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## Fearing nomination shambles, aspirants are trooping to smaller parties for tickets



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I urge that as we engage in fresh negotiations, this document (the 2017 deal) forms the basis of such negotiations. In both cases, he remains a brother with whom I have laboured in absolute good faith, to bring true democratic change to our county



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# Nominations scare pushing aspirants to smaller parties

Those hoping to run for elective positions troop to smaller parties that offer direct tickets and easier nomination route

■ by Jeremiah Kiplang'at and Reuben Mwambingu  
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Thousands of aspirants are scrambling for tickets from little-known parties in a bid to boost their chances of nomination with less than a month before the window for joining political outfits closes.

According to the law, anyone seeking an elective seat in the coming elections on a party ticket must ensure they are members of that party by March 26.

The recently passed Political Parties Act requires all outfits to submit their membership register by this date for perusal before the primaries slated for mid next month.

"A political party shall, at least ninety days before a general election, submit to the Registrar a register of its members and a statement of its assets and liabilities in the prescribed form," the Act says.

Before the law was amended, the period for being a member of a party was 60 days to the General Election but that period was shortened by the enactment of the amendments last month.

A good number of less-known parties are reporting heightened activities in their offices as the deadline approaches, with aspirants not willing to be subjected to nominations conducted by bigger outfits that are often not transparent.

Parties such as Chama Cha Mashinani (CCM), Democratic Action Party of Kenya, Farmers Party, United Progressive Alliance (UPA), Pamoja African Alliance (PAA), Kenya Social Congress and Kenya National Congress are reaping big as some of the political bigwigs seek their tickets.

For instance, Nyamira Governor Amos Nyaribo has opted to defend his seat in the newly-formed UPA at the expense of bigger outfits such as ODM and UDA. UPA is associated with Gusii professionals coalescing around Interior Cabinet Secre-

tary Fred Matiang'i.

The governor, who took over the county following the death of John Nyagarama in 2020, is said to have bagged a direct ticket and will not have to worry about nominations next month.

Chama Cha Mashinani led by former Bomet Governor Isaac Ruto has also started reaping from growing dissatisfaction within dominant parties in the Rift Valley with scores of aspirants trooping to the outfit following fears they might not get a fair chance to be elected during the primaries.

## Huge interest

The party's Secretary General Albert Kochei told *People Daily* yesterday they were attracting huge interest across the country because of efforts they had put in to promote it nationally.

"We are attracting a lot of attention because of the efforts we have put in promoting our party. These are fruits of hard work," he said. He added they managed only two MPs and a handful of MCAs in the 2017 elections but are hoping to clinch more seats this year.

"Our strong ideology on devolution is also resonating well with most of the aspirants. We are the only party that has come out strongly in defence of and strengthening devolution," added Kochei, who said they will offer their members an "excellent opportunity" to be elected in August.

The alignment with UDA, which is expected to be the dominant party in the Rift Valley, seems to have raised CCM's profile although Kochei said the hustler mashinani tag was relatable with many of those willing to join them.

The party has been receiving



defectors from UDA the last one week the latest being Richard Koech who is vying for the Baringo governor's seat. He is a former county assembly clerk. Others who joined the outfit, are Emily Korir who is vying for Narok Woman Representative seat and Weldon Mutai, who is running for Emurua Dikirri MP seat.

The Farmers Party, previously associated with former civil servant David Kigochi, also said it was attracting high-profile aspirants ready to fly the party's flag in the coming elections.

Already, it has bagged former Infrastructure Principal Secretary Irungu Nyakera, who is seeking to become Murang'a a governor, and has already been picked as the party's chairman.

"Farmers Party is offering a first-come-first-served basis for aspirants where the aspirants register and every week the election board goes through the applications and approves them and they go ahead and pay for the nominations. We will not have any nominations exercise and that is provided for in our constitution. We are offering an equal chance for everyone who aligns with the focus of the Farmers Party," Nyakera told *People Daily* yesterday. He said they already have eight governor

aspirants, 11 senatorial aspirants, 15 aspirants for woman representative, 24 for MP and 89 going for MCA.

"We expect the numbers to triple in March 2022," he added.

Yesterday, Kilifi Governor Amason Kingi, who is PAA party leader, justified the formation of the smaller outfits observing that in the contemporary political arena, every region was strategising on how best to negotiate for power in the next government and that he was not going to let Kilifi to be left behind.

"As you are all aware the rest of the country is strategising. Western, Eastern, North Eastern and Rift Valley are all strategising. This is why we are mootting our own plans to avoid the past mistakes where people from other regions come and plan for us," Kingi said while addressing residents in Rabai Kisuritini, Kilifi County. He told the residents that they have an opportunity to shape and decide their own destiny.

"We are all Kenyans but if you are keen enough you will realise that everyone is pulling in their own direction. The truth is we have national political parties but they have specific agenda for particular regions. This is the truth. When the parties come here we all believe that we are united but inside there you realise the parties are fighting for their regions. This time round we must look for a national party that resonates with our issues. Of all the national parties, you can only find solace in PAA," he said.

**Former Embu Senator Lenny Kivuti registers as a member of Kiraitu Murungi Bus Party in readiness for the nominations to be conducted across the country next month. COURTESY**

ALBERT KOCHEI

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## Ombudsman to vet those with integrity issues

■ by David Macharia  
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The Commission on Administrative Justice (CAJ) will vet aspirants seeking political seats to ensure only people of integrity vie, the Commission's chair, Florence Kajuju said yesterday.

She said the Commission that is popularly known as Ombudsman has teamed up with the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to ensure only clean people vie for political seats in the country.

"We have the capacity and legal mandate to vet the candidates."

"Anybody (aspirant) with a case reported to the CAJ will not get clearance," she said in Nyahururu during the official opening of the Commission's fifth branch in the country.

Other offices are in Kisumu, Mombasa, Eldoret and Isiolo. Kajuju said plans are underway to open a branch in Garissa.

Nyahururu Presiding judge, Justice Charles Kariuki hailed the opening of the CAJ office in Nyahururu saying it is going to offload the courts some of the issues that can be addressed through the alternative legal system like the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

"People in this region (Laikipia, and parts of Nyandarua and Nakuru counties) have been taking all matters to court."

The Judge advised people to be making use of the CAJ services saying courts are expensive and technical.

Kariuki said court in Nyahururu are already overburdened by defilement, succession and murder cases and filing in court of simple matters that can be solved alternatively only increases the load.

## BRIEFLY

### Sudi skips court date after Covid infection

Kaseret MP Oscar Sudi yesterday failed to appear for the hearing of his forgery case because he had tested positive for Covid-19 and is in quarantine. His lawyers led by Thomas Ruto told trial magistrate Felix Kombo the MP has been advised by medics to remain segregated to recuperate. Ruto argued for the court to adjourn the matter for 30 days to allow his client to recover. Prosecuting counsel Joseph Riungu confirmed defence lawyers called him on Monday to convey the same information Sudi is unwell. The prosecution said they were ready to proceed and had lined up two witnesses. Riungu did not oppose the request by the MP's lawyers to have the case taken out for a month.

- Nancy Gitonga

## NOMINATION SCRAMBLE

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# Fourth witness loses his cool after he's accused of lying

During cross-examination, Gicheru's lawyer yesterday presented to the witness a statement contradicting his testimony

by Bernice Mbugua  
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The fourth witness in the trial of lawyer Paul Gicheru at the International Criminal Court in Hague was yesterday taken to task over his alleged meeting with the latter.

Witness P-0274, had claimed during his evidence that he was introduced to Gicheru by a close friend identified as Person 14, who was also an ICC witness in the trial of Deputy President William Ruto.

