion Church.

According to his estranged wife Kache Nyawa, the church offers extreme doctrine by teaching that education and seeking medical treatment are evil.

"My husband's extreme religious beliefs led to our separation because I found his behaviour odd and detrimental to our family," said Nyawa, who reported him to the police leading to his arrest.

Religious education

However, an adamant Hamisi vowed not to back down saying he was ready for any consequences even going to jail in defence of his beliefs.

"I renounce education and healthcare because they are satanic and I would not wish my children to be subjected to either," he said at the Matuga Police Station.

He added that his children would learn how to read the Bible through religious education and by the help of the Holy Spirit and not through formal education.

Weeping uncontrollably, his wife said ever since he joined the sect, her husband never allowed her to take their children to hospital whenever they fall sick or even for immunisation. "He claims that God does not need help in healing his servants citing the sect's teachings," she said. Matuga police chief Joel Chesire said the suspect would be arraigned once investigations are complete.

COUNTIES ROUND-UP



Lobbies hit at Speaker over Sh1m interns pay

Civil Society groups have accused Siaya Speaker George Okode (pictured) of spending over Sh1 million monthly on more than 50 interns whose output cannot be determined. Led by Community Initiative Action Group executive director Chris Owala, the lobbies question why the Assembly with over 100 staff would have such a huge number of interns. Addressing the press at a hotel in Siaya town, Owala regretted that the number of staff both employed and on internship is now so huge forcing the interns to report to work in shifts. Okode however defended the assembly's move to recruit interns saying the programme exposes the youth to a working environment.

-ERIC JUMA

Calls for electricity poles removal from town centre



Mombasa county government has asked Kenya Power to remove electricity poles erected in the middle of the road to allow setting up of a new lane for Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. Transport and Infrastructure county executive Tawfiq Balala said the administration had written to the company and was awaiting a response on how soon the poles within the central business district could be removed. He said the BRT project is part of an initiative to decongest the town.

-NATASHA WATHERA

Suppliers to get dues next month, says Nyagarama



All debts the Nyamira county government owes its suppliers and contractors will be paid from next month, Governor John Nyagarama has said. He said the debts amounting to Sh347 million will be settled and urged suppliers and contractors affected not to withdraw their services. Addressing the public in Magwawa ward, the governor apologised for the delay which he attributed to the county Assembly's delay in passing the budget. He also announced county plans to revive the coffee sector.

-EVANS NYAKUNDI

DPP refuses to withdraw Akasha extradition trial

Haji says there was need for the matter to be heard and determined to enable the court to set a precedent

by Sophie Njoka
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We seek 14 days to consult with the DPP on how to pursue the matter -Marinda

The Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji has declined to withdraw extradition proceedings against the Akasha brothers and their two accomplices.

Through State counsel Beryl Marinda, Haji said there was need for the matter against Baktash Akasha and Ibrahim Akasha to be heard and determined to enable the court to set a precedent on the way to proceed with extradition cases.

The matter had been filed in 2017 by the State seeking to have the High Court overturn a lower court decision stopping the extradition of the accused persons.

Marinda informed High Court judge Njoki Mwangi that they had no instructions from the DPP on the way to proceed and would be seeking guidance from Haji.

"We seek 14 days to consult with the DPP on how to pursue the

SENTENCING DATE

The Akasha brothers (pictured) facing drug-trafficking charges in the US will be sentenced on March 15.

As part of a deal made in October with US prosecutors, each is facing a prison term that could range from 10 years to life.

The brothers agreed then to plead guilty to seven criminal charges, including bribing unnamed Kenyan officials.



matter. Its ruling will set a precedent for similar cases brought before the High Court," she said.

The DPP application came after the Akasha brothers through their lawyer made an application seeking to have the matter withdrawn.

Pursue matter

The Akashas said the matter had been surpassed by the events and there was no need to pursue it further. The Akashas were handed over to the US by the Kenyan government after "it proved difficult to extradite them using the court process".

Judge Mwangi questioned the

interest the DPP had in pursuing it yet the parties in the matter were no longer in the country.

"Why should the DPP pursue this matter yet the persons were already taken away and another case in the US is about to be concluded," she posed.

Mwangi said applicants were awaiting sentencing and therefore the DPP should have strong reasons on why the matter should not be dismissed.

Abdalla Akasha and his younger brother Ibrahim have been charged in a US court alongside Indian Vijaygiri Goswami and Pakistani Gulam Hussein with drug trafficking.

Devolve issuance of birth, death certificates, urge Uasin Gishu leaders

by Winstone Chiseremi
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Uasin Gishu elected leaders have urged the government to decentralise issuance of birth and death certificates to sub-county levels to end the long queues witnessed at the county civil registration office.

Speaking during the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of National Gov-



ernment Constituency Development Fund office in Turbo constituency, they decried bribery among some civil registration officials.

Led by Governor Jackson Mandago, the leaders claimed the officials were taking advantage of the long queue at the county registration office to extort money from desperate parents and guardians

seeking the documents for their children.

Mandago (pictured) who was accompanied by his deputy Daniel Chemno, Turbo MP Janet Sitienei and her Soy counterpart Caleb Kositany, asked Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i to make an impromptu visit of the county civil registration office to assess the situation.

Homa Bay Trade CEC resigns

campaign pledge.
Addressing the media after submitting his letter to the governor, Ademba cited lack of proper structures in Awiti's administration.

No comment

The office of the governor through the communication unit confirmed receiving the letter but declined to comment on the issues, saying Ademba never indicated them in his letter.

Wild fire displaces animals

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Hundreds of wild animals from a private conservancy have been displaced following a wild fire that destroyed thousands of acres of vegetation in Gilgil.

More than 3,000 acres of vegetation went up in flames in Kagio Conservancy along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway that borders the Gilgil weighbridge.



This came as Kenya Wildlife Service called on residents in the area to be mindful of wild animals straying from the expansive conservancy to their farms following the overnight inferno.

Gilgil Deputy County Commissioner Mutheki Ndambuki said initial investigations into the fire pointed to some herdsmen who had lit fire to keep warm while grazing on one end of the conservancy.

TUM bogus course claim 'unfounded'

by Harrison Kivisu
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The Technical University of Mombasa (TUM) has dispelled claims it is offering two degree programmes which have not been approved by the Commission for University Education (CUE).

Vice Chancellor Laila Abubakar yesterday said the Bachelor of Pharmacy and Bachelor of Science and Bio-Chemistry degree programmes have not been rolled out and are still awaiting approval by university regulator.

"These are newly developed programmes still in the process of accreditation. They do not have students registered. We are awaiting approval by CUE to launch them," said the VC in a statement.

Prof Abubakar asked students at the university to remain calm as it was offering credible degrees.

County lacks proper structures -Ademba

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IN BRIEF



UN DECRIES STATE OF CONTINUED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH SUDAN

The UN's Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan has expressed outrage over renewed fighting in the country which has forced thousands of people to flee their homes. It said armed men were attacking villages, taking women as sexual slaves and setting fire to homes, often with people inside. It called on all forces to respect the peace agreement signed last year by President Salva Kiir and his former deputy, Riek Machar. -BBC



EGYPT EXECUTES NINE MEN FOR KILLING PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN 2015

Egypt has executed nine men convicted of killing the country's public prosecutor, Hesham Barakat, in 2015. The human rights group Amnesty International had appealed for a stay of execution saying the defendants' confessions were made under duress. Last year Egypt's highest court upheld the death sentences on the nine men. Barakat was killed when his convoy was hit by a car bomb blast in Cairo. -BBC



TEENAGER WHO FLED UK TO JOIN ISIS SAYS LOSING HER CITIZENSHIP 'UNJUST'

Shamima Begum, a teenager who fled London to join Islamic State group in Syria, has said being stripped of her British citizenship is "unjust". Begum was a schoolgirl when she left Bethnal Green in 2015. She was found in a Syrian refugee camp last week after reportedly leaving Baghuz — IS's last stronghold. A State officer said decisions to remove citizenship were "based on all available evidence and not taken lightly". -BBC



FORMER CHINESE TOP GENERAL JAILED FOR LIFE OVER CORRUPTION

A former high-ranking Chinese general has been sentenced to life in jail for corruption, state media reports. Fang Fenghui, ex-chief of joint staff of the People's Liberation Army, was found guilty of bribery and having huge wealth that he had been unable to account for, according to Xinhua. Many officials have been jailed in recent months in what President Xi Jinping says is an anti-corruption drive. -BBC

Uganda ruling party endorses Museveni's sixth term office bid

■ Kampala, Wednesday

Uganda's ruling party has endorsed President Yoweri Museveni, 74, as its candidate in 2021 elections, which could see him seek a sixth term in office, a party resolution said today.

The National Resistance Movement (NRM) called for Museveni to "continue leading the movement and the state in 2021 and beyond to eliminate bottlenecks to transformation."

The resolution was adopted at a retreat for top party officials chaired by Museveni (*pictured*).

The move comes after a bill was signed in December 2017 scrapping a presidential age limit of 75, which would have blocked Museveni from running again, sparking demonstrations and an outcry from the opposition which accused the president of seeking to rule for life.



I'm saying this clearly and openly, Russia will be forced to deploy weapons -Putin

Three MPs abandon May party over Brexit

■ London, Wednesday

Three MPs quit the governing Conservative Party over Brexit today, joining a mounting rebellion in parliament this week against the two major parties that is shaking the system in British politics.

Anna Soubry, Heidi Allen and Sarah Wollaston said they planned to sit in parliament alongside eight former Labour MPs who, also citing their opposition to Brexit, have resigned from the main opposition party since Monday to form the new Independent Group.

The trio of Conservatives, who support Britain remaining in the European Union, said in a joint resignation letter to Prime Minister Theresa May that Brexit had "redefined" their party and was "undoing all the efforts to moderate it".

"The final straw for us has been

The constitutional court in July last year ruled in favour of removing the limit. Last month Uganda's Supreme Court began hearing a petition to challenge this decision.

Museveni, who seized power at the head of a rebel army in 1986, once said leaders who "overstayed" were the root of Africa's problems.

However, while running for a fifth term in 2016, he said it was not the right time for him to leave, as he still had work to do.

Museveni is the only president most Ugandans have known in a country where the median age is less than 16.

Young Ugandans have recently been energised by pop star-turned-MP Bobi Wine, who spearheaded protests against the age-limit amendment and has rapidly become a thorn in the government's side. -AFP

Putin threatens West with missile attacks

Russian president vows to unleash nukes on capitals following collapse of treaty

■ Moscow, Wednesday

Russian President Vladimir Putin threatened to deploy new missiles against Western capitals as he delivered a state of the nation address today aimed at boosting falling approval ratings.

But while he took a combative tone with the West, he reached out to Russians with promises of improved living conditions.

The longtime Russian leader warned Washington against deploying any new missiles in Europe following the collapse of a key Cold War-era treaty, saying Moscow would consider it a "serious threat".

"I'm saying this clearly and openly, Russia will be forced to deploy weapons that can be used... against the decision-making centres that are behind the missile systems which threaten us," Putin said.

The United States and Russia raised fears of a new arms race when they announced earlier this year they were pulling out of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty, a 1987 deal that limited medium-range missiles.

Washington was the first to announce its withdrawal, accusing Moscow of developing new weapons.



ANGRY MASS

Moves by the government to implement economic reforms, including an increase in the retirement age and a rise in the value-added tax from January 1, have prompted widespread opposition including rare street protests.

Russians appear increasingly frustrated with the slow pace of economic growth.

Russian 9M728 cruise missiles, left, and 9M723 short-range ballistic missiles that the US says violate nuclear treaty.

PHOTO: COURTESY

ons that violated the treaty, but Putin on Wednesday dismissed the US claims as "far-fetched".

The tough talk on missiles seemed aimed at stirring up patriotic support for Putin, who won re-election last year with more than 76 per cent of the vote but has been recently struggling with dropping poll numbers.

A survey by Russia's independent Levada Center released in January found his approval rating at 64 per cent — a figure many Western leaders could only dream of, but Putin's lowest in five years.

Putin, 66, appeared calm and confident as usual during the speech, but the Kremlin is reportedly deeply concerned by the fall in his personal approval ratings in recent months.

Civilians evacuated from last ISIS enclave



■ Beirut, Wednesday

Lorries have been evacuating civilians from the last village in Syria still held by the Islamic State (IS) group.

Journalists on the front line saw at least 15 vehicles carrying men, women and children leaving Baghuz.

The US-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) alliance, which is besieging the area, said it did not yet know

if any IS fighters were among the passengers.

However, a UK-based monitoring group said it believed all the civilians and militants who were in Baghuz had left.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights cited its sources as saying the militants had agreed to surrender following extensive negotiations with SDF. On Tuesday, the UN expressed concern about the fate of some 200 families re-

portedly trapped in Baghuz.

Human rights chief Michelle Bachelet said they were apparently being actively prevented from leaving by IS and continued to be subjected to intense bombardment by SDF and US-led coalition forces.

A convoy of about 50 lorries arrived on the outskirts of Baghuz after Bachelet spoke. But none of them had departed by nightfall, Reuters news agency said.

-BBC

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Local accountants want to audit Auditor-General

ICPAK rejects Parliament's proposal to engage a foreign firm saying its members can do the job

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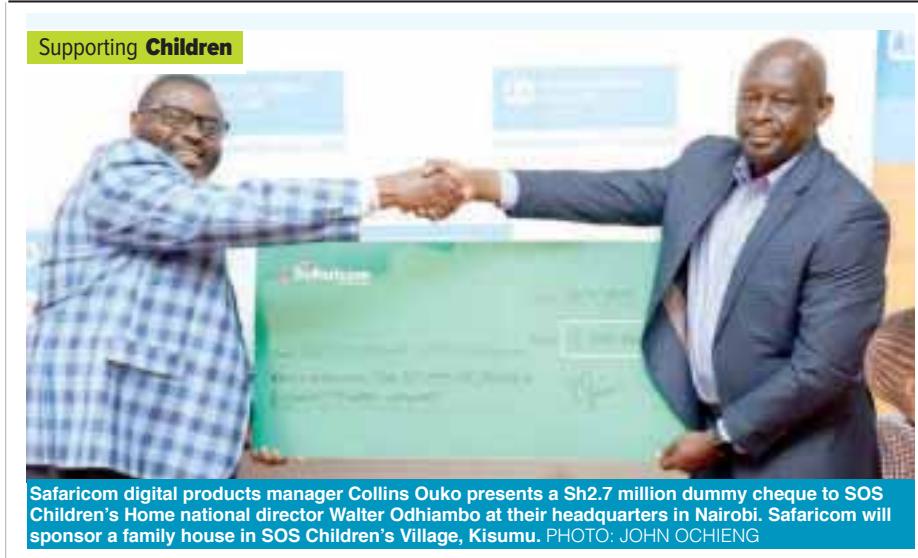
The Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK) has rejected proposals by the National Assembly to source for an international firm to audit the Office of Auditor General (OAG).

The institute noted that it had qualified members who can audit OAG books of accounts, hence there is no need to source for expertise across borders.

OAG's office has not been audited for four years even as the tenure of the Auditor-General — Edward Ouko — comes to an end in August after serving a non-renewable term of eight years.

"ICPAK has what it takes within its 2,000 membership to audit the Office of the Auditor General accounts and there is no need to source for the services of an international firm. We have the capacity within our membership as long firms and individuals with integrity are given the job," the institute's chairman Julius Mwatu said yesterday.

ICPAK's position on the matter comes after the Clerk of the National Assembly, Michael Sialai, asked the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)



Safaricom digital products manager Collins Ouko presents a Sh2.7 million dummy cheque to SOS Children's Home national director Walter Odhiambo at their headquarters in Nairobi. Safaricom will sponsor a family house in SOS Children's Village, Kisumu. PHOTO: JOHN OCHIENG

to allow him to procure auditing services from any of the Commonwealth countries.

Sialai told PAC that three attempts to procure a local firm had failed to yield fruits.

Conflict of interest

According to Sialai, Kenya has a memorandum of understanding with Liberia to undertake the audit task.

"As a way forward, we wish to propose to your committee that audit services from Commonwealth jurisdiction be procured," Sialai said.

Parliament had in 2016 rejected attempt by the OAG to appoint Baker Tilly Meralli, whom MPs argued could

not undertake the audit due to the conflict of interest.

Baker Tilly Meralli's is an international firm whose headquarters is in London and has branches in Nairobi, Mogadishu, Kampala and Kigali. The firm specialises in offering professional services in assurance, taxation, advisory and consulting services in the public sector.

The Auditor-General's books of accounts have not been audited for four consecutive years, from 2014/15 to 2017/18 financial year. Sialai said an advertisement placed in September 26, 2018, failed to return a positive outcome despite nine firms responding to the proposal.

Speaking during the institute's 27th Economic Symposium, Mwatu challenged Parliament to fast-track the scrutiny of an audit report of the National Budget presented by the Auditor-General so as to use it in allocating resources to counties.

County funds

He said revenue allocation to counties was pegged on the 2014/2015 audited report yet the Office of Auditor General has furnished the House with the 2016/2017 report on the Budget.

"If the House used the latest report then more funds would be allocated to the counties and the issue of insufficient funds would not arise."

Why Stima Investment board was dissolved

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Stima Investment Cooperative Society board of directors has been dissolved following the recommendations made by the State Department of Cooperatives.

In a statement signed by Nairobi County Chief Officer - Tourism and Co-operatives, Macharia Gichohi, the dissolution had been necessitated by an inquiry ordered by the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Coop-

eratives.

Hesbon Kiura and Charles Mugwika were appointed by the Ministry to conduct the inquiry. It presented the report and recommendations to the State Department of Cooperatives

"This is to notify you that I have received instructions from the Cooperatives that the entire board of directors of Stima Investment Cooperative Society has been dissolved with effect from February 18, 2019," Gichohi said in a statement.

At a special delegates meeting held on July 25 last year, delegates resolved that a forensic team be given 60 days to conclude an audit report.

During the special delegates meeting, the board elected seven committee members. The delegates also passed a vote of no confidence on three members in the sub-committee and subsequently replaced them with Emmans Otahoh (chairman), Benjamin Komnen (member) and Wairimu Njehia, (member).



CMA opens way for green bonds

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The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has set the stage for issuance of green bonds by establishing rules that will guide its issuance by the Nairobi Stocks Exchange (NSE).

Green bonds are fixed income securities that raise capital to help finance projects in renewable energy, energy-efficiency, green transport and waste-water treatment.

Kenya needs to raise billions of shillings to finance infra-

structure projects including roads, water and irrigation, railways and power generation.

The green bonds market has been embedded in the legal framework through publication of a policy guidance on issuance of green bonds and the approval of amendments to the NSE listing rules by CMA.

NSE chief executive Geoffrey Ondudo (pictured) said that the target was to issue one in 2019 to provide "traction" for other issuers.

Briefing



Spate between China, US to benefit Africa

DEVELOPMENT: Trade wars between the US and China could attract more financing for Kenya and other African States, a survey by global consultancy firm Control Risks has revealed.

The strategic consultants in political, security and integrity risk says rivalry between the two super powers will play a part in how Kenya's foreign policy is shaped this year.

Control Risk predicts the US-China rivalry, will escalate with some African countries set to become the new battle grounds, as the two nations deepen their economic influence on the continent. Through the Risk Map 2019 report, they note that while the US is the biggest investor in Africa, China has made major inroads over the last decade, especially in infrastructure development, with Kenya being among the biggest beneficiaries of Chinese loans and investment such as the Standard Gauge Railway.

Analysts at Control Risks say that Washington is likely to intensify its focus on infrastructure in 2019, bringing the war with China to the African door step. "So far, the US-China rivalry that dominated global headlines last year has played out less visibly in Africa than on other continents" said Senior Partner, Daniel Heal for Control Risks, East Africa adding that while support for China or the US has not emerged as a defining issue in African politics, this might change in 2019. "This year will see revived US interest in development finance on the continent and a more concerted US commercial strategy towards Africa is likely to take shape. The increased rivalry will, therefore, open up additional investment opportunities but will also present African countries with increasingly starker foreign policy and commercial choices," he said. —MARTIN MWITA



An aerial view of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. On completion JKIA's Greenfield would have been Africa's largest terminal. PHOTO: FILE

Taxpayers lose Sh4b in JKIA terminal deal

Starting today, in a seven-part series, MARTIN MWITA tracks losses incurred in government abandoned project

Greenfield Terminal is the biggest among abandoned airport infrastructure projects, Treasury has revealed, as seven key airport and airstrips works fall behind schedule.

Stationed at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, the Sh64.7 billion project was abandoned on March 9, 2016 after Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) terminated the contract which had been awarded to Anhui Construction Engineering Group Ltd in 2013, in a joint venture with China Aero-Technology International Engineering Corporation.

It had been designed to encompass 50 international and 10 domestic checkpoints, 32 contact and eight remote gates. KAA cited "prevailing operational, economic and financial dynamics" as the reason for abandonment of the new terminal which had been designed to handle 8.7 million passengers annually on 178,000 square metres.

"The decision was based on prevailing operational, economic and financial dynamics which have been on a downward trend over the last three years," said KAA in a statement in March 2016.

Its termination ended Kenya's dream of having the largest terminal in Africa, even as

PRESIDENT'S ORDER

President Uhuru Kenyatta recently ordered freezing roll out of new projects, stressing that old and existing ones must first be completed.

The decision to freeze new projects is aimed at stopping wastage of resources and the habit of government agencies abandoning incomplete projects before jumping onto others.

home to the largest terminal. The closest airport terminal, in terms of capacity, would have been South Africa's OR Tambo's central terminal with a capacity of 12 million passengers. In June last year, KAA management, for a second time, was grilled for failing to table supporting documents on the payment to the Chinese contractor in the abandoned project.

Vision 2030
President Uhuru Kenyatta launched it on November 13, 2013, after its conception under the Grand Coalition Government as part of flagship Vision 2030 projects.

The controversial project had then been approved by the KAA board, the Cabinet, Parliament, public procurement authorities and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

Its implementation would have seen Kenya become

told the committee chaired by Mvita Member of Parliament Abdulswamad Nassir.

KAA was also questioned over Sh413.5 million it paid consultants and law firms, and monies spent on ground-breaking for the terminal.

The Auditor General recently said a review of the project revealed that as at June 30, 2017, the contractor had been paid Sh4.3 billion while Sh216.1 million had been expended to consultancy, with no evidence of work done.

Airstrip projects

A further Sh75 million was spent on ground-breaking ceremony of the project which was to be implemented on design-and-build model.

The Transport ministry has 10 stalled projects worth Sh79 billion, the Treasury documents indicate, where others include reallocation unit at Kibera and Mukuru(Sh12.03 billion), Embakasi land fencing works(Sh31.7 million), development of a transport data centre at Sh130 million and a number of airstrip projects across the country. The transport docket is among the most affected, the document tabled last week by Leader of Majority Aden Duale shows.

Treasury's update comes after it issued a circular on November 15, last year asking all ministries and departments to provide details of stalled capital projects for submission to parliament.

Contractors pocket Sh550m in stalled airstrip projects

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overnment paying out Sh142.7 million in the Sh399 million project.

"Out of court negotiations between the Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) and the contractor ongoing," Treasury updated the State in the document addressed to the clerk of the National Assembly Michael Sialai.

This comes in the wake of a freeze on new projects by President Uhuru Kenyatta as the government mulls over payments made to delayed, abandoned and stalled projects totaling 545 with a value of Sh365.9 billion.

A document dubbed 'Stalled Capital projects' tabled in Parliament last week by Leader of Majority Aden Duale reveals suspension and stalling of key airport and airstrip development worth Sh2.2 billion, a move that is undermining efforts to expand and improve the aviation industry.

Despite the government having spent Sh550.4 million on initiating the projects, none is complete with some dating back to 2014.

Top on the list is the rehabilitation of the Wajir Airport (apron, runway, taxiways, security road and access road) at an estimated cost of Sh819.3 million. The project, which was being fully funded by the government, commenced on August 5, 2017. It was suspended while at 15 per cent complete, even as contractors pocketed Sh127.1 million.

"Kenya Defence Forces recalled this project for rescoping of the works, the exercise is complete and the Defence Principal secretary has been notified of the same to advise on the way forward," Treasury notes in its report.

The development of the Wagadud Airstrip at a cost of Sh609.2 million stands suspended. Designs for the project are, however, complete. Treasury last week reported that security assessment is being done to implement the project which is yet to commence despite being commissioned in May 2016.

Another stalled development is civil works at the Nanyuki Airstrip where the contract was terminated in August 2016, despite the gov-

Land for expansion
The Tseikuru Airstrip, a development worth Sh76 million has stalled because of costs emanating from the contractor (National Youth Service) who is demanding an extra Sh25 million to finalise the works.

"The next phase of works will be undertaken once land for expansion is acquired from Kitui county government. The report is shortly being shared with the National Land Commission for advice on appropriateness of the process carried out so far," said Treasury.

Though the government has spent Sh50 million on the project, implementation remains unquantified.

The sixth project is construction of washrooms and security offices at the Wilson Airport at a cost of Sh8.9 million. The project, which was 40 per cent complete, was suspended due to change of business plan at the site. The designs for an administration building within the site (which will incorporate the stalled building) are, however, complete.

The building will be executed once a budget is available and will accommodate all airport staff including other government agencies, Treasury has noted.