But during yesterday's cross-examination, Gicheru's lawyer Michael Karnavas, read parts of Person 14's statement in which he denied taking the said witness to meet Gicheru.

Person 14, in his statement, accused the witness of lying so that he could testify before the Deputy President and secure asylum abroad.

Court heard that Person 14 stated; "He would like to be a witness so that he could leave Kenya. This is unfortunately the things that the young men... the youth of Kenya make to get further in life.... But I have to be truthful and say that indeed he was my friend and we met a lot of times and he even came to my house. Do you see that?"

Witness, however, stood his ground, insisting that Person 14 took him to see Gicheru. He also denied ever visiting Person 14's house.

"I have never been to his house ...he made it up, I never wanted to be a witness all along and I have never asked that I become a witness," he replied.

The defense further grilled the witness on whether the two ever sat down to plot



A court officer reads charges to lawyer Paul Gicheru during his on going case at the ICC, yesterday. COURTESY

how to secure asylum abroad.

"We have never talked with this particular person about how to leave Kenya. The only thing we talked about was how to be in a safe place. He is lying your honour and if I may, if you want to get out of the country you have to apply for a visa to the country you want to go, you cannot just fly," replied the witness.

#### Technical knowledge

"Well, you are probably right. He does not know all the technicalities, but what we do know is that he asked the Office of The Prosecution (OTP) investigators if they could relocate him and 25 of his relatives to Canada. So maybe he does not have the technical knowledge of what is required to get out of the country and move to another place but he certainly had a plan," stated Karnavas.

Witness at this point lost his cool, protesting that he was not given a chance to go through Person 14's statement yet the said person was given a chance to go through his statement. Judge had to calm him down and insist that he responds to the questions being asked.

"Mr Witness calm down and let us just

go through this process... try to answer the questions that counsel puts to you. If you have any concerns, when you are finished testifying for this court you may want to talk to OTP...If you do not calm down, you are not going to get through the process," said judge Miatta Maria Samba.

The defense further claimed that Person 14 had stated that they plotted with the witness to fix Gicheru.

"Your honour I am surprised. He is saying that we never talked about that, we talked about meeting Gicheru so that I could receive the money he had promised," replied the witness.

Defense further tabled in court an email the witness had written to OTP on April 9, 2015 where he claimed he gave his testimony for purposes of protection and not to give to the defense.

In the email, he claimed; "It is malicious and unprofessional. It is only aimed at informing the defense that I gave evidence to the prosecution against William Ruto, which is not true because I never wrote any statement with the prosecution."

Case continues tomorrow with new witnesses expected to testify.

## Wetang'ula downplays Kenya Kwanza running mate debate

by Clement Kamau  
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Ford Kenya leader Moses Wetang'ula yesterday appeared to downplay the emerging controversy within Kenya Kwanza Alliance over the running mate's position, saying sharing of power is not a priority of the discussions within the political ensemble.

Wetang'ula said Kenya Kwanza was more focused on revival and growth of the economy, reduction of national debt and restoration of dignity to farmers.

The Bungoma Senator said the creation of an equitable society and other pro-people programmes will also be their main agenda if they form the next government. "I am advising junior politicians to realise that Kenya Kwanza is not bothered about who will be what but is all about delivering services to Kenyans. What matters is that those that I represent will benefit from the government and not the position I will get," he said while



Former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu chats with Bungoma Senator Moses Wetang'ula, yesterday. PD/CLEMENT KAMAU

addressing mourners during the funeral service of the mother of former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu in Limuru yesterday.

His remarks appeared aimed at Mathira MP Rigathi Gachagua, who caused a storm in the alliance when he told an FM station on Monday that the running mate position is reserved for an individual from the Mt Kenya region.

## Narc-Kenya seeks one week to sign OKA coalition pact

by Kirera Mwiti  
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Narc-Kenya is now seeking seven days to go through the One Kenya Alliance draft coalition agreement before appending its signature.

Party top organ called for more time to go through the draft and identify grey areas before making its final decision.

Move throws into disarray the planned signing of the document by the principals; Kalonzo Musyoka (Wiper), Gideon Moi (Kanu), Martha Karua (Narc-Kenya) and Cyrus Jirongo (UDP) yesterday.

The decision to postpone the signing of the coalition agreement was arrived at by the party National Executive Council after a two-day meeting in Naivasha.



Narc-Kenya Secretary General Michael Orwa.  
PD/KIRERA MWITI

Addressing the press, Narc-Kenya Secretary General Michael Orwa said they needed more time to go through the coalition draft.

He said that they received the draft 36 hours ago, adding that their legal team was going through it before making the next step.



**Gethi jailed for five years if he cannot pay Sh4m**

by Nancy Gitonga  
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Businessman Benson Gethi was yesterday sentenced to five years in prison or he pays a fine of Sh4 million to be released.

Gethi (pictured) was convicted on Monday for forging tender documents for the supply of elections material in 2013.

He was convicted by Milimani Anti-Corruption Court Magistrate Lawrence Mugambi, who jailed him alongside his co-director Joyce Makenna for forging documents they used in the tendering process for supply of solar lanterns.

Gethi and Makenna were directors of Solarmak Limited that had won a tender to supply the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission solar lanterns worth Sh105 million to be used in the 2013 General Election. Makenna will also serve the same sentence as Gethi.

#### IEBC officials

The court also separately sentenced three IEBC officials namely Gabriel Mutunga, Kennedy Ochae and Willie Kamanga found guilty of two charges of colluding to change tender documents in the tendering process of the electoral material.

Former IEBC Procurement manager, Mutunga, who the court singled out as the mastermind of the whole thing was sentenced to three years imprisonment or pay a Sh2.8 million fine. Ochae was given a lenient sentence after the court noted that he was only used by Mutunga as an accomplice, he was, therefore ordered to pay a Sh200,000 fine or serve one year in jail. Kamanga, 70, was ordered to pay a Sh800,000 fine or serve one year in jail.

While handing down the sentences, Mugambi said the accused were first offenders and were stopped on their tracks of attempting to defraud the electoral body over Sh105 million.

Mugambi also declined the accused persons' request to be granted a non-custodial sentence, saying they faced serious offences.

"I note that the offence is serious that does not require the court to grant a non-custodial sentence even though no money was lost from the forgery because their scheme was stopped in their tracks before any money was paid to them," Mugambi ruled.

He added that Gethi and Makenna will bear the greater burden because they were the ones who were supposed to directly benefit from forging the tender documents in the supply of the multi-million solar lanterns.

# Let pupils rest, parents urged as schools close

For the seven weeks they will be at home, family and guardians should not overload them with too much tuition, experts say

■ by Irene Githinji  
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Parents were yesterday urged to keep a close eye on their children as schools across the country close for the long holidays.

Majority of schools closed for the third term break between Monday and yesterday, leaving only Standard 8 and Form Four candidates who are preparing to sit their national examinations from next week.

Schools are not expected to reopen until April 25, leaving parents with the responsibility of keeping their children meaningfully engaged for the seven weeks they will be out of school. The National Parents Association (NPA) yesterday urged parents and guardians not to overload their children with too much tuition, saying it is time for them to rest before they can resume yet another constrained schedule.

NPA chairman Nicholas Maiyo advised parents to take keen interest in what their children are doing more than ever before, and engage them with house chores.

"Parents should not push their children to paid tuition, let them rest and instead create time for them to read voluntarily. They should develop a control programme for their children. We need all our children back to school; parents should always be on the lookout for their children to avoid cases of teenage pregnancies," said Maiyo.

The parents association boss spoke against the backdrop of a tough education calendar year which saw hundreds of schools across the country shut over unrest. Dozens of schools went up in flames and hundreds of learners were arrested and prosecuted over arson attacks.

Yesterday, Maiyo advised parents to adopt ways of imparting life skills and community-based learning, depending on the environment they live in. "We need to know the whereabouts of our children at

all times; you know they can be cunning at times, especially those in secondary school who are always anxious to attend parties and other social activities," he added.

Some of the beneficial activities he proposed include sporting events for both girls and boys, saying this should be allowed once in a while since Covid-19 levels have dropped significantly.

Separately, Education Chief Administrative Secretary (CAS), Dr Sara Ruto, called on parents to engage teachers on their children's progress during the long holidays, besides following up on what they are learning and encourage them to ask questions pertaining to their studies.

"Parents are tasked with the role of providing a safe and healthy environment to enhance learning as it determines the learners' future by equipping them with skills for work and for life," said Ruto.

She said that the Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), for instance, offers children a chance to explore their various passions and is a life-skill learning that would address contemporary challenges.

"In CBC, parents are tasked with the role of providing a safe and healthy environment to enhance learning as it determines the learner's future by equipping them with skills for work and for life," she said.

Some parents interviewed said they are still deciding on what activities to engage their children in during the long closure.

Author Lesalon Kasaine says this is an appropriate time for children to find their hobbies, with the assistance of parents.

"As we grow up, we realise that there is more to education; there are other life skills not taught in schools that can be developed, maybe like writing, cycling, cooking, among other activities. Parents should support this and try to balance between education and developing a hobby," Kasaine told 'People Daily'.

He also said it is time for families to catch up with each other, given that most time is spent chasing education and people tend to forget about spending time with family. Another key aspect, he said, is parents checking the company their children keep.

"This is important to avoid wrong company and avoid children messing up. Being around some company could be fun, but you realise later that it has affected them.



## THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Engage children with house chores and don't push them to paid tuition; instead create time for them to read voluntarily.

- Consider sporting events once in a while since Covid-19 levels have dropped significantly.

- Check whether the company they have is building or chipping away what has already been gained.

- Online seminars could come in handy, for instance career and life skills talks.

**Children all set for holidays: The skills not taught in schools should be developed during this time, maybe writing, cycling, cooking.** PD/PHOTO

Check whether the company they have is building or chipping away what has already been gained," he advised parents.

He said that online seminars can come in handy, for instance career and life skills talks, which encourage them to think about their future. He also urged parents not to force children to tuition all day long, saying it is their time to rest. "If they are reading, it should be minimal, say like two or so hours a day. This is a good time to read non-education books such as novels and story books since they help them stretch their imagination. Do not copy-paste the school environment," he said.

Rehearsals for the 2021 KCPE examinations will take place this Friday in readiness for the main papers next week. On Monday, KCPE candidates will sit their Mathematics, English Language and Composition papers, followed by Science, Kiswahili Lughu and Insha on Tuesday. The final paper, Social Studies and Religious Education, will be taken on Wednesday.

Secondary school students will start writing their KCSE exams on March 14 until April 1.

## You're not PNU leader, officials tell CS Munya

■ by Irene Githinji  
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A section of Party of National Unity (PNU) members yesterday accused Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya of "masquerading" as its leader.

The officials, led by Deputy Organising Secretary Thomas Kariuki, said Munya was hijacking the party although he is not even an official. They said the closest PNU has to a party leader is retired President Mwai Kibaki, a position that has never been filled.

"The party's objectives can be frustrated unless certain things are resolved. A Cabinet Secretary has no role in running a party and it is wrong for such to carry out party functions," said Kariuki, flanked by other officials. This was on the sidelines of a National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting at the party's headquarters.

He said many aspirants have been confused by what has recently been happening in the party.

The officials said there has been external interference with party affairs, including new nomination rules that can be used against some aspirants.

"We just want to come out candidly and say that we do not have a party leader. If you go to the Registrar of Political Parties, you will see that the highest office held in this party is that of the Chairman," he explained.

According to the officials, the party is yet to have a National Delegates Conference (NDC), adding that the matter is in court and a ruling could be made by the end of the week.

Owing to party differences, a National Executive Committee was called yesterday to iron out various issues. It was a follow up to the purported NDC meeting of February 24.

In a statement read by Deputy Secretary General Kevin Kariuki, Munya allegedly hijacked a special delegates conference whose only agenda was to ratify PNU's entry into Azimio coalition. They accused Munya of locking out delegates from Laikipia, Murang'a, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Nakuru, Machakos, Nairobi, Nyamira, Bomet and other regions.

## Clerics divided over Uhuru 'dirty cash' donations claim

■ by OLIVER MUSEMBI

A section of clergymen have differed over whether to accept President Uhuru Kenyatta's criticism of their colleagues who allegedly receive 'dirty money' from politicians.

But the press briefing convened

by clerics calling themselves 'Sagana 3 Clergymen Movement' in Kiambu town ended abruptly after they failed to agree on the agenda.

While some preachers said they sup-

port the President on his stand against accepting funds from questionable sources, others insisted they had not reached a consensus on the matter.

"We cannot stand here and claim to know who has clean money or not. That is the work of relevant government agencies," said Archbishop Peter Macharia, one of the attendants.

Earlier, Bishop Joseph Wambugu of Mentor Church Growth Ordinations said clerics were behind the President and wanted to clear the air regarding his statement in Sagana when he met Central Kenya leaders recently.

Some participants at the media briefing — it turned out, — were aligned to Raila Odinga's Azimio coalition while others to William Ruto's Kenya Kwanza group.

## I'm firmly in Kisii top race, affirms Ongeri

■ by EVANS NYAKUNDI

Senator Sam Ongeri yesterday refuted speculation that he had quit the fight for the Kisii county governorship, saying he is firmly in the race. He termed those spreading falsehoods about his candidature as prophets of doom and day dreamers.

"I was shocked to read in the newspapers that I am planning to quit the governorship race," Ongeri told 'People Daily'.

"Those dreaming and imagining that I will quit the race could be in for a rude shock when I carry the day as the next Kisii



governor," he said.

Ongeri asked his competitors to engage in mature politics and to stop spreading falsehoods.

He said he was best suited for the seat compared with his rivals, and pleaded with the electorate to support him for rapid development and equitable sharing of county resources.

"I have rich political experi-

ence as a Member of Parliament, long-time minister and now as a senator," said Ongeri.

Senator Ongeri, 84, is the country's oldest lawmaker.

He disputed claims that he was too old to vie, saying leadership is about experience and not age. "Every Kenyan has a right to contest for any elective seat irrespective of age," Ongeri said.

He added that major democracies like America, Israel and Malaysia have been led well by aged leaders. He will battle for the ODM ticket with Dagoretti North MP Simba Arati and Deputy Governor Joash Maangi.

# The return of Davis Chirchir

Appointment as Chief of Staff at Deputy President's office thrusts him yet again into a charged political environment

by Jeremiah Kiplang'at

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Former Energy Cabinet Secretary Davis Chirchir yesterday took over as the new Chief of Staff at Deputy President (DP) William Ruto's office.

He replaces the late Ken Osinde, a long-serving occupant of the post, who died while undergoing treatment at Nairobi hospital in December.

Chirchir's appointment was made by the Public Service Commission, People Daily learnt. Ruto spokesman Emmanuel Tallam confirmed Chirchir had taken over.

"Yes, he is the new Chief of Staff at the Office of the DP, he has been appointed by the Public Service Commission and the appointment takes effect starting March 1," he told People Daily.

His appointment thrusts him yet again into a charged political scene as the DP is deeply involved in a succession battle to replace President Uhuru Kenyatta; whose term ends after the August elections.