Potato plant boosts seed production

The Nyandarua facility can produce 9,000 tonnes of high yielding seedlings annually

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The newly-launched Potato Seed Production Unit at Tumaini National Youth Service, Nyandarua County has the capacity of producing 9,000 tonnes of seedlings annually, Public Service Youth and Gender Affairs Cabinet Secretary Margaret Kobia has said.

The CS said the plant is using aeroponics technology, a rapid seed multiplication technique for producing potato seed with a yield of up to 10 times higher than the traditional method.

"The potato project is a joint partnership between National Youth Service (NYS) and Kenya Prisons Service (KPS) whose objective is to increase potato produce in their farms to enable the two institutions cut procurement costs and reduce dependency on the Exchequer," said Kobia.

Kobia noted that NYS and KPS have a combined demand of about 9,000 tonnes of potato per year for consumption by their servicemen and prisoners respectively.

"The two agencies currently only produce about 300 tonnes which represents a shortfall of about 8,700 tonnes," he added.

She added that the objective of this project is to meet the shortfall as well as produce surplus for sale to the local community to support Food and Security pillar under the Big Four agenda.

The move is also in line with

FOOD CROP

Potato farming is the second most important food crop, after maize, in Kenya cultivated by more than 900,000 growers who are mostly small holder earning more than Sh50 billion.

The crop, which is grown in at least 13 counties across the country, has been met by challenges of lack of new seeds/planting materials resulting in poor performance and dwindling market.



recently assented NYS Bill by President Uhuru Kenyatta seeking to revamp operations at scandal-ridden State agency.

Uhuru signed the bill, among others, while ushering the New Year in Mombasa.

The NYS Act establishes the agency as a corporate entity, whose functions include the undertaking of commercial activities. According to National Potato Council of Kenya, only Agrico EA, Kisima Farm, GTIL, Stock Man Rozen, Agricultural Development Corporation (ADC) and Kenya Agricultural Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) are the largest producers of certified potato seed yet the country faces a deficit of 98 per cent of certified seeds.

The first aeroponics unit was introduced in Kenya in 2008 by International Potato Centre at the KALRO in Tigoni and later at Genetics Technologies International Limited in Nairobi.



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

Commodity	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret
Dry Maize	90	2300	2250	2600	1500	1900
Green Maize	115	2300	3500	2400	1800	1800
Finger Millet	90	7400	6750	8000	5400	7650
Sorghum	90	3400	2700	3000	3500	5400
Wheat	90					3000
Beans Canadian	90	5700		8000	5000	
Beans Rosecoco	90	6000	6000	8000	5000	8550
Beans Mwitemania	90	5400	4500		3600	
Mwezi Moja	90	5500			3600	
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	6750	6300		5400	
Green Gram	90	8000	7650	8800	5400	9900
Cowpeas	90	6300	3600	8000	8100	9000
Fresh Peas	51	2900	2500	2500	3000	2040
Groundnuts	110	12100	13750	10000	11000	10800
Red Irish Potatoes	50	2250	1500	1400		1400
White Irish Potatoes	50	2200	1500	1400	2000	1200
Cassava Fresh	99	2500	2000	3000		
Sweet Potatoes	98	3200	2700	3000	3000	3600
Cabbages	126	1500	2300	1500	1200	1500
Cooking Bananas	22	550	550	250	250	1000
Ripe Bananas	14	600	650	250	750	700
Carrots	138	3550	5400	2500	4200	3200
Tomatoes	64	5120	6500	7500	5000	6500
Onions Dry	13	845	800	910	750	910
Spring Onions	142	2800	4400	2500	3000	1600
Chillies	38	2280	3000	1500	3000	
Cucumber	50	2500	2250			
Capiscums	50	3000	2250	2400	3000	2000
Brinjals	44	2640	1200	1500	2000	
Cauliflower	39	2340	2350			
Lettuce	51	3315	2500			
Passion Fruits	57	4300	4500	3000	5500	6850
Oranges	93	2400	3200	3000	5800	3000
Lemons	95	2470	2600	1700	2700	
Mangoes Local	126	2000	2200	2400	3600	2400
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1200	1250	1800		700
Limes	13	1100	650		650	
Pineapples	13	975	720	650	600	1080
Pawpaw	54	2800	1100	1200	3000	3150
Avocado	90	3000	4000	1800	3000	3400
Kales	50	1350	1500	2000	1300	1800
Eggs	250	280	260	270	280	

MARKET WATCH

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (20/2/2019)

Commodity	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret
Dry Maize	90	2300	2250	2600	1500	1900
Green Maize	115	2300	3500	2400	1800	1800
Finger Millet	90	7400	6750	8000	5400	7650
Sorghum	90	3400	2700	3000	3500	5400
Wheat	90				3000	
Beans Canadian	90	5700		8000	5000	
Beans Rosecoco	90	6000	6000	8000	5000	8550
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COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 20/2/2019

Currency	Mean	Buy	Sell
US DOLLAR	100.2678	100.1678	100.3678
SW KRONER	10.6935	10.6811	10.7059
STG POUND	129.6814	129.5361	129.8267
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	73.9056	73.8265	73.9848
SAUDI RIYAL	26.7356	26.7078	26.7633
SA RAND	7.0742	7.0659	7.0826
S FRANC	99.8286	99.7091	99.9480
NOR KRONER	11.6224	11.6075	11.6374
KES / USHS	36.6021	36.5157	36.6884
KES / TSH	23.2378	23.1648	23.3109
KES / RWF	8.9365	8.9446	8.9824
KES / BIF	17.9382	17.9150	17.9614
JPY (100)	90.5720	90.4776	90.6665
IND RUPEE	1.4037	1.4019	1.4054
HONGKONG DOLLAR	12.7751	12.7623	12.7878
EURO	113.2553	113.1306	113.3800
DAN KRONER	15.1778	15.1620	15.1937
CHINESE YUAN	14.8202	14.8039	14.8366
CAN \$	75.6967	75.6097	75.7836
AUSTRALIAN \$	71.3255	71.2293	71.4217
AED DIRHAM	27.2975	27.2677	27.3273

Brookside, Co-op seal deal to train co-operatives managers

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Dairy co-operatives are set for better times after a leading milk processor launched a training programme which will see society officials trained on corporate governance.



an increasingly competitive economic environment.

"Corporate governance is a critical tool for sustainable growth of the sector. It is in our

best interest, that the groups adopt sustainable management practices that would eventually encourage members to increase milk production," said John Gethi (pictured), Brookside's director of milk procurement and manufacturing.

To ensure this is a success the processor has partnered with the Co-operative Bank's capacity building arm — Co-op Consultancy and Insurance Agency — to train board members from 27 counties.

Cyber-thieves eye payment data

Thousands of websites are being hit by cyber-thieves who implant code to scoop up payment card numbers, research suggests.

Security giant Symantec found more than 4,800 websites were being hit by these "form-jacking" attacks every month.

High-profile victims of these attacks include airline BA and Ticketmaster.

Online crime groups had turned to the attacks as other more established techniques proved less and less lucrative, Symantec said.

"It's a sign we're in a world where security is tighter and tighter and it's getting harder to carry out this type of activity," said Orla Cox, director of Symantec's security response unit.

Formerly profitable ventures involving ransomware and mining crypto-currencies now made gangs much less money, she said.

Instead, they were now inserting "attack code", either when sites failed to update core software to close loopholes or via insecure third-party apps, such as chat apps,

analytics packages or other extras.

"It's a tiny line of code in there and that's enough for attackers to monitor payment card info being entered and they siphon it off," she said.

"It's often not obvious that the website has been compromised. To the naked eye everything would look fine."

Last year, Symantec had stopped more than 3.7 million form-jacking attacks, said Cox, adding that the figure was a measure of the technique's sudden popularity.

-BBC

Clique & Clicks



GILAD AT LORD EROLL

Lord Errol held a Valentine dinner for couples last week. Artiste Gilad alongside Calabash Band was the performance act of the night, while Walter Mongare and Debra Sanaipai were the emcees of the night. The event was a celebration of love, for many of the couples. Present also was Baringo Senator Gideon Moi and his wife Zahra Moi, among other high-profile individuals.

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PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG

Artiste Gilad serenades fans with music.



Baringo Senator Gideon Moi and his wife Zahra Moi.



Artiste Dana Manaseh.



Former Dagoretti South MP Dennis Waweru and his spouse Marion Waweru.



Klash the deejay on the wheels of spin.



Former Miss Tourism Debra Sanaipai and stylist Connie Aluoch.

Get spotted...

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Designers Hafsa Mohammed and Sukra Salah.



KICC CEO Nana Gecaga.



Lolita Kozyreva and her spouse Yuri Kozyrev, founders of Top Kids International Modelling Academy.



Kevin Kigima of EGM Securities and Vivian Achieng (British American Tobacco)



Models do their thing.

FASHION HIGH TEA

The Zen Garden's Fashion High Tea, partnered with Diageo World Class. The partnership, which brought about creating experiences, offering culinary and cocktail lovers a list of cocktails as well as a tailored menu from the Zen Sushi bar, live savoury stations and burger bars. Celebrities and members of the fashion elite dazzled in unique and colourful designs at the high-profile event as they enjoyed the fashion show. The models showcased designs from both local and international labels. The annual Fashion High Tea event is hosted to support various charitable causes. The proceeds from this year's event will go to The Nest – a centre established in 1997 for the rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with the law and children of imprisoned mothers.

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PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG



Krupa Patel and Dougie Duncanson of EABL.



Jackie Nyaminde (Milele FM presenter) and actress Jacky Vike.



Former Gatanga MP Peter Kenneth.



Ricky Sang (British American Tobacco) and Vacity Sang of EABL.



Tuba Kilic (Marketing Director Mass Direct Company) and Merise Bassa (Executive at Coach and Image Consultant).



Joy Kendi and Kagwe Mungai on their Kodak moment.

Petrheads



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Mature, confident

Almost a year back on these pages, I made the controversial claim that the best car in the world could not be anything but an SUV.

My argument is that however capable a saloon, hatchback or a coupe can be, it will be stumped by something as inconsequential as a curb, severely limiting its driveability to the tarmac. Conversely, every SUV has the wide-open world as its playground.

However, there is another fact to be considered; that 90 per cent of SUVs spend 90 per cent of their time on the smooth tarmac. All their world-dominating 4x4 abilities are rendered redundant. They're also heavy, hard to park and as aerodynamic as a wall. No, for practical daily use, there is little reason to get an SUV over an accomplished hatchback. And they don't come more accomplished than the VW GTI, specifically the MK5.

Design

Mature, yes that's the word to best describe it. Its predecessors were playful, purposeful and cheery, almost childish, as with the MK1 and 2, or perceptibly portly in the uncertain eras of the MK3 and MK4. The MK5 however, was when the GTI came into its stride. It doesn't shout about its abilities and its soft wingless curves exude calm

confidence.

It looks muscular but not overly aggressive. Refined but doesn't take itself too seriously. The MK5 is like a pair of really good sneakers, yes, they're as well made and as expensive as a pair of brogues but they're half as serious and as a result, twice as fun. The design is versatile too, matching well with the business suit during the workweek and the t-shirt and jeans on the weekend.

Inside you get more of the same refined maturity. The layout is ergonomic and surfaces subdued.

The tartan-patterned seats are comfortable and supportive. The dials glow a cool blue and all the air vents, knobs, and buttons symmetrically placed with a quintessentially German straightforward purposefulness that makes the dash not only intuitive to use but also satisfying to behold. The whole cabin has an upper-class whiff about it.

Driving

This is its party piece and what makes the Golf GTI the benchmark hot hatch. Again, the MK5 conveys settled confidence. The stiffened suspension sits 15mm lower than a normal Golf and when you prod the accelerator the turbocharged 2.0-litre giddies up, after some turbo lag, some 200 ponies to make the 0-100kph dash in 7.2 seconds. The defining characteristic is in how it

drives, not the figures.

More than anything, it wants to be driven. Power delivery is smooth and linear, and you feel the chassis move around you like a dance partner at close quarters. Like a sensual dance; your input should be smooth and measured. And the driving should take place on a suitable dance floor, preferably a smooth winding road, to your favourite driving song. It complements your input into the accelerator, brakes, and steering, responding almost intuitively and resulting in a satisfied smile.

You don't really get the feeling that it's a front wheel drive car as the front diff, typical of German engineering, is effective. It neither under-steers nor over-steers into a corner and there is little in the way of sway. The more you drive it the better you get and the faster you go. And the thing with the GTI is that it goes fast but in a polite manner. You get none of the overt look-at-me antics of the Subaru STI or Mitsubishi EVO. The exhaust note is bassy and powerful yet restrained, even at full chat, and is a delicious sound.

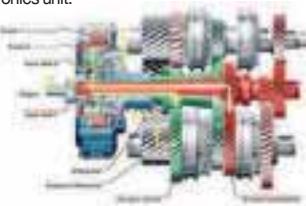
There is the option of going for one fitted with a DSG gearbox, but that has two disadvantages. One, the phenomenon known as a DSG fart, which does, indeed, sound like a bloated man breaking wind.

Two, why would you not get a manual when the whole point of getting as capable a car like the GTI is to drive it?

Verdict

The one major drawback with the GTI is that it rides too low for Nairobi roads and our non-standardised bumps. I know a few owners who have to plan longer routes to avoid scraping the underbelly. Then there is the little fact that all its abilities and refinement are a result of German over-engineering, as opposed to say, Japanese simplicity. This naturally translates into a significant dent in your bank account when it goes wrong. But, you can rest easy in the knowledge that it rarely ever does.

type, chief among which, are faster shifting times, better than any manual or automatic transmission. It's also more fuel-efficient than either as there are no power leaks when shifting either way. A DSG, due to lack of a torque converter, also weighs less than an automatic transmission, but is usually slightly heavier than a manual transmission, because of the additional weight from the mechatronics unit.

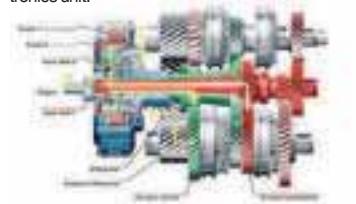


If you are a fanboy of the VW brand, you will no doubt have heard of the DSG, or Direct Shift Gearbox. This, in its simplest understanding, is an automated manual with two clutches, each clutch shifting odd or even gears.

The gear change is based on engine speed, wheel speed, brake application, throttle position and hydraulic actuators, which, depending on the information gleaned by the sensors, will be commanded to select either a higher or lower gear.

What happens is that while you're trundling along in third gear, the ECU determines, based on throttle behaviour, whether you need a higher or lower gear next and will pre-select it.

Offering uninterrupted power delivery, not unlike



There are a few advantages to this transmission



MOTORING NEWS



Lego campervan

Did you know that there are only 12 certified LEGO model-makers in the world? Neither did I. One has to wonder how they actually make a living from playing with the little plastic bricks.

Whatever the case, Rene Hoffmeister, and his colleague Pascal Lenhard, took some 400,000 individual bricks and some six weeks to build a replica of the iconic T2 campervan. It comes with a fully furnished interior, a pop-up roof and even sliding doors, which the pair said was very difficult to recreate.

Measuring five metres long, 1.9 metres wide and two metres high, the LEGO model weighs in at 700kg. I don't know what the recurring obsession with LEGOs is all about but as long as they're making cars, I have no objection whatsoever. I just wonder how one introduces themselves; "Hi I'm John and I'm a professional LEGO guy..." Ha!



A new French friend

I love French cars, they're nothing special to drive but they are generally an experience in questionable aesthetics. Citroen no doubt takes the cake with their quirky designs, everything from the iconic 2CV to the current and oddly named Cactus ooze out of the box design elements that make the brand arguably the most unconventional of car makers. And they have a new one. Reviving a name from the 1960s the new car is called Ami, which means friend. Technically it's not a car in the strictest sense. It's a quadricycle, like the Twingo and can, therefore, according to French law, be driven without a license. It is 2.5 metres long, electric, limited to 45kph and has quirky looks.



Subaru electrifies the boxer

While Porsche is an avid user of the boxer engine, it is Subaru that brought boxer goodness to the masses and now they have upped the ante. Due to be unveiled at the Geneva Motor Show next month, it boasts mild hybrid powertrains, mating the company's 2.0-litre flat-four petrol engine with a small e-motor, rated at around 13bhp and built into the Subaru Lineartronic CVT transmission.

Because the battery capacity is very small, it will rarely operate on full electric power - rather an extra dose of torque is used to assist when pulling away, mainly to boost the petrol engine at low speeds and help with rapid stop-start fuel saving.



Kenneth Karaya of Baiskeli Adventures won the Mt Kenya Bike Challenge Extreme race last weekend. PHOTO: JOSEPH KING'ORI

Tropic Air Bike Challenge gets new King of the Mountain

Kenneth Karaya of Baiskeli Adventures is the new King of the Mountain after winning the main event during the Mount Kenya Bike Challenge at Borana Ranch on the mountain's foothills last weekend.

Kenneth dethroned perennial winner David Kinja who was unable to participate this year and David Kamau. The two have been sharing the title over several years. Kenneth completed both days Extreme races in 6:42:09, almost an hour ahead of Geoffrey Muthiani Ssendegey who romped home in second place. Nicola Green took the women's Extreme title while Rita Zagoni was first runners-up.

Super cyclists

At 23, Kenneth is part of a new generation of super cyclists who started engaging in cycling tours and events aged 16. Previously, he competed as part of Safari Simbaz.

The 17th edition of the Tropic Air 10-to-4 Mountain Bike Challenge was flagged off by the Kenya Forest Service (KFS) Ecosystem Conservator, John Njoroge. Over 400 people from East Africa and around the world took part in a variety of challenging races such as the Enduro event and the six-hour Horse ride, a new race.

Since inception, the bike challenge, aims to raise money for Mt Kenya Trust, a mountain conservation organisation. The trust focuses its efforts on wildlife protection, tree planting and anti-poaching efforts. The bike race routes are designed to challenge the most enthusiastic mountain bike riders and also offer options to all participants including beginners, amateurs and children.

Paying rangers

"The race is a lifeline for the projects of the Mount Kenya Trust, which relies on donations and the bike challenge to fund our growing portfolio of projects including patrol teams for the protection of the forests and resident wildlife," said Susie Weeks, Mount Kenya Trust's Executive Director. "We also champion community support, forest regeneration and human-wildlife conflict mitigation," she said.

A portion of the proceeds will go to Borana Conservancy's Education project and Ngare Ndare Forest Trust who use the funds to pay for their rangers, buy and maintain equipment.

The road trip from Nairobi to Lodwar is one long and tiring journey, but the tourism attraction sites of Turkana offer lifelong memories

Amazing Turkana

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Former President Moi once came to this place and called it *shamba la mawe* (stone farm)," said our driver Julius Oketch as we drove through a rugged road.

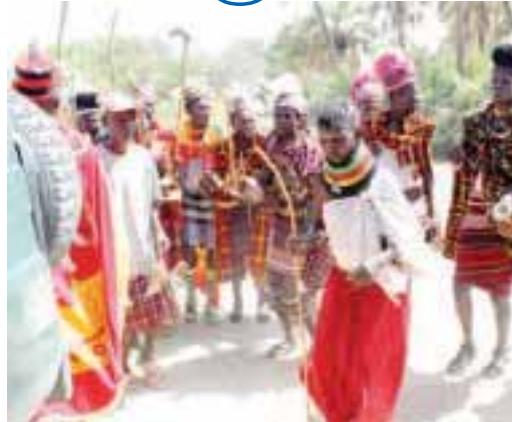
And Moi wasn't wrong about the place after all. The dust, the rocks, the rugged roads and half-naked children playing in the hot sand unmoved by the scorching sun are some of the interesting sights *en route* from Kitale to Lodwar.

The kids get distracted once in a while when a vehicle passes by. Suddenly, the desire to quench thirst would engulf them and they would shout at the driver, pleading with him to give them *pi* (water in Turkana). I was shocked by the similarity between my Luo language and Turkana. Indeed, we met so many Luos in this region that I felt a sense of comradeship with them.

Equator sign

For the longest time I had desired to tour this Cradle of Mankind and when an opportunity came via a Kenya Tourism Board media road trip to Turkana, I grabbed it. Visitors can either fly or drive to Turkana, though a road trip is tiring. Still, motorists get to see incredible stuff *en route*. Despite carrying work assignments, my eyes were wandering everywhere, amazed at the beautiful sights, ready to flash my camera.

We stopped at the Equator sign at



Timboroa, taking selfies with two travellers riding to South Africa on bikes from Saudi Arabia. One reason I love travelling is to see strangers become friends.

We passed roadside vendors busy selling maize and vegetables to passersby. If you are planning to go to Turkana by road, set aside two days for the trip, with a stopover at the agriculture-rich area of Kitale, which has many



MAIN PHOTO: The writer enjoys a private moment at a crater lake on Central Island, Lake Turkana. ABOVE: The writer poses with the 1.6 million year-old skeleton of Turkana Boy, one of the complete early human skeletons ever found.



LEFT: A troupe of traditional dancers welcomes the KTB-led media group to Eliye Springs on the shores of Lake Turkana. ABOVE: A curious visitor interacts with a fish vendor. PHOTOS: HARRIET JAMES

budget-friendly hotels.

We checked in at Westside Hotel, fatigued by the journey, only desiring to head straight to dreamland. We woke up early the second day and headed to the Kapenguria Museum in West Pokot where I learnt a lot about Kenya's fight for independence and the Pokot culture.

Police escort

Later, we cruised through the scenic Kapenguria forest on a winding but newly tarmacked road, via the rolling hills and the rushing waters of River Turkwel (river that defies wilderness).

On arrival at the security checkpoint at Kainuk, Julius said no person could drive past after 12noon as there is only one police convoy to take you through the dangerous route. We paid Sh1,500 for the police escort and, afraid of bandit

attacks, my heart leapt as we took off.

We arrived safely in Lodwar. The Stegra Hotel had been recommended to us as budget-friendly; it was our resting place the entire visit. For the high-end, one can opt for Eliye Springs or Cradle Tented Camps.

After an early breakfast, we headed to Kalkol jetty and saw tonnes of fish being sun dried. The fish (or *rech* as we call it in Dholuo) is exported to as far as Congo. From Kalkol, we took a long, dusty drive to the rocky village of Nariokotome just for a glimpse of the famous Turkana boy.

This village, where Dr Richard Leakey discovered the 1.6 million-year-old fossil in 1984, is located 130km from Lodwar town. Despite the hostile-looking family that guards the replica, it is a must-visit tourist site.

Speed boat

The following day we toured Eliye where I was stunned by sandy soils and palm trees similar to what you see and experience at the Coast. Lake Turkana gives life and governs most of the village's affairs just like the Indian Ocean dictates life at the Coast.

The lake gets rough sometimes, halting all activities but the heavens smiled on us that day as we took a speed boat to the Central Island, another gem in Turkana located right in the middle of the lake. One can also tour Sibiloi National Park, home to significant archaeological sites.

We visited Christ the Redeemer, a gigantic statue in Lodwar town. It inspired by the Rio de Janeiro statue and from there we viewed the town.



Fork&Life

TravelNews

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Pancake tortoise is one of the endangered species that Kenya wants the Cites meeting to protect. PHOTO: COURTESY

Deadline looms for endangered species forum submissions

The United Nations Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora Secretariat (Cites) has given a March 24 deadline for signatories to the treaty to give comments on proposals submitted by December 2018.

Kenya is among 90 countries that have submitted 57 proposals to amend the lists of species subject to Cites regulations for consideration at the next World Wildlife Conference (Cites/CoP18) to be held from May 23 to June 3, 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) spokesperson Paul Udoto says Kenya has proposals on the giraffe, elephant, Pancake tortoise, Wedgefish and Sea cucumbers, all of which are endangered species. "Kenya has partnered with other countries in a proposal to end poaching and harvesting of these endangered flora and fauna," he says.

Elephant poaching

Southern African countries with large herds of elephants have in the past three Cites meetings campaigned hard for down listing of elephants from Appendix 1 to 2 to allow culling. The window to allow sales of stockpiles of ivory has in the past 10 years fuelled poaching, leading to a drop in elephant population in Africa.

China and its neighbours in Asia are the biggest consumers of ivory products. Most of the seized tusks in Kenya and in East and Central Africa airports in the last decade were all destined for countries in Asia.

KWS acting Director General Charles Musyoki, says last year, Kenya lost 396 elephants due to diverse causes including poaching compared to 727 in 2017. At least six elephants have mysteriously died within Olara Wildlife Conservancy outside Masai Mara National Park this year, locals say. "If these deaths are not stopped, 40 jumbos roaming the conservancy will be killed," said Lekakaeny Kereto.

Dining at Monikos Kitchen



MAIN: Monikos Kitchen wine lounge. INSET: Monikos burger, fries served with a glass of wine. BELOW (from left) Yellow Thai curry with a rice side plate; Apple crumble dessert; beef stir fry with mashed potatoes and a drink a cold dawa. PHOTOS: NJERI MAINA

Monikos opened in 2016 with the aim of providing healthy and affordable wraps and salads but now also offers fast foods such as juicy burgers

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At Valley Arcade in Kilimani suburb of Nairobi, Monikos Kitchen hides next to a grocer.

I walk in at around 4pm on a Sunday afternoon to catch up with some friends and decide to enjoy the little remaining daylight by sitting outside. There is ample sitting space outside, with metallic lampshades carefully placed all round.