The President has fallen out with his deputy and the two are major actors in rival camps; with the former supporting erstwhile competitor ODM leader Raila Odinga to succeed him. Ruto is already campaigning to replace his boss.

Chirchir, a close ally of the DP, has been without formal employment since he left

the Ministry disgracefully in March 2015, after he was implicated in a scandal that involved questionable acquisition of voting materials for the 2013 General election.

He was forced out as President Uhuru Kenyatta launched a highly-publicised drive to relieve all public servants mentioned in graft cases of government work in early 2015 and Chirchir was among four CSs who lost their jobs. Others were Felix Koskei (Agriculture), Michael Kamau (Transport) and Kazungu Kambi (Labour).

He was replaced by Charles Keter, then Kericho senator.

Chirchir, who served as Information Technology director at the defunct Interim Independent Electoral Commission (IIEC) before he was appointed to the Cabinet, had been accused of receiving millions of shillings in kickbacks in order to award a lucrative ballot paper printing contracts to British company Smith and Ouzman while working at the IIEC.

No charges were, however, leveled against him despite the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission questioning him. He had also been accused of receiving bribes worth Sh90 million to award contracts at Kenya Power.

Chirchir was appointed as Jubilee Party's chief presidential agent during the contentious 2017 elections but ended up being accused of tampering with the IEBC servers by the opposition Nasa coalition.

The August 2017 presidential results were nullified by the Supreme Court after a majority of the judges of the top court said there were reasons beyond any doubt of electoral malpractices during the polls.

Chirchir was yet again to be the villain



## MORE ON CHIRCHIR

- New role:** For now, Chirchir will be in charge of staffing and administrative issues at the DP's office.

- Before appointment:** Before the appointment, he was conspicuously present in most functions hosted by the DP at the official residence in Karen, although he did not occupy any formal position.

Davis Chirchir at a past function. He took over yesterday as the new Chief of Staff at Deputy President's office. PD/FILE

as the opposition directly accused him of tampering with the servers to ensure Uhuru won the race.

With only a few months to the polls, Chirchir, who is considered reclusive and rarely gives media interviews, will be expected to play a key role in Ruto's presidential campaign.

Mbiuki denies threatening to kill governor seat hopeful

by Alvin Mwangi

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Maara MP Kareke Mbiuki has denied claims that he threatened to kill former Vice-Chancellor of Chuka University Erastus Njoka.

Mbiuki is alleged to have threatened Njoka who is contesting for the Tharaka Nithi governor seat of consequences if he dared visit his constituency on his vote-hunting mission.

While appearing before the National Cohesion and Integration Commission yesterday, Mbiuki denied issuing such threats arguing that his comments were directed to the individuals who had taken the case involving the creation of new sub-counties in Tharaka-Nithi County.

"I did not mention anyone as alleged. Why do some individuals want to bring politics even in issues of development. We requested the President to give us three new sub-counties and he is doing so. Why are some individuals now becoming petty?" posed Mbiuki.

Mbiuki said his push to have Igambangombe, Chiakariga and Muthambi sub-counties has angered some leaders in the county, who are now turning the issue into a political matter.



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# Kalonzo wants Nasa deal used in Azimio talks

Wiper leader discloses document which he signed with Raila ahead of the 2017 General-Election

by Eric Wainaina  
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Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka yesterday muddled waters in the ongoing negotiations with Azimio La Umoja coalition by insisting that former Prime Minister Raila Odinga must "first respect" their 2017 pre-election agreement.

Under the deal whose details he made public for the first time, Raila committed to back Kalonzo for the presidency in this year's elections regardless of whether the National Super Alliance (Nasa) won or not.

While the former Vice-President, in a press conference at his command centre in Nairobi, reiterated he was "willing and ready" to hold talks with Raila and work with him a third time, he insisted that the 2017 pre-election deal under the National Super Alliance (Nasa) be used as the basis for negotiations in formation of what he called the Azimio One Kenya Alliance coalition.

## Hard bargain

Dubbed the Nasa deal, the agreement was signed on April 30, 2017, and witnessed by Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana, who was then his party's chairman, and US-based law professor Makau Mutua.

Kalonzo, who is under pressure to strike a deal with Raila's Azimio La Umoja and negotiate a power deal that will see them run against Deputy President William Ruto, appeared to be in a delicate balancing act of upping the ante even as he sought to sustain the morale of his troops that he was putting in a hard bargain.

And his main demand remains that Raila supports him for the presidency.

The Wiper leader accused Raila of practising politics of deceit by committing an "irreparable material breach" on the agreement by, among other things, seeking endorsement from his party delegates to vie for the presidency.

"My brother has the option of abiding by the terms of this live binding, legal agreement. And thereby emerging as a true,

national, regional and indeed continental democratic hero or he chooses to act in utter defiance and repudiation of the Agreement," he said.

"I am ready to work with Raila but under three pillars of a grand-coalition government for the sake of our nation. I urge that as we engage in fresh negotiations, this document (the 2017 deal) forms the basis of such negotiations. In both cases, he remains a brother with whom I have laboured in good faith, to bring true democratic change to our county," Kalonzo said.

## Other principals

In what appeared as a show of lack of trust in Raila who he worked with in the 2013 and 2017 elections, Kalonzo said the outcome of their new talks must be made public and that President Uhuru Kenyatta must act as the negotiator and guarantor.

"I would like to say there is no tension between me and Raila Odinga. In effect, I urge Uhuru Kenyatta to take leadership of the current round of negotiation. He holds a sense of authority and still holds great sway," Kalonzo stated.

"The President himself said that we now have two presidential candidates, Odinga proposed by ODM, and Wiper have also given a name, therefore whoever emerges as a flag bearer of Azimio-OKA coalition will receive everyone's support," he said.

It was, however, unclear why the deal did not include other former Nasa alliance principals, notably Amani National Congress boss Musalia Mudavadi, Ford Kenya chief Moses Wetangula and Chama Cha Mashinani leader Isaac Ruto.

Contacted, Wetang'ula who has fallen out with Raila and joined Ruto's Kenya Kwanza Alliance, defended Kalonzo.

"I am aware of that agreement, the con-

## RAILA-KALONZO DEAL

● Raila Odinga committed to back Kalonzo Musyoka for the presidency in this year's elections regardless of whether the National Super Alliance (Nasa) won or not in the 2017 election.

● The agreement was signed on April 30, 2017, and witnessed by Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana, who was then his party's chairman, and US-based law professor Makau Mutua.



tents are correct, the signatories are real and the breach is also real. That is all I can say," he told People Daily.

But ODM chairman John Mbadi faulted Kalonzo for using an expired agreement as a basis for his fresh talks with Raila.

According to Mbadi, the 2017 pre-election deal died immediately Nasa was folded and wondered why their leader was being told to reciprocate yet he did not win in the 2017 General Election.

"The fact is that Nasa was killed mutually. Actually, Wiper was the first to move out. You cannot table an agreement with a dead entity for negotiations. We are keen to negotiate a broad-based coalition but a document from a dead entity is null and void," said Mbadi.

"What I understand is that there was an agreement that Wiper should field a presidential candidate after Raila's first term but Raila didn't win," Mbadi said.

He added: "Kalonzo can present the document on the negotiating table and

**Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka arrives for yesterday's press conference on his stand about formation of coalitions.** PD/GERALD ITHANA

# MPs summon ministers over Kenyatta University hospital management row

by Anthony Mwangi  
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Parliament has summoned Cabinet Secretaries of Health Mutahi Kagwe, Education's George Magoha and Treasury's Ukur Yatani over a dispute between Kenyatta University and Kenyatta University Teaching, Research and Referral Hospital (KUTRRH) regarding the latter's management.

The confusion over which institution has the mandate to run the hospital was caused by the government's decision to turn KUTRRH into a parastatal.