A blackboard written with colourful chalk describes today's special menus. I smile as the board is reminiscent of my primary school days where a pupil being picked to write out something on it was tantamount to winning a HSC award.

In this case, Monikos might have won the award for best handwriting. The place is so quiet that one can hear sounds of gurgling water from a water fountain nearby. Music will be turned on at 6pm to welcome revellers.

Meanwhile, I decide to drink hot dawa (*a non-alcoholic mixture of ginger, honey and lemon*), two camembert and bacon samosas. The bacon is crunchy, the cheese so creamy I am tempted to order for more.

The first time I went to Monikos was for a dinner date. I had taken a huge bowl of chicken salad and a pineapple mint juice because it was December and at most 10 days to reach my New

Year resolution weight goal. I had sat inside then, where there is a wine lounge with a blown-up photo of a tea plantation on one wall and wine bottles stacked up on the other.

Thai curry

My friend arrives and I order mash and beef stir-fry as she orders yellow Thai curry and a hot dawa as we wait. We engage in an argument over the difference between the red and yellow curry. The red Thai curry is cooked with red chilli paste, hence its colour while the yellow Thai curry is made up of loads of turmeric.

Monikos was started in 2016 with the aim of providing healthy and affordable meals such as wraps and salads. Over time, the meal menu has grown to include fast foods such as juicy burgers and fries which I have had the pleasure savouring.

The Monikos classic burger, which

comes with crispy bacon, char grilled ground beef patty, some cheese and mushrooms is quit nice. I am a sucker for mushrooms; I will take anything with mushrooms; mushroom fries, mushroom chicken, mushroom burger.

There is also the option of a salmon burger (the only salmon burger I have ever come across) or a vegetarian burger where the patty is made from vegetables which I have never tried.

Non-virgin dawa

My mash and beef stir fry soon arrives, hot and steaming. The mash is smooth and buttery and is garnished with peppers. The beef is also soft and not chewy and is cooked with lots of cherry tomatoes and onions.

For my friend, the yellow curry with a side plate of rice is mildly spiced with an equally mild coconut taste and a surfeit of mushrooms, cherry tomatoes and French beans. The rice is too much for her, so I gladly help her out.

We then order some cocktails, non-virgin dawa, which normally comes cold because vodka should be consumed with cold drinks and not in hot toddies. We also order apple crumble and cream for dessert—which has roasted apples—and the titular cake crumble, which is warm, sweet and rough in texture.

The burgers range from as little as Sh600 a pop to around Sh1,200 depending on what you order. The apple crumble is Sh600. The Thai curry whether red or yellow is normally Sh950 while the chicken salad is also Sh950. We pay the bill and leave happy and full; maybe happy because we are full.

CoastRaha

■ by Harrison Kivisu
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The Tourism Regulatory Authority (TRA) has been challenged to initiate a fresh vetting process of beach operators at the Coast in the wake of harassment claims of tourists orchestrated by rogue beach boys.

Kenya is banking on beach destination transformations and marketing as a tourism package to improve tourism arrivals at the Coast. However, given the significantly high number of unregulated beach operators, challenges abound.

Although the Tourism Regulatory Authority issued licences to 300

Ministry bets on beach destination despite hurdles

beach operators in Mombasa in 2016 the number has soared to over 2,000 making genuine operators to bear the brunt of accusations of harassment of tourists. The Kenyan coastline has five major beach destinations in Mombasa, Kilifi, Kwale and Lamu counties, which host an estimated 10,000 beach operators.

The majority of those registered by TRA say the government should conduct fresh vetting process and those who do not have permits to operate at the beach removed. "Our name has been tarnished by beach boys who do not have permits. We pay Sh2,000 annually for a permit to operate on the beach but we don't see the value of our money," claimed Titus Kiema who works at Jomo Kenyatta Public beach.

Their concerns emerge as the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with county governments, embarks on programmes aimed at taming the beach boys' menace as part of a rebranding and repackaging of the beach destination.

"If they want us to be part of them, they should first of all ensure we sit at their decision-making table to give our views. Those cases you hear about harassment come from people who are not registered to operate here," said Mohamed Ahmed, a beach boy at Jomo Kenyatta beach.

Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala says the newly-established Coast Beach Destination Working Group, chaired by Pride Inn Managing Director Hasnain Noorani, will come up with a strategy



Beach operators play football to pass time at the Jomo Kenyatta Public beach (Pirates beach) in Mombasa. PHOTO: BONFACE MSANGI

paper on resolving issues facing the sector. "Beach tourism revival is necessary because visitors' tastes have changed," the CS added.

Time out



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 ANGA IMAX CBD: 08:10, 10:30, 12:50, 15:10, 17:30, 19:50, 22:10: **ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL (2019) 3D**
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| 1.30 | Sports Hub |
| 3.00 | Dw Documentary |
| 3.30 | Playlist |
| 4.00 | K24 Mashinani |
| 4.30 | Team Raha |
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1.30	Business Defined	10:30	Feature
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3.00	Jesus Son Of God	12:30	BBC



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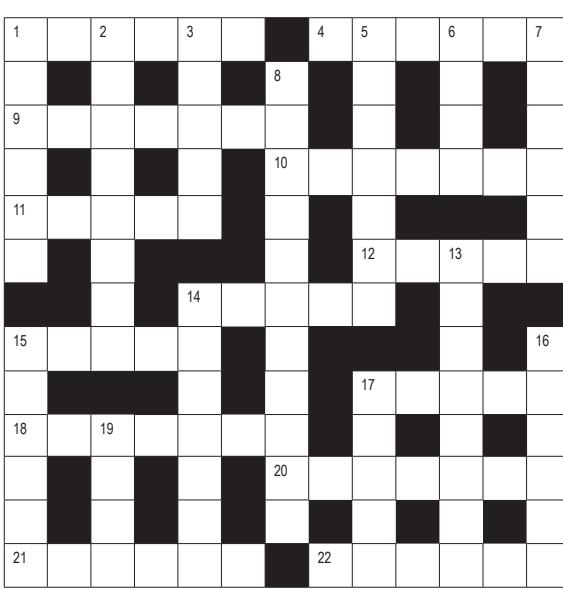
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Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned goods and motor vehicle.

1. DISTRESS FOR RENT CAP 233 LAWS OF KENYA
 Landlord-Vs-Patrick Njuguna Njai
 Assorted Motor vehicle spare parts
 In-plate: 1. Land Rover Stanhope Market, JC Plot on Friday 1st March 2019 starting at 10:00a.m

2. PMC NO. 295 OF 2014-MAVOKO
 FRANCIS NJENGA -VS- TABRO
 TRANSPORTERS LIMITED

Motor vehicle Reg. No.KCH 791 E - Man Prime
 Mover
 Trailer Reg. No. ZF 2861
 At: Lead Storage Yard Kyang'ombe Opp. China
 Rosario Apartments, Ruiru 1st March, 2019 starting at 11:00a.m

CONDITION OF SALE: 1. Cash at the fall of the hammer. 2. View from 8:30am - 3:00pm week days with prior arrangement with our office.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owner of Land Title Thegenge/ Kariuki2003, wishes to extend the current agricultural use to accommodate a residential (multi-dwelling units) user, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s) or organization and/or institution(s) with any comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice stating the grounds of objections to:

The Director of Physical Planning
 County Government of Nyeri
 P.O. Box 1112-10100
 Nyeri

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of plot Number L.R. 209/3994, located on Ngong/Kabarnet road, Nairobi County, intends to change the use from Residential to Offices-cum-Residential, subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions or organizations with objection to the proposal to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice stating the grounds of objections to:

The County Secretary
 Nairobi County
 P.O. Box 30075
 NAIROBI

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 EXTENSION OF USE

The owners of L.R. 28648 situated within Athi River off Mombasa road, proposes to extend its use to include Base Transceiver Station, subject to approval by the Machakos County Government. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organization(s) etc with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of this notice stating the grounds of objections to:

The County Secretary
 Machakos County Government
 P.O. Box 262-90110
 Machakos

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owner of plot Number L.R. 36/1138, located along Eighth Street Eastleigh, Nairobi County intends to change the use from Residential to Commercial, subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions or organizations with objection to the proposal to forward it within fourteen (14) days of this notice stating the grounds of objections to:

The County Secretary
 Nairobi County
 P.O. Box 30075
 NAIROBI

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 CHANGE OF USE

The registered owners of parcel Nos. 3 of LR 4148/104 located at Muigai Hill in JUJA Sub County, proposes to regularize the change of use from Agricultural to Multi-dwelling Residential (Flats), subject to approval by the Juja Sub County. 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:

THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
 KIAMBU COUNTY
 P.O. BOX 2344
 KIAMBU

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 CHANGE OF USE

The registered proprietor of Title No. Mutungoni/Kauhi/4279 located in Kabati Market off Kitui-Kibwezi Road, Kitui County, wishes to change its use from agricultural to (multi-dwelling units) flats, subject to approval by the County Government of Kitui. Person(s) institution(s), e.t.c. with objections, comments and or any representations to the above mentioned proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, the charges, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned goods at our yard at Nyali Yard (Behind the Naval School) in Mombasa on 1st day of March, 2019 at 10:00am.

1. LANDLORD VS ABDIO MAHMOUD
2. LANDLORD VS CHARLES MUTUA
3. LANDLORD VS JOSEPH GATUMBA NGUMI
4. LANDLORD VS JEREMIAH ODHIAMBO
5. LANDLORD VS GEORGE MANGALE MUDAIDA & MANGA

CONDITIONS OF SALE: 1. Strictly cash/mpesa/banks rs cheque at the fall of the hammer. 2. Viewing any day of the week at our yard in Nyali.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 CHANGE OF USER

The owner of L.R. No. Ruiri/Ruiri East Block 1/2549 located in Ruiri is proposing change of use of this property from agriculture to commercial-cum-residential flats, subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions and organizations with objections or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

Director of Physical Planning
 County Government of Kiambu
 P.O. Box 2344
 Kiambu

PUBLIC NOTICE
 PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
 AMALGAMATION AND
 REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USE

The registered owners of parcel nos. RUIRU MUGUCHA BLOCK 1/566, 567 and 568 located at Toll in JUJA Sub County, proposes to amalgamate and Regularize the change of use from Agricultural to Residential (Religious Facility - Church), subject to approval by the JUJA Sub County. 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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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA
 AT MOMBASA
 ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT
 ELC SUIT NUMBER 88 (O.S.) OF 2016

Duly instructed by our principals in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicles and goods on Thursday 28th February, 2019 at HAKI KIAMBUI ROAD 100, WESTLAND COMPANY LTD, KIAMBUI ROAD 100, Westlands, Nairobi. The place opposite Ridgeway Inn and LOT C at PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE along Murang'a road opposite Gun Nanak Hospital at 10:30 am or soon thereafter.

(A) CMCC NO. 6195 OF 2018

CROSS HEALTH CARE LTD VS
 ELECTRONIC DIAGNOSTICS LTD
 MV REG NO. KCG 007C AND LANDROVER COBRA

(B) CMCC NO. 1650 OF 2016

DM ENTERPRISES LTD VS WACHIRA
 BUILDERS LTD
 TULLY'S (FRANCHISEES), WARDROBE, MV
 REG NO. KAR 602M - MITSUBISHI PH

(C) CMCC NO. 2752 OF 2016

FRESH MBUGU MUTUA VS KARIAMA
 ENTERPRISES LTD & ANOTHER
 MV REG NO. KAW 380U - NISSAN
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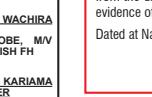
CONDITIONS OF SALE:
 Cash at the fall of the hammer.

HEAD OFFICE: P.O. BOX 30376-00100 GPO NAIROBI

LOSS OF LIFE POLICY DOCUMENT
 POLICY NO: IL201701196561 / IL201701196550
 I.N.O. IRENE KATUMBI MUTISO

Request has been made to this Company for the issue of duplicate of the above numbered policy, the original having been reported as lost or misplaced. Notice is hereby given that unless objection is lodged to the contrary at the Office of the Company within thirty days from the date of this notice, duplicate policy document will be issued, which will be the sole evidence of the contract.

Dated at Nairobi; 21st Feb, 2019.



HEAD OFFICE: P.O. BOX 30376-00100 GPO NAIROBI

LOSS OF LIFE POLICY DOCUMENT
 POLICY NO: IL20160900734
 I.N.O. GEORGE MBUGUA KINYARA

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 POLICY NO: IL201404089404
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REPUBLIC OF KENYA
 IN THE HIGH COURT OF KENYA
 AT MOMBASA
 ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT
 ELC SUIT NUMBER 88 (O.S.) OF 2016

1. KANGWEI CHARO KARISA

2. SIDI KANGWEI

3. MARRIAM CHARO BENZI AND 65 OTHERS APPLICANTS/PLAINTIFFS
 -VERSUS-

1. AHMED BIN HAJI BARWA
 2. ABDIO MAHMOUD AHMED (sued in his capacity as the alleged administrator of the estate of Ahmed Bin Haji Barwa)

3. FATUMA AHMED HAJI

4. SALIM AHMED HAJI

5. HALIMA AHMED HAJI RESPONDENTS/DEFENDANTS

ORDER

(IN COURT BEFORE HON. JUSTICE C. YANO ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019)
 UPON HEARING the Notice of Motion filed on 27th September, 2018 brought to this court under Section 1A, 1B, 3A and 53 of the Civil Procedure Act, Order 5 Rule 7 Civil Procedure Rules 2010 and all enabling Provisions of the Law and upon reading the Supporting Affidavit sworn by KANGWEI CHARO KARISA and the Advocate for the Applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. THAT the Amended Originating Summons, Pleadings and all subsequent documents in the Suit herein be served upon the 3rd, 4th and 5th Respondents by way of an advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation.

2. THAT the 3rd, 4th and 5th Respondents do enter Appearance and file a response within 21 days of the Advertisement.

3. THAT costs of the Application be in the Cause.

Given under my hand and seal of this Honourable Court this 6th day of February, 2019.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
 HIGH COURT MOMBASA

ISSUED at Mombasa this 11th day of February, 2019.

PENAL NOTICE Take notice that any party who disobeys this order shall be in contempt of the court order and liable to a fine or imprisonment or both.

HEAD OFFICE: P.O. BOX 30376-00100 GPO NAIROBI

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 I.N.O. JUDITH WANGAI KIVUTI

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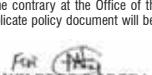


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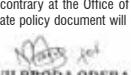


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Dated at Nairobi; 21st Feb, 2019.



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 POLICY NO: 193691
 I.N.O. PAUL GITHAIGA KIRIBA

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Nyanza North athletes confident of good outing

ATHLETICS: Athletic Kenya (AK) Nyanza North chairman Joseph Ochieng is confident that the region will shine at the oncoming national cross country trials set for Eldoret. Ochieng said he has confidence in his junior and senior team that were selected during the regional selections. "We have great confidence with the teams that is going to represent us in Eldoret this weekend. We are optimistic that some of our athletes will make it to world cross-country list," he said. Nyanza North will not, however, be represented in the 8km women's race as none turned for the selection. "We are heading to Eldoret without our women in the senior 8km race but we are hopefully that the remaining batch will shine at the event," he said. Titus Kiprotich will represent the region in 10km men as an individual runner. He timed 28:55 during the Nyanza North region trials. —VIDEN OCHIENG

Pirates RFC coach Buyachi comes to terms with loss



RUG-BY:
South Coast
Pirates
coach
Lawrence Buyachi saw something different in his team in their last weekend's victory over heavyweight Kisumu RFC at St Joseph's UKunda. Pirates had lost all of their eight matches they had played leave alone the awarded walkover against Kisii RFC who could not honour the fixture due to financial difficulties but a hard fought 25-18 victory on Saturday has left coach Buyachi in self belief that they can improve. At the heart of his bigger picture is painstakingly putting together piece-by-piece at the club with the desire to help the Coast side conquer the KRU Championship. "It's so close yet so far but we are on course. The league is highly competitive and if you look at the difference between 10th where we are after the weekend win (with 15 points) and number five, it is only nine points. So ours is to win the remaining fixtures and we will be up there," said coach Lawrence Buyachi.

—GIBO ZACHARY

London race defence in Kipchoge's resolve



ATHLETICS: After winning the 2019 Laureus Sports awards in Monaco on Monday, Olympic Marathon Champion Eliud Kipchoge has said that he is now focused on retaining London Marathon title in April. Kipchoge believes he has the hunger to go on and conquer the London Marathon course for a record fourth time in the seven years he has competed as an elite marathoner. "This year I am purely concentrating on London Marathon, because the London course is beautiful and I am working hard to keep pushing the limits and want to run a race that actually all the fans will truly enjoy," said Kipchoge. Kipchoge, who broke the world marathon record in Berlin in September 2018 clocking 2:01:39, was honoured in Monaco on Monday with the Laureus Academy's Exceptional Achievement award, a discretionary award that has only been handed out three times previously in the history of the event. The Olympic marathon champion has also hinted at defending his title in Tokyo in 2020. —ERICSON KIPRONO



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PEOPLE

FOOTBALL:
Boost for English side Arsenal as Ramsey returns for key Europa League match - Pg31

The one-stop sports shop...

SPORT**Obiri confident as she leads KDF to national cross-country trials**

■ by Ericson Kiprono
@Peoplesports11

World 5,000m champion Hellen Obiri has said she is ready to take on her compatriots for a slot in the national team to the World Cross-Country Championship in Aarhus, Denmark on March 30.

Obiri who represents Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) team said their squad will emerge the winners during the national trials on Saturday in Eldoret.

"It has always been like this in Kenya, and nobody is assured of any slot and everyone must fight here and win," she told *People Sport*.

The explosive Kenya trials, which will be staged under sunny and humid conditions in Eldoret on Saturday, have been deemed a mini-World Cross Country Championships without Ethiopia and Uganda challenge.

Obiri asserted her dominance in long distance

races as she defended her 10km women's race win, during the 38th edition of the KDF Cross Country Championships held at the Kahawa Garrison last month.

Sergeant Obiri from the Laikipia Air Base team took a 300m gap lead in the second lap of the course, which she maintained to the end to finish in a time of 32:19.5 seconds. Sapper Irene Kamais took the second position from Thika in a time of 33:01.6, with Moi Air Base's Senior Private Deborah Sum coming in third in a time of 33:43.3.

The thrilling 10km men's race saw several athletes neck-and-neck in all the laps of the course, with the final result being decided by a couple of metres. Gunner Kibiwot Kandie from Embakasi overcame strong opposition to emerge best ahead of former world youth champion Senior Private Lawi Komen from Moi Air Base and Mtongwe's Vedic Cheruiyot.

Kandie made it in a time of 28.55.7, while Ko-



men took 29.01.4 with Cheruiyot completing in 29.03.7.

In the 8km Mixed Relay (Universal Race), Kahawa held on from the first lap to emerge winners, followed by Mtongwe and Nanyuki in second and third places respectively.

Yesterday, auto dealer Toyota Kenya gave AK a shot in the arm with a Sh3 million sponsorship towards the Saturday competition to be held for the first time outside the capital.

Arvinder Singh Reel (left) Toyota Kenya Managing Director signs the dummy cheque presented to Athletics Kenya (AK) President Jack Tuwei (centre) and National Executive Committee (NEC) member Barnaba Korir yesterday. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLLO

'Fit and Fab' First Lady

Margaret Kenyatta puts in long hours of training as 'Beyond Zero' Marathon date nears by the day

■ by Lynette Matheka
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First Lady Margaret Kenyatta is putting in long hours to get in shape for the fourth edition of the 'Beyond Zero' Half Marathon set for March 10 at the Nyayo National Stadium.

Through her coach, veteran athlete Douglas Wakihuri Mrs Kenyatta is following the training routine of any elite athlete in preparing for the event that has been on a two-year hiatus since the 2016 edition.

"It is the same routine as that of an elite athlete, only less intense. She starts at 6:30 am with a warm-up session and then proceeds for either a 10km run or walk depending on the schedule for the day," said Wakihuri who also revealed that the First Lady also has strength and conditioning sessions.

The morning session is followed by breakfast after which she has a therapy session to take care of muscle



First Lady Margaret Kenyatta stretches during training at the State House, Nairobi yesterday. She is preparing for the 'Beyond Zero' Marathon next month. PHOTOS: LYNETTE MATHEKA

wear and tear associated with running.

"It takes discipline and a strictly adhered to routine to be able to run in any race. Our routine also includes training for speed and endurance," said Wakihuri.

The marathons are aimed at creating awareness and drawing the attention of stakehold-

ers to the challenges of maternal and infant health in Kenya besides raising resources to increase access to healthcare for mothers and their babies.

The marathon is one of the key resource mobilisation events for Beyond Zero, a flagship programme aimed at saving the lives of mothers and children by avoiding pre-

ventable maternal and infant deaths. The previous editions have enabled the First Lady to issue mobile clinics to all 47 counties in the country.

Her initiative also aims at accelerating the implementation of the national plan towards the elimination of new HIV infections among children.

Over 10,000 people from two counties have received services to help eliminate 'Mother-to-child infections' and more counties are expected to benefit from the initiative.

This year's edition will have an increased number of events from the traditional three cat-

egories. A special 2km walk for pregnant women has been introduced to raise awareness on maternal health.

The 21km wheel-chair and tri-cycle races as well as three categories of the visually impaired have been introduced.

"This year's edition will feature the usual 21km, 10km and 5km as well as Paralympics and the special walk."

For the first time in any of the road races in the country, we shall have T11, T12 and T13 categories of the visually impaired participating in the 21km race," said event manager Peter Gacheru.

Nine local players qualify for Magical Kenya Open after Tour

■ by Lynette Matheka
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Nine Kenyan players, who have qualified to play at this year's Magical Kenya Open Golf Championship, have been named following the conclusion of the 2018/2019 Safari Tour Golf series today at the Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club.

Two players tied for eighth spot – the Safari Tour Golf Series qualifying cut-off for the Kenya Open – pushing the number of players qualifying to nine.

Muthaiga Golf Club's Greg Snow leads the team of nine professional player having accrued a total of 113.5 points across the six Safari Tour golf series. Greg has been dominant, taking maximum points in four of the six

Safari Tour events, to take top spot on the Road to Kenya Open ranking. He has featured at the Kenya Open 11 times with his best finish coming in 2014 when he finished 10th.

He is joined by Mumias Golf Club's Dismas Indiza who amassed 111 points after a consistent performance across the Safari Tour to finish second. Indiza has featured at the Kenya Open 19 times; with his best finish being tenth in the 2008 edition.

Windsor's Rizwan Charania booked third spot on the Road to Kenya Open ranking having amassed a total of 79 points; with his win of the Windsor leg of the tour cementing third spot. He has played at the Kenya Open 14 times; his best finish coming in 2017.

David Wakhu, who won the Nyali



Kenyan Pros who have qualified for this year's Magical Kenya Open display their trophies at the end of the Windsor leg of the Safari Tour Golf Series. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

Golf and Country Club leg of the Safari Tour Golf Series, finished fourth on the Road to the Kenya Open ranking, with a total of 72 points; while the Professional Golfers of Kenya Captain, John Wangai, finished fifth with 68.5 points. He has featured at the Kenya Open on six occasions.

Thika Golf Club's, Simon Ngige, finished sixth with 66.5 points and shall now take part at his 13th Kenya Open tournament; while Golf Park's Tony Omuli will be taking part at his seventh Kenya Open event having finished in seventh place on the Road to Kenya Open ranking with 53.5 points.

Anya in Shujaa debut

Saracens winger earns first national call-up as Agevi returns after four years ahead of trip to USA Sevens show

■ by Alex Njue
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Sevens rugby national team head coach Paul Murunga has picked Impala Saracens winger Edmund Anya for his World Series debut whilst making three other necessary changes in his squad to the 2019 HSBC USA Tour.

Murunga also brought back Mwamba centre Michael Agevi who lastly played for Shujaa in the 2014/15 season under coach Paul Treu era.

Forwards duo of Herman Humwa and Charles Omondi who featured in the opening two rounds at Dubai and Cape Town are among the four changes Murunga will be relying on for a turnaround on Kenya's current 13th place sitting in the 16-team competition. The four players replace injured Harold Anduvante, scrum-half Michael Wanjala and forwards Eliakim Kichoi and William Reeves.

"Michael Agevi has earned it to return to the squad just like Edmund Anya who has great potential and the right hunger to fit in the team. Herman Humwa and Charles Omondi return to boost our strength in breakdowns having polished our defence and touched on our execution with the team as part of the critical touches going to USA," said Murunga.

The fifth and the sixth round will go down at Las Vegas on March 2-3 and Vancouver on 9-10 where Shujaa will seek redemption from a bad winless run in Sydney to collect eight points in total from Hamilton (seven) and Sydney (one) legs.

Last season Shujaa reached Vancouver sevens cup final thanks to experienced efforts by senior players efforts for results, which Murunga will be looking at replicating to come off the 13th seat on the World standings.

"The fighting spirit is still there, the freshmen are just as hungry as the senior players and the experience bit is the reason the newer players have to work harder, smart and get more exposure. They know what to do and we have faith this unit will post good results," he added.

In Sydney Kenya picked one point, a similar run to Dubai sevens for a 12 points tally after four legs whilst having not featured in the main cup contention.