Appearing before the National As-

sembly's Health Committee, KU Vice Chancellor Prof Paul Wainaina (pictured) spoke about difficulties the institution was undergoing in training medical students.

"We continue to admit students yet it is difficult to use the hospital. After the legal notice was issued, we have been unable to actualise our programmes," he said.

## Research facility

KU had been given approval by the ministries of Health, Education and Treasury to use the hospital as a teaching, training and research facility.

But since the hospital became a



parastatal, the university has been depending on Kiambu Level Four, Thika Level Five, Mathare Mental and Mama Lucy hospitals to train medical students, a situation Wainaina termed as unsustainable.

"The university and the hospital board have not been able to meet for legal, financial and administrative matters to be addressed," he said.

Committee vice chair Joshua Kutony (Cherangani) said the hospital was put up to enhance capacity and that both the university and the hospital board should work together for the benefit of students and the country.

"Our students should benefit from the hospital. This infighting is not good for any of the parties," he said.

"The government and Kenyatta University should find a common ground to enable the 650-bed capacity hospital, with 21 Intensive Care Units, to operate optimally," said Seme MP James Nyikar.

It also emerged that expansion of postgraduate programmes in medicine, nursing and pharmacy that was to be launched in May had been suspended. Prof Wainaina said the hospital had turned facilities that were meant for anatomy and pathology studies into a mortuary.

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by George Kebaso  
@Morarak

Kenya yesterday received 1.8 million doses of Pfizer vaccines from the US Government to enhance ongoing Covid-19 vaccination drive.

The boosts comes even as the government announced it has vaccinated 16.6 million Kenyans,

among them 957,702 people aged between 15 and 17 years.

An estimated 7.8 million others are partially vaccinated while 7,575,103 have received the two doses.

In its latest update, the Ministry of Health yesterday announced that 252,452 Kenyans have received their third dose-booster doses.

"The latest donations will go a long way in boosting our efforts of ensuring that we have vaccinated close to 20 million people by June," Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment Taskforce chair Dr Willis Akhwale (pictured) said yesterday.

Ministry of Health officials, led by Port Health Officer in charge at the airport Benjamin Murkomen,

received donation, which arrived in the country through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Vaccines were handed over to Murkomen by US embassy officials in Nairobi led by the Public Diplomacy Counsellor Eric Watnick.

"Vaccines will be distributed in Mombasa, Nairobi, Kakamega, Nakuru, Kisumu and Eldoret counties.

# MPs risk refunding Sh1.2b paid to them in allowances

Development follows the Supreme Court's rejection of PSC application seeking to suspend judgement that had ordered the refund

by Nancy Gitonga  
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The Supreme Court yesterday rejected an application by the Parliamentary Service Commission seeking to suspend a judgment ordering Members of Parliament to refund Sh1.2 billion that was unlawfully paid to them as allowances in 2018.

Lady Justice Njoki Ndung'u declined to suspend the High Court judgment that had in 2020 ruled that the money was siphoned from taxpayers.

"I decline to certify the matter as urgent and order the case by Parliament to be placed before the Deputy Registrar, who shall give directions on compliance for determination by a five-judge Bench," ruled Ndung'u.

The judge also declined to issue a temporary order staying the Court of Appeal's ruling that was delivered in December last year, which had directed Clerks of both the National Assembly and Senate to recover the Sh1.2 billion that had already been paid out to MPs as accommodation and facilitative allowances pending hearing and determination of the appeal.

MPs, through lawyer Tom Ojienja, had lodged the application under a certificate of urgency at the apex court challenging the Court of Appeal's decision that upheld the High Court ruling, which quashed the Sh250,000 house allowance paid to each MP on grounds that it was not approved by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

Aggrieved, the lawmakers, through PSC, moved to the Supreme Court, arguing that the two lower courts misinterpreted the Constitution on the roles of SRC vis a vis those of PSC.



Supreme Court judge Njoki Ndung'u.  
PD/FILE

MPs petitioned the Supreme Court to suspend the Court of Appeal's judgment delivered by justices Wanjiru Karanja, Jamilla Mohammed and Gatembu Kairu until their appeal is heard and determined.

"A conservatory order is issued staying ruling and order of the Court of Appeal judges Karanja, Gatembu and Mohammed delivered on December 3, 2021 directing the applicant to recover Sh1.2 billion that was already paid out to MPs as accommodation, facilitation allowance pending the hearing and determination of the application," the MPs stated in the application.

## Illegally allocate

In 2020, the High Court had ruled that the lawmakers had illegally allocated themselves the allowance and ordered PSC to recover the money in one year.

Court directed clerks of the National Assembly and Senate to recover in full the monies from each of the MPs' allowances and salaries within one year.

High Court judges Pauline Nyamwera,

**416**  
The number of MPs that had been paid the Sh250,000 allowance for eight months before the High Court stopped the pay.

Weldon Korir and John Mativo ruled that SRC acted within its mandate by directing the clerks not to pay the allowance.

This, the judges stated, did not interfere with the independence of Parliament and PSC. Judges found that PSC had no powers to allocate the Sh250,000 monthly house allowance to every MP without SRC's authority.

The court noted that PSC defied advice by the National Treasury that it ought to seek approvals from SRC and the Controller of Budget before making any payments.

"Even if PSC had the authority to set a housing benefit for the MPs, that decision could not legally benefit the current Parliament. The membership of PSC comprises sitting MPs. The effect of the decision is to award benefits to themselves during their term thereby the effect, spirit and purpose of Article 116 (3)," High Court judges ruled.

## Gross salaries

The Attorney General, SRC, Law Society of Kenya and activist Okiya Omtatah had urged the court to force PSC to deduct the amount from the MPs' salaries and return it to the Treasury.

Case was filed by SRC, which argued that MPs receive 40 per cent of their gross salaries as consolidated allowances, and which cater for all the allowances they are entitled to.

The 416 MPs had been paid the allowance for eight months before the High Court stopped the pay.

"Flowing from our finding that PSC's decision to set and facilitate the payment to the MPs is ultra vires its constitutional and statutory mandate," the judges had ruled, maintaining that the Constitution and statutes do not give PSC powers to set the pay for lawmakers and parliamentary staff.

"The accounting officers for PSC and Parliament are, therefore, also culpable for failing to undertake their obligations under the Public Finance Management Act in this regard. For this reason, we, therefore, find that the said accounting officers are under an obligation to recover the money paid to the MPs," added the judges.

## BRIEFLY

### PS given 30 days to settle assault case

Devolution Principal Secretary Julius Korir (pictured) has been granted 30 days to settle an assault case against his estranged wife Evelyn Koech out of court. The verdict comes after Mlimani Chief Magistrate Susan Shitubi was told that Korir, who was not present, was trying to settle the matter with the complainant. Shitubi granted the PS more time and directed the case to be mentioned on April 4 for further directions. She ordered the PS to be present in court on that day. On February 14, the court was informed that Korir, who was scheduled to answer to the charges, had contracted Covid-19. Prosecution yesterday confirmed that the medical documents Korir had produced in court are genuine after verifying the same. PS is accused of assaulting Koech and causing her bodily harm. He is alleged to have committed the offence on September 17, 2020, at Ndalat Road, Karen, in Nairobi.

-Alphonse Mung'ahu



### Divers search for man who drowned

The body of a middle-aged man, who drowned while crossing the swollen Athi River at Ngoliba Ward in Thika, Kiambu county, is yet to be retrieved. According to Joseph Mutisya, a local diver, Charles Wambua was crossing the river on Sunday evening when he drowned. While initial reports indicated that Wambua was running away from officers manning a pineapple plantation after he allegedly stole several fruits, residents dismissed the claims, saying that the deceased was walking home. Local divers, who are still struggling to find the body say darkness, lack of enough oxygen, huge rocks, mud, exhaustion and all manner of tree branches have been stalling their recovery mission. "We are doing the best we can to try and retrieve our the body," he said.