Seeded in a tough group B of Las Vegas, Kenya will kick off hunt against the hosts USA on March 2 and later determine their first cup quarter finals fate with two fixtures against a familiar France and Argentine outfits.

Among the players retained from the squad that featured in Hamilton, skipper Jacob Ojee will bear the responsibility of leading the pack consisting of live wire Johnstone Olindi, Cyprian Kuto, Daniel Taabu, and Brian Wahinya.



Mwamba centre Michael Agevi in Kenya Cup action tie against Mean Machine at the KCB Sports Club on last weekend. PHOTO: ALEX NJUE

Adak in renewed effort to train sports programmes

■ by Grace Angela
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Anti-Doping Agency Kenya (ADAK) has embarked on its first sensitisation programmes geared at empowering and training students studying sports-related courses.

ADAK CEO, Japhter Rugut said that the first programme commenced in earnest with training their first group of 200 Fourth-year students from various sports course disciplines.

Speaking yesterday during the launch, Rugut announced that this would be the beginning of a long partnership and relationship with Kenyatta University which is arguably Kenya's academic bastion for sports education, heralding a new dawn in the collaborative effort between a National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) and Academia.

"This workshop serves as a milestone for the agency in terms of our collaborative effort in fighting against doping. It is our prayer that this programme will be an annual event with the objective of equipping our future sports professionals with necessary information on the promotion of clean sport," said Rugut.

Rugut made his remarks in the wake of high-doping cases that saw close to 114 Kenyan athletes testing positive to doping and 54 of them being sanctioned.

The CEO requested the management of the university to consider introducing an examinable unit on Anti-Doping for sports related courses citing that this would be a great boost to the fight against doping in sports in Kenya as the knowledge acquired in training will provide a firm base which will ensure athletes will engage in clean sports.



Anti-Doping Agency Kenya (ADAK) CEO Japhter Rugut addresses the workshop at Kenyatta University yesterday. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWIA

Ingwe, K'Ogalo on spot as hooliganism retains permanent feature on big two clubs

■ by Charles Thuku
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AFC Leopards face sanctions from Kenyan Premier League (KPL) over the hooliganism that rocked their match against Ulinzi Stars in Machakos last weekend.

KPL Safety and Security Committee secretary GMT Ottieno said they have perused the reports of the match referee and commissioner which found Leopards fans culpable of attacking match officials.

According to Ottieno, the report by the commissioner John Ngururi correlated with that of the referee with both indicating that the match was halted in the 86th minute after the fans pelted the officials with stones in protest of an off-side ruling against a player from their

team. "The decision did not go down well with the fans who pelted the second assistant referee with stones as the centre referee took cover."

"The match was stopped for six minutes with players seeking refuge at the centre of the pitch," Ottieno said of the reports.

Ottieno was categorical that Leopards will be charged accordingly due to the actions of their fans even as he condemned the rising insecurity in matches involving the team.

"KPL is concerned that Leopards has too many cases emanating from wayward behaviour of their fans. Such despicable acts will not only scare prospective sponsor but will also tarnish the image of KPL," said Ottieno.

He said it is sad that fans are increasingly resorting

to taking the law into their own hands which put their teams at the risk of severe sanctions by the authorities.

"There are proper channels in which to air grievances and I'm surprised that such protocol has been thrown out of the window."

The punitive action that will be meted on Leopards will serve as a deterrent to fans with similar tendencies," he said.

During the match, suspected AFC Leopards yobs went on a stone-throwing orgy over alleged bias, which also left Machakos Officer Commanding Station (OCS) Gelfas Okoth nursing a head injury.

Machakos Police confirmed that at least three trouble-shooters were arrested and will be arraigned in court.



An AFC Leopards fan is whisked by Police after during a Sportspesa Premier League (KPL) match played at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

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3. 22/02/2019	21:00	Chippa Utd vs Golden Arrows	2.87	2.71	2.92
4. 22/02/2019	21:00	Dijon vs St. Etienne	3.23	3.39	2.26
5. 22/02/2019	22:00	Red Star vs Valenciennes	2.63	2.96	3.01
6. 22/02/2019	22:00	VVV Venlo vs Heracles	2.64	3.51	2.59
7. 22/02/2019	22:00	Troyes vs Le Havre	2.57	3.00	3.05
8. 22/02/2019	22:00	AC Ajaccio vs AJ Auxerre	2.48	2.96	3.23
9. 22/02/2019	22:00	Nancy vs Gazelle Ajaccio	2.48	2.96	3.23
10. 22/02/2019	22:30	Korona Kielce vs Pogon Szczecin	2.39	3.18	2.97
11. 22/02/2019	22:45	Cardiff vs Watford	3.08	3.30	2.38
12. 22/02/2019	22:45	Strasbourg vs Lille	2.66	3.09	2.87
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1. 23/02/2019	18:00	Bournemouth vs Wolverhampton	2.80	3.23	2.63
2. 23/02/2019	18:00	Sheffield Wed vs Swansea	2.59	3.24	2.81
3. 23/02/2019	18:00	Millwall vs Preston	2.56	3.26	2.83
4. 23/02/2019	18:00	Bristol Rovers vs Sunderland	2.95	3.27	2.47
5. 23/02/2019	18:00	Portsmouth vs Barnsley	2.47	3.33	2.90
6. 23/02/2019	19:00	Mlada Boleslav vs Baumit Jablonec	2.56	3.25	2.77
7. 23/02/2019	20:00	Lech Poznan vs Legia Warszawa	2.94	3.16	2.42
8. 23/02/2019	20:30	West Bromwich vs Sheffield Utd	2.48	3.29	2.91
9. 23/02/2019	22:00	Guingamp vs Angers	2.50	3.09	3.09
10. 23/02/2019	22:00	Amiens vs Nice	2.66	3.04	2.93
11. 24/02/2019	14:00	Leganes vs Valencia	2.80	3.07	2.74
12. 24/02/2019	16:30	Anderlecht vs Brugge	2.74	3.44	2.53
13. 24/02/2019	17:00	Chievo vs Genoa	3.08	3.13	2.48
14. 24/02/2019	17:05	Manchester Utd vs Liverpool	3.12	3.50	2.26
15. 24/02/2019	19:00	Rennes vs Marseille	2.74	3.39	2.58
16. 24/02/2019	19:00	FC Rostov vs FC Krasnodar	2.73	2.94	2.83
17. 24/02/2019	20:30	Valladolid vs Betis	2.90	3.17	2.58

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South Africa sports minister to back Semenya at hearing

JOBURG: South Africa's Sports Minister Tokozile Xasa said yesterday she will fly to Switzerland to support Caster Semenya at a landmark hearing on proposed rules to restrict female athletes' testosterone levels. The Olympic champion is appearing before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne to challenge rules proposed by track and field's governing body that would force her to lower her testosterone. The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) says it is introducing the rules to create a "level playing field" for other female athletes. Xasa, who leaves on Wednesday evening, will be alongside Semenya to hear deliberations between the IAAF and Athletics South Africa, until the end of the hearings on Friday. "Upon my arrival in Switzerland, my responsibility will be to convey the message of support from President Cyril Ramaphosa and members of cabinet," the minister said in a statement. Xasa will also speak about South Africa's human rights stance on the issue of female classification and reclassification. Many South Africans have thrown their weight behind Semenya in the media and online.



Gor fails to switch off Stima as they share spoils in Kasarani

NAIROBI: Reigning league champions Gor Mahia spurned a chance to go top of the table after being held to one all draw by Western Stima at Kasarani stadium yesterday. The least likeliest of scorers, defensive midfielder Ernest Wendo breached Western Stima with an easy tap in after Samuel Onyango's 24th minute free kick evaded a crowd in the visitors' goal mouth to find the midfield with a gaping goal. He easily swept the ball in the net for his 2nd career top-flight goal. K'Ogalo had been dominant up until then as Stima showed nerves. Skipper of the day then squandered a glorious chance to consolidate Mahia's lead when put through on goal by Jacques Tuyisenge. Olich attempted to chip the bouncing ball over on rushing Stima goalkeeper Samuel Odhiambo but put in too much strength and skied the ball over the bar. Stima gradually grew into the game as half-time approached and tested Gor's defense without success. -AFP



On form Shabana optimistic ahead of Thika Utd tie



KISII: After a torrid spell in the National Super League (NSL), Shabana are showing signs of promise and recovery again lately. Until two weeks ago, the team had slipped to 11th in the standings after going seven matches winless. The situation threatened to tear apart Tore Bobe that seemingly had off-field issues like financial handicap and indiscipline affecting the unit. Indeed even Head Coach Gilbert Selebwa earned a suspension from the Football Kenya Federation for threatening behaviour towards match officials during a league contest against Eldoret Youth in January. However, all that seems to be in the back banner at least for the moment with stand in tactician Rix Kanuli stringing together two consecutive wins plus a draw which has pushed them to seventh on the log with 22 points. Their recent 7-2 demolition of Green Commandoes was by far the biggest scoreline in years in the Championship. -AFP



NOC-K president Paul Tergat (centre)
with acting Secretary General
Francis Mutuku (left) and vice
president Shadrack Maluki yesterday.
PHOTO: PHILLIP KAMAKYA

We are sorry

Remorseful NOC-K says Rio menace affecting goodwill and calls for an end to negative publicity as they allocate 12m to federations

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSports11

Three years on, the National Olympics Committee (NOC-K) cannot extensively divulge into the happening of the bungled Rio Olympics, and as results are resting all their hopes on the wheels of justice to turn albeit slowly for the sake of sports people in the country.

In a collective message of moving forward together, NOC-K president Paul Tergat is ebullient; his team which has been in office for slightly more than a year has picked the lessons and is quickly implementing various formal and informal recommendations on how best to manage future games.

"Allow us to move forward for the sake of the sportsmen and women who are ready and like every other sportsperson focus on the next competition," a conscience stricken Tergat told the press.

"Some of this matters are still pending in court, as a country let's move on because then truth has to be established, we therefore have an obligation to soldier on and start preparations for the next Olympic Games," said Tergat.

On the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan, NOC-K is cognizant of the fact that funds are required to prepare, participate in the qualifiers and mostly importantly continue polishing for Olympics, acting Secretary

general Francis Mutuku has revealed that the body will give each participating federation Sh500,000 for the preps.

"It is common knowledge that we (NOC-K) are currently strained as we try to clear previously accumulated debts, the important this is that we have set aside Sh 12 million the federations to help them with the qualifiers," Mutuku, while referring to the 23 affiliated federations disclosed.

Riding on the wave that no federation is fringe, the NOC-K executive team is contented that Kenya should stop burdening Athletics Kenya (AK) for medals at major events and therefore urged all federations to up their game during the qualifiers and send strong teams that would make the country proud.

"We have local, continental and even global qualifiers, for

the so called smaller federations, with little or no stats to be used in selecting athletes, 2019 should be used as a s abase year. We must strive to make good use of the 18 months we have," Mutuku revealed.

In the short time the Tergated team has been at the helm, the body is self-praising for successfully entering three major Games.

The Commonwealth Games, African Youth Games and Youth Olympics have all been successful. But most importantly, we have learnt that very many Federations struggle with qualifications to the major Games.

Whereas the government comes in to support in some instances travel to these Games, this support comes when most of our Federations have lost the only opportunities available for qualification.

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Ghosts of '81 defeat haunt Bayern boss after Anfield draw

Berlin, Wednesday
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Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has warned Bayern Munich not to let history repeat itself against Liverpool in their home Champions League last 16, second leg after a goalless draw at Anfield.

Bayern earned the draw in a nervy first leg on Merseyside to put the German giants in a good position for the return at their Allianz Arena on March 13.

"We have opened the door for the second leg a bit, but I warn against going into the return leg with too much euphoria - it's not a result that is safe," Rummenigge, Bayern's chairman, warned.

The 63-year-old speaks from experience having been in an identical situation before. He was part of the same Munich team as current presi-

dent Uli Hoeneß that lost the semi-final of the 1981 European Cup to Liverpool.

In 1981, Bayern also earned a goalless draw at Anfield and Rummenigge scored in a 1-1 draw in the return leg, but an away goal by Ray Kennedy at Munich's Olympic Stadium put Liverpool pool.

"We were eliminated after a 1-1 draw in Munich, so we must not make the same mistake my team made. We have to play very well in the second game," said Rummenigge.

Bayern put in a solid defensive display on Merseyside on Tuesday to frustrate a Liverpool side fresh after a 10-day break, but head coach Niko Kovac also warned they must finish the job in Munich.

"Everyone was there for the other and you can see that if we have a structure in our game, it's hard to score against us," said Kovac. -AFP



Bayern Munich's German defender Niklas Suelo (left) helps Liverpool's Senegalese striker Sadio Mane to his feet during their UEFA Champions League round of 16, first leg match at Anfield stadium, on Tuesday.