-Mathew Ndung'u

# Men told to inspire women to seek elective positions

by Dennis Lumeti  
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Men from Western region were yesterday urged to allow their wives and daughters to seek elective seats in the August 9 General Election.

Public Service and Gender Cabinet Secretary Margaret Kobia, her Sports and Culture counterpart Amina Mohamed and former Nairobi

Assembly Speaker Beatrice Elachi decried the low number of women aspirants in the region.

The trio, alongside Chairperson of Maendeleo Ya Wanawake Organisation Rose Muuiu and her predecessor Zipporah Kittony, yesterday said men should play a greater role in encouraging their female loved ones to venture into politics.

"We still have these retrogressive



customs that inhibit the female gender from actively participating in politics. There are also negativities associated with women and politics. This must come to an end," said Kobia.

She added: "Women have done and can do a lot if given the opportunity to join elective politics. The few who have been elected have proved themselves."

# Helb offers 100pc penalties waiver over Covid impact

Chief Executive says decision is informed by economic difficulties occasioned by Covid-19

by Irene Githinji  
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Higher Education Loans Board (Helb) yesterday launched a 100 per cent penalty waiver for loanees.

Dubbed the #KamilishaMalipoYaHelb, the campaign will run to April 30.

Chief Executive Officer Charles Ringera said the move was an appreciation of loanees for their commitment to service their loans even with the effects of Covid-19.

It also seeks to encourage loanees who have not started repaying to do so in lump sum, he said.

"Due to Covid-19 pandemic, Kenya, just like many other countries, has experienced a slowing down of the economy. The unemployment and underemployment as well as the challenging environment for loanees to start and run businesses has affected Helb loan repayment," said Ringera.

Ringera said that in 2013, Helb offered a 100 per cent penalty waiver which resulted in 10,110 beneficiaries paying off their loans valued at Sh1.3 billion. A similar



Students at Higher Education Loans Board offices. PD/FILE

waiver in 2018 saw 9,998 beneficiaries pay loans valued at Sh870 million.

The CEO said the challenges in repaying the loan, coupled with inadequate funding from the National Treasury, had cre-

## PAST WAIVERS

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ated a funding challenge.

Sated he: "Helb appreciates the fact that owing to the prevailing economic situation, the loan beneficiaries' repayment ability may take some time to stabilise. It is important for all beneficiaries to honour their obligation as stipulated in the loan application terms and conditions so as to empower the dreams of another needy student."

## Funding deficit

Helb loan deductions must be remitted by 15 day of every month. Failure to remit, or delayed remittance, attracts a 5 per cent penalty of the total amount due on the employer.

In the financial year 2021/2022, Helb planned to finance 74,438 first year university students against 128,073 students placed by Kenya Universities and Central Placement Services.

Helb requested for an additional Sh4.9 billion to cover the deficit.

# Knut calls for beef up of security in restive areas

The Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) Executive Secretary Collins Oyuu has asked the government to beef up security in bandit prone areas, to give learners a peaceful environment to write their national examinations.

Oyuu who spoke to journalists in Bungoma town said that it is the duty of the government to provide security to schools in areas prone to bandit threats to safeguard the wellbeing of teachers and learners.

He said that the Standard Eight and Form Four candidates are busy preparing to sit for their national examinations this month, hence the need for security assurance to allow them to concentrate.

Oyuu's sentiments comes barely two weeks after bandits in Elgeyo Marakwet attacked an institutional bus at night killing the driver and injuring 13 students and two teachers.

"It was a sad moment for the school and I want to humbly ask Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i to work closely with his Education counterpart to ensure that school going children across the country are secure more so during this electioneering period," the unionist noted.

—KNUT

## Revenue allocation agency picks new boss

by Hillary Mageka  
@hillarymageka

Commission on Revenue Allocation (CRA) has appointed James Katule as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Prior to his appointment, Katule (*pictured*) was the Director of Fiscal Affairs (2014-2022) and Director of Corporate Services (2012-2014) at the agency.

He replaces Moses Sichei, who resigned to take up a new assignment at UNICEF in Uganda.

CRA said Katule is an ex-



over 32 years, 17 of which have been at various levels of management in public organisations as well as international donor-funded research institutions.

They include the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology, the International Livestock Research Institute, African Medical and Research Foundation and Capital Markets Authority.

"We are confident that James Katule will carry on our vision of No Kenyan is Left Behind while keeping us focused on meeting our mandate of recommending the basis for the equitable sharing of revenue raised by the national government between National and County Governments and among the County Governments," CRA chairperson Jane Kiringai said in a press statement.

pert in public finance and brings a wealth of experience in strategic management, leadership, corporate governance and fiscal decentralisation.

His experience spans

from DCI Kilimani, said the managers of Jaha House in Sheila, Lamu where Tecra and her boyfriend, Lali Omar, were staying told him that the latter had instructed them to clean the house. The court heard that Tecra and Lali checked in on April 18, 2020 and were to stay for 10 days. After Olang's testimony, Milimani Senior Resident Magistrate Abdul Zainab adjourned the hearing until May 25 when the remaining four witnesses, including Omar, will testify.

—Alphonse Mung'ahu

## BRIEFLY

### Scene of Tecra fall was cleaned at Lali request

A witness in the inquest into the death of Tecra Mungai, the daughter of Kericho Breweries Managing Director Tabitha Muigai, yesterday said blood stains found at the scene where she allegedly fell were cleaned up at her boyfriend's request. Luke Olang,

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#### CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF LAIKIPIA (2022)

It is notified for general information, that pursuant to Standing Order 29 of the County Assembly Standing Orders, by a resolution passed on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the County Assembly approved its calendar (Regular sessions) for the Sixth Session, 2022 as set out in the Schedule;

PERIOD	DAYS
<b>Sixth Session: First part</b>	
A: Sitting days	
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February - Thursday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 (7weeks)	Tuesday (afternoon), Wednesday (morning and afternoon) and Thursdays (morning)
B: Long recess	
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> March - Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 (4 weeks)	
<b>Sixth Session: Second Part</b>	
A: Sitting days	
Tuesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> April - Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022 (7 weeks)	Tuesday (afternoon), Wednesday (morning and afternoon) and Thursdays (morning)

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## TSC and unions should fix pay disputes early

Schools are closing for the long holiday and candidates are about to sit exams. The school calendar is abuzz with activities that will determine the future of many youngsters. However, the plans were about to be disrupted by a call to industrial action by teachers.

It has not been an easy ride for tutors while they push for better terms of service, as indicated in their Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA).

They expect that their employer, the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), will fully implement the CBA, which they sign every five years.

Last July, the teachers' unions had no option but to sign a non-monetary 2021-2025 CBA, which hardly happens with a new agreement.

Although they signed without any monetary benefits, the union officials promised members that a review on the basic pay would be undertaken after TSC is given a go-ahead by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission (SRC).

For the unions, it was a difficult decision to take as they assured their members that beside the contentious remuneration issue, there were other benefits in the agreement, which teachers would enjoy.

They were also optimistic of meeting with TSC at a later date to review the CBA when the economy improves. The Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet) was seeking a 30 to 70 per cent increase on basic pay. It has been a long wait for the teachers and in January, the union urged TSC to reopen discussions for involved parties to return to the negotiating table for the CBA within 21 days, failing which they would seek other avenues to address their grievances including a strike.

As they issued the ultimatum, they said that the Covid-19 pandemic excuse should no longer be used to deny teachers their deserved salary reviews. The 21-day notice lapsed last week and the union threatened to call a strike just about the time national examinations are to begin.

However, last weekend, the union called off their intention to strike to allow a smooth examination process but asked the government to guarantee the security of teachers during supervision and invigilation.

More than 240,000 teachers will be engaged in administration of exams in the next two months and the fact that they have dropped the threat is a relief for candidates, who would have borne the brunt of the boycott.

It is, therefore, important for TSC and the unions to pursue an amicable solution to their problems early enough, because constant threats and industrial actions are detrimental to learning.

### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

MICHELLE OBAMA

**No country can ever truly flourish if it stifles the potential of its women and deprives itself of contributions of half of its citizens**

## QUOTED TODAY



If Kalonzo goes it alone, chances are high his tally would reduce by a significant number. There are his supporters who might say: 'we don't want to waste our votes'. So, they'd move their votes elsewhere.

USAIN GISU WOMAN REP GLADYS SHOLLEI



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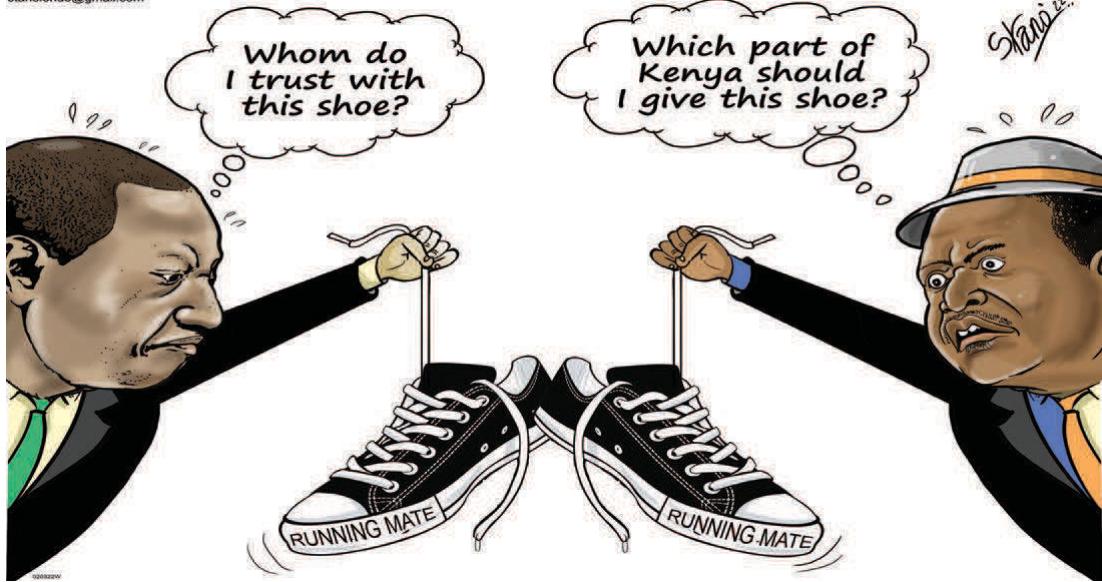
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Due to Covid-19, Kenya just like many other countries globally has experienced a slowing down of the economy over the last two years. The unemployment and underemployment, has affected Helb loan repayment.

HELB BOSS CHARLES RINGERERA

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## Let's strive to increase women's impact in industry

For decades, the success of women in manufacturing has been mired by cultural perceptions of gender roles. But now, these old-fashioned attitudes are becoming obsolete and the true impact of women in industry is being realised.

Though the gaps in labour force participation between men and women remain huge, the slight increase in the number of women joining manufacturing is a clear indication that women are eager to explore new and uncultured opportunities, particularly in manufacturing and value addition.

In Kenya, this is demonstrated by women who have ventured into the steel, building and construction sector. Few of them have been able to supply major projects in the country; an indication that women now have the capacity to challenge normative norms to scale up. Now more than ever, women are getting engaged in hard hitting sectors that are providing better capital investments, more profits and better returns to ensure sustainable economic growth.

Additionally, we are also seeing more women taking lead in manufacturing companies in the automotive, chemical and furniture sectors. In fact, tremendous growth in the past few years, among these sectors, has been attributed to the women at the helm of these companies. These women are now becoming ultimate inspirational leaders in business in the country and in the continent.

But even with the new drive to include more women in industry, a variety of changeable



PHYLLIS WAKIAGA

**Access to finance remains the major cause of limited participation of women in industry**

hindrances continue to down efforts, resulting in limited sustainable social-economic growth and reduced competitiveness.

Access to finance remains the major cause of limited participation of women in industry, particularly the absence of innovative financial products for funding women start-ups in non-traditional manufacturing.

In fact, a Forbes.com article articulates that limited funding is the first of 8 challenges affecting women in the industry, further stating that it is likely that women will be denied loans because of gender and cultural biases. It also states that a variety of institutions are inclined to fund male-owned businesses.

The lack of appropriate Business Development Services also plays a role in hindering the success of women in manufacturing. This inefficiency leads to inappropriate mechanisms for assisting women entrepreneurs to adopt appropriate technology and innovation. Additionally, the absence of specialised professional and technical support to women-owned manufacturing enterprises and

programmes that do not match global trends for training women entrepreneurs, deter consistent and sustainable growth.

However, institutions are now starting to pay attention to the intermediate role that women are playing in growing our industry. For instance, Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM)'s Women in Manufacturing (WIM) Programme is steering women to firmly take up their position in industry. WIM aims to directly drive the women in manufacturing agenda at national and county levels.

Having taken up similar concepts from WIM international, WIM Kenya reignites the drive to increase the participation of women in industry. A research study by KAM and International Centre for Research on Women on the Women in Manufacturing in Kenya pivots the advocacy drive of the KAM WIM program in Kenya. By providing concrete data on the necessary areas to improve, the research study continues to provide the essential foundation to champion for an enabling environment to encourage better participation of women in industry.

By increasing the participation of women in industry we, directly and indirectly, seek to achieve our overall economic goals in terms of increasing employment opportunities, advancing skills and innovation and providing them with financial security for themselves and their families, which results in better living conditions for the entire community.

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

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# Why principals bear role of 'chief parents' to learners

*Schools must be places of hope, love and crafting your dreams - Veronique Genniker.*

The former Principal of Butere Girls' High School Ruth Otieno instinctively referred to her students as "my girls." Though we might not know or remember this as adults, practically all students look to teachers as substitute parents.

Away from the presence of their parents, they search for someone around them to stand-in as their parents—someone who cares for them, supports them or gives them hope.

They want someone who loves and affirms them. Someone who, once in a while, can tolerate their indulgences or idiosyncrasies. They want someone who will look at them as a human being—not in the context of the mass of students as a whole—but as individuals with their individualised frailties and virtues.

This is what ultimately matters to each and every student. A negligible number of students have the resilience and tenacity to make the most of the worst possible environment and learn. Most buckle or break down under any pressure and threat, regardless of its magnitude.

Majority of children are, in terms of the inhospitable environment, vulnerable. They don't have the capacity to withstand anything that shocks or demeans their dignity.

This is the reason why educational systems, such as ours, have taken pains to stipulate learning environments that are friendly to learning. It



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## Leadership of a school can greatly help learners pursue their academic aspirations

is the reason the government has laid down policies, curricula and standards that all schools must observe. Effective teaching and learning takes place in a particular environment.

The physical environment must be safe and clean as a foundation for learning. That means classrooms and hostels, for instance, ought to be safe and clean for use. Critical as it evidently is, it is not sufficient to determine optimal learning.

School's emotional and psychological atmosphere is equally very important in guaranteeing learning.