PHOTO: AFP

Rambo's back

Arsenal handed huge boost ahead of Europa League clash with BATE Borisov

London, Wednesday
@PeopleSports11

Aaron Ramsey (pictured) is set to return to the Arsenal squad for their Europa League clash with BATE Borisov.

Ramsey sat out last week's defeat in Belarus with a knee problem but has returned to full training.

The Welshman, who will join Juventus on a free transfer this summer, could be brought into the starting line-up after the disappointing performance in the first leg.

Mesut Özil was also missing from that one despite returning to training and it remains to be seen if he is involved at the Emirates on Thursday night.

Unai Emery will be forced into a reshuffle with striker Alexandre Lacazette suspended after he was sent off for an elbow.

Sokratis could also return to an Arsenal defence that has appeared leaky in his absence.

The defender picked up an ankle injury in the FA Cup defeat to Manchester United but

is hopeful of making a return. Emery must decide whether to risk the Greek or rest him ahead of the weekend clash with Southampton.

Arsenal still have a number of long-term injury concerns though with Hector Bellerin, Rob Holding and Danny Welbeck remaining sidelined.

The Gunners trail 1-0 from a disappointing first leg in Belarus but will be hopeful of overturning the deficit.

Meanwhile, Maurizio Sarri has reported three of our players are doubts for tomorrow's match against Malmö.

Sarri reported Kepa Arrizabalaga has a hamstring problem and is very unlikely to play tomorrow night. He hopes to have the goalkeeper available for the Carabao Cup final on Sunday.

Also struggling are Pedro, who has a 'very strong' stomach ache, and Davide Zappacosta, who is suffering from a fever.

'We have some problems at the moment,' Sarri said.

'We have Zappacosta with fever, we have Pedro with a very



strong stomach ache, and then we have a problem with Kepa, with his hamstring.'

Asked if he thought the Spanish goalkeeper would be fit for Sunday's showpiece at Wembley, the boss responded:

'Hope so. I am not sure at the moment, but I hope so.'

On tomorrow night's match against Malmö, Sarri warned against complacency. We go into the second leg at Stamford Bridge with a 2-1 lead having emerged victorious in Sweden last week, but Sarri insisted we must take nothing for granted

and highlighted Malmö's last European away result which secured their place in the knockout stages of this competition.

'Tomorrow is a chance to qualify and we have to only think about this at the moment.'

'We need to be focused on this match because it's not easy. They are a physical team, very dangerous in the opposition box and from set-pieces, and they are very dangerous away.'

They qualified away, in Istanbul, against a very good team, Besiktas. We need to be careful.'

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18:30	4957	Beroe vs Etar	1.74	3.65	4.49
20:55	1479	Napoli vs FC Zurich	1.26	5.96	11.92
20:55	1731	Arsenal vs BATE Borisov	1.19	7.01	16.18
20:55	1844	Zenit St Petersburg vs Fenerbahce	2.00	3.34	4.04
20:55	3193	RB Salzburg vs Brugge	1.58	4.19	5.71
20:55	3852	Dinamo Zagreb vs Viktoria Plzen	1.68	3.74	5.42
20:55	5120	Valencia vs Celtic	1.66	3.86	5.36
20:55	5250	Villarreal vs Sporting Lisbon	1.90	3.52	4.23
20:55	5377	Eintracht Frankfurt vs Shakhtar Donetsk	2.00	3.68	3.62
23:00	1835	Dynamo Kiev vs Olympiakos	2.15	3.33	3.55
23:00	2395	Inter vs Rapid Vienna	1.39	4.87	8.04
23:00	2874	Bayer Leverkusen vs FC Krasnodar	1.51	4.52	6.18
23:00	3292	Betis vs Rennes	1.68	3.85	5.16
23:00	3303	SL Benfica vs Galatasaray	1.72	3.93	4.69
23:00	4309	Racing Genk vs Slavia Prague	2.05	3.30	3.89
23:00	4891	Chelsea vs Malmo	1.30	5.41	10.82

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3:30	4391	Liberd Aduncion vs Atletico Nacional	2.40	2.98	3.25
11:50	2703	CC Mariners vs Brisbane Roar	2.46	3.63	2.72
20:00	2994	Rudes Zagreb vs HNK Rijeka	11.36	5.55	1.25
20:00	4376	Slovan Liberec vs Dukla Prague	1.55	3.85	6.42
20:30	4310	Goezetepe vs Trabzonspor	2.43	3.46	2.86
20:30	5836	Union Berlin vs Arminia Bielefeld	1.76	3.63	4.81
21:00	2500	Dijon vs St. Etienne	3.23	3.39	2.26
21:00	4904	Chippa Utd vs Golden Arrows	2.80	2.80	2.90
21:30	1954	LASK Linz vs Austria Vienna	1.73	3.78	4.81
22:00	1992	Waalwick vs FC Volendam	2.13	3.73	3.09
22:00	2262	Telstar vs Jong Ajax	4.27	4.16	1.71
22:00	2497	Sporting Braga vs Belenenses	1.41	4.61	8.13
22:00	2640	Red Star vs Valenciennes	2.60	3.03	2.98
22:00	3528	Metz vs Paris FC	1.83	3.18	5.28
22:00	3825	Nancy vs Gazelec Ajaccio	2.48	2.96	3.23
22:00	5102	AC Ajaccio vs AJ Auxerre	2.86	2.91	2.80
22:00	5207	Twente vs FC Eindhoven	1.60	4.15	5.17
22:00	5569	Jong PSV vs Roda Kerkrade	2.23	3.72	2.92
22:00	5705	Orleans vs Sochaux	2.26	3.02	3.61
22:30	2479	KAA Gent vs Standard Liege	2.11	3.52	3.41
22:30	3668	Werder Bremen vs Stuttgart	1.61	4.25	5.21
22:30	4739	AC Milan vs Empoli	1.40	4.79	8.07
22:45	1630	Cork City vs Waterford Utd	1.66	3.70	5.63
22:45	1933	Strasbourg vs Lille	2.76	3.09	2.76
22:45	3185	Dundee FC vs Hibernian	4.14	3.60	1.88
22:45	3351	West Ham vs Fulham	1.88	3.72	4.04
22:45	3419	Cardiff vs Watford	3.08	3.30	2.38
22:45	4492	UCD Dublin vs Bohemians FC	4.41	3.61	1.83
23:00	1706	Finn Harps vs Dundalk FC	9.06	4.58	1.39
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**Khedira out
for a month
following
heart surgery
- Juventus**



FOOTBALL: Juventus midfielder Sami Khedira has undergone successful treatment for a heart problem and will be out of action for a month, the Italian champions confirmed yesterday. The Germany World Cup winner had already been ruled out of the midweek Champions League tie at Atletico Madrid because of atrial arrhythmia - an irregular heartbeat. Juventus said in a statement that the 31-year-old had undergone surgery on Wednesday morning in Turin by the club's cardiologist Fiorenzo Gaita. "After a short period of convalescence (Khedira) will be able to resume his activity approximately within one month," it added. Khedira went for treatment after feeling his heart rate suddenly speed up in training on Tuesday. The condition causes an irregular and fast heart rate and can result in dizziness, shortness of breath and tiredness. The German will miss Juventus's top-of-the-table clash at Serie A rivals Napoli on March 3 and their Champions League second leg clash against Atletico on March 12. "He's an important player for us with good international experience," said coach Massimiliano Allegri.

-AFP

**India faces sanctions after
Pakistanis fail to get W. Cup visas**



CRICKET: India could face sanctions after two Pakistani shooters failed to get visas to attend a World Cup event in New Delhi, the sport's world body said Wednesday, amid tensions over a deadly suicide bomb attack in Indian Kashmir. New Delhi has accused Islamabad of supporting the perpetrators of last week's attack that left at least 40 paramilitaries dead. Pakistan has denied any involvement. Two Pakistani shooters, G.M. Bashir and Khalid Ahmed, and their manager were to take part in the event but had not arrived for Wednesday's eve-of-contest formalities. The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) warned India of consequences. "The ISSF World Cup in New Delhi faces an urgent situation as Pakistani athletes cannot get entry visas to participate in the competition," it said in a statement. The federation and the Indian organising committee are making "all efforts to solve the situation to avoid the discrimination of the Pakistani team."

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SALA TRAGEDY SPARKS UNSAVOURY LEGAL WRANGLE

The tragedy of the plane crash that killed Argentine footballer Emiliano Sala has now entered an ugly aftermath as Premier League club Cardiff City and French side Nantes threaten to go to court over his £15 million (\$19 million) transfer fee. Sala, who was buried at the age of 28 in the Argentine village of Progreso on Saturday, never played a game for Cardiff. The plane carrying the striker and pilot David Ibbotson came down in the English Channel en route to the Welsh capital on January 21, two days after he completed his transfer from Nantes. Cardiff have so far refused to pay the first instalment of the club record fee, believed to be £5 million, as they await the results of an Air Accidents Investigations Bureau (AAIB) investigation into the causes of the crash. The Telegraph reported on Sunday that Cardiff believe that if the AAIB find Ibbotson did not hold the necessary licence to carry passengers on a commercial basis, then a negligence claim could be launched against whoever arranged the flight.

-AFP



RIZ CHARANIA CONQUERS SAFARI TOUR AT WINDSOR

Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club's Rizwan Charania returned a 1-under par 71 score on the final round of the Windsor Golf Hotel and Country Club leg of the Safari Tour Golf series to win the tournament with a total score of 3-under par 218. On the first nine, he dropped shots on the par-3, fourth before quickly following it up with a birdie on the par-5, fifth. He then dropped a shot on the par-4, seventh to take his total for the first nine to 37; having held par on the rest of the holes. On the back nine, he started off with a birdie on the par-4, 10th before holing a bogey on the par-5, 12th. He quickly remedied the situation with consecutive birdies on the par-3 13th and the par-4, 14th to finish the back nine with a total of 34; having held par on the rest of the holes.

-BARRY SILAH

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Deputy
President
William
Ruto greets
Harambee Stars'
and Tottenham
Hotspur's
midfielder
Victor Wanyama
in October.
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Has Stars been short changed?

**Sports PS now says Sh50m
promised by DP Ruto for
team's qualification will
be channeled to different
course**

by James Magayi
@PeopleSports11

Harambee Stars players will not get the Sh50 million pledged to them by Deputy President William Ruto for qualifying for 2019 Africa Cup of Nations.

The money, according to Sports Principal Secretary Peter Kaberia, will instead be used to facilitate their preparation and participation in the tournament slated to kick-off in Egypt from June this year.

Details of the decision to deny the players' the money, that many team members have thought would be a gift

for qualifying for the continental event for the first time in 14 years, emerged as the State Department for Sports presented their budget to National Assembly Departmental Committee on Sports and Tourism for scrutiny and onward presentation to the Budget Committee on Tuesday.

Committee chairman Victor Munyaka raised the matter as a follow-up having been present when Ruto visited Harambee Stars camp in Kasarani and made the pledge.

"Has the national team been given Sh50 million promised to them by the Deputy President?" questioned Munyaka and Kaberia replied that the money had been included in the proposed Sh244 million facilitation requested by Football Kenya Federation (FKF)

to prepare the senior national team for the continental show piece and the Emerging Stars for 2020 Olympic qualification.

Munyaka contested Kaberia's explanation and insisted

on the players and technical bench getting the promised reward separately.

"I was present when the pledge was made and it was more like a political pledge to the team based on performance. It should be different from official facilitation. Can you separate it and give it to players as a reward? I can tell you it was a performance based reward for beating Ethiopia and guaranteeing their qualification for Afcon," the Machakos Town Member of Parliament said.

Ruto pledged the money together with an official team bus for Harambee Stars if the team trounced Ethiopia and qualify.

"We had some delays with the allowances but it has been resolved. We released Sh25 million yesterday for the preparation of this match. You will get your bus next month and if you win on Sunday, the government will give Sh50 million," the Deputy President said on October 11th 2018

HARAMBEE STARS IN NUMBERS:

Sh 244m: Budget for Afcon and Olympics preparation.

Sh 50m: Pledge by DP Ruto for team's qualification for Afcon.

after visiting Harambee Stars camp.

The players responded to the challenge and thumped Ethiopia 3-0 at Kasarani to book a place among elite African nations. Goals by Michael Olunga, Eric Johanna and captain Victor Wanyama carried the team to the group pinnacles as Confederation of African Football's sanction on Sierra Leone effectively ensured Kenya's place in Egypt.

However, neither the bus nor the money has been delivered to the team as promised and now only the National Assembly Departmental Committee on Sports and Tourism is pushing for the executive wing of government to honour their pledge to players.

The team is scheduled to camp in France from May but the government it could be a pipe dream if the funds are not availed.



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