Children go to school with all of their human characteristics. They go armed with their individual dreams, hopes and fears about life and the future in general.

Away from parents or guardians, they unconsciously want and look for a surrogate parent for affection, love and counselling and correction whenever they go astray.

Deputy Director for Quality Assurance and Standards Lydia Muchemi argues that the students require moulding at all times. She says teachers who see themselves as role models see children in teenagers and not students in teenagers.

"What is the difference in distinction?" I asked her.

The temptation is to see a teenager as a wild animal to be tamed and not a child to be moulded, she noted.

The implication of all these is that the principal of a school is a kind of principal mother or father, and not simply an instructional head of a school. It is not by accident students in some schools refer to principals by the affectionate title mum or dad.

### Bullying students

Learners look to teachers as parents—however youthful some of them might be. All have been thrust in the role of caregivers. It is, therefore, the duty of the "principal parent" to help the other "parents" discharge their surrogate role of parenting properly and responsibly.

As instructional leaders, syllabus coverage may easily consume their energies and time, and forget the role as 'principal parent' to the students. We may have students with the tendency to bully others. We may also—regrettably—have one or two teachers with the tendency to bully students. Such teachers may have a devastating effect on learner interest in academics. The students need protection as much from the bullying teacher as they need protection from the bullish (fellow) student.

Principals need to walk around the classrooms, dining halls and the hostels to understand the school environment's orientation to learning.

All children have the motivation to learn. The differences in each of them lie in the degree of motivation, and ability to learn. However, all children can and should be accorded the opportunity to develop their cognitive, emotional and psychomotor powers to the fullest.

As the principal parent, head teachers have a heavy responsibility—to set the finest climate for authentic learning.

The climate depends on the kind of culture they cultivate. A culture of hope, care and respect for diversity has the potential to ensure the different abilities of the students bloom.

Secondary School years is a stage in life when teenagers are searching for their personal identities. American Psychologist Erik Erikson, argues that this is the stage when children from about 12 to 18 years, are exploring their personal values, beliefs and goals. This is a stage of total confusion and wonderment. Only a caring, supportive school environment can help them to navigate the way.

Mrs Otieno approach evinced in her leadership of a school can greatly help learners pursue academic aspirations as well as discover who they are without tension or confusion of roles.

— The writer is Communications Officer, Ministry of Education

## ODDLY ENOUGH



## Woman thrown out of theatre for singing and tapping along

A woman says she was cornered by a group of theatre staff and kicked out for getting too enthusiastic during the performance.

Dot Grant, 52, was with family watching the musical *Bat out of Hell* and could not resist the urge to tap her thigh and sing along.

She said the audience was not told to stay silent through the production at Edinburgh Playhouse.

"During the first half of the show, one of the ushers flashed their torchlight at me, but I didn't know why.

"I was tapping my thigh in time to the music and singing under my mask and did not think I was doing anything wrong."

"An usher said my actions were a distraction to other audience members and there is no singing."

Dot told *Edinburgh Live* she saw a security worker motioning towards her as the show was reaching its crescendo in the second half.

She was told she was 'at a musical theatre show, not a concert' and then kicked out by eight bouncers.

"I think there were six security people in the aisle, when outside the bottom bar area, another two arrived, so I was surrounded by eight men which made me feel very uncomfortable and uneasy."

"It was explained to me that people had been complaining about my actions of singing and dancing in my seat, that it was a distraction and off putting for the cast."

"The final song was being played and I asked if I could stand at the back to listen but was told no and that I was being shown the door to leave the theatre."

"As I was waiting outside for my family, I had people from the theatre come up to me and stated they were shocked at how I was treated and complained on my behalf."

— Metro

# How NATO, the West can up their game on Ukraine



ALEXANDER S VINDMAN

## The US has played down cooperation with sincere and willing partners for fear of derailing the tenuous relationship with Moscow

Engagement with Russia at the expense of regional deterrence, security and stability. Simultaneously, the US has played down cooperation with sincere and willing partners, such as Ukraine, for fear of derailing the tenuous relationship with Moscow.

For a generation, placating the Kremlin without applying the tools of hard power became standard operating procedure. Now we are paying the price for this mistake.

### Aerial vehicles

Starting today, however, the US and its allies can begin forming a special relationship with Ukraine. This partnership could be grounded in the existing NATO-Ukraine Commission and other existing institutions. The cornerstone of this approach would be a new version of the Marshall Plan to rebuild Ukraine's economy and a 21<sup>st</sup> Century version of the Lend-Lease Act to support the heroic efforts of Ukrainian soldiers with much-needed lethal aid, including more antitank weapons, powerful air defence systems and unmanned aerial vehicles. UAVs in particular would be capable of striking military targets on Russian and Belarusian territory that are involved

in the current offensive, such as cruise missiles, ballistic missiles and Russian aircraft. Meanwhile, a NATO Membership Action Plan should remain on the table for Ukraine, and the West should support Ukraine's ongoing efforts to integrate with the European Union.

Funding for this bold new venture would need to be orders of magnitude higher than President Joe Biden's recent pledge of \$350 million. The US should aim to spend billions on security assistance and tens of billions on economic aid. Only help on that scale will have a demonstrable impact.

There is a historic precedent for this kind of support and assistance. During the Cold War it was a well-known fact among both Soviet and Western leadership that if one side engaged in an overseas conflict, the other side would funnel material aid to oppose their adversary. Proxy wars were the norm, and direct confrontation even occurred occasionally.

Soviet and American fighter pilots engaged in dogfights over the skies of Korea in the 1950s. The USSR supported the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War, and the US, in turn, aided the mujahideen during the

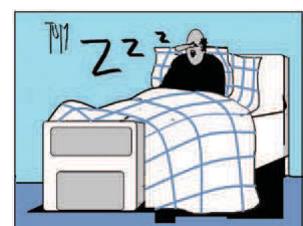
### Soviet-Afghan War

The doctrine of mutually assured destruction has not disappeared overnight, and as recently as January, the US and Russia reaffirmed their view that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought. The US and its allies still maintain a significant deterrent that Putin will not choose to challenge on a whim; he is not a madman. Shrinking from the moment would only grant a free hand to countries with nuclear weapons to freely escalate at a conventional level without fear of anything beyond sanctions. The proper response to this war is to boost our support for Ukraine militarily and economically.

Now that we've woken up, we must decide if we're willing to learn from the past and change the course of history. We cannot just watch as the Kremlin assails a democratic nation and erodes the foundations of everything the international community has built. The onus is on the West to buttress Ukrainian ferocity on the battlefield using its immense economic resources, diplomatic influence and military power.

Make no mistake, the world is watching. Ukraine is leading. Now, the West must decide whether it has the fortitude to support the Ukrainian people's fight for freedom.

— The writer is a retired US Army Lieutenant Colonel and former Director for European Affairs on the National Security Council



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# Chosen at home, revered in ODM, Joho star shines

The charismatic and stylish politician is also a social media sensation with over 1.2 million followers on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook

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Without any doubt, Mombasa Governor Hassan Ali Joho's political star has been on the rise.

As the Azimio La Umoja brigade traverses the country with a series of rallies, the Mombasa Governor's leadership is evident.

He has shown his mantle, standing out as a powerful figure even in the absence of Party Leader Raila Odinga. Joho, who recently dropped his presidential ambitions in favour of Raila, has been burning the midnight oil to assume more responsibilities in the Orange party.

The ODM deputy party leader has led well-attended political rallies in Western Kenya, Central, Nairobi, North Eastern, Eastern, Nyanza, South Rift and Coast, and the audience has been receptive.

Although he has in some occasions encountered ugly reception in parts of Kwale and Lamu in his coastal region, the Mombasa Governor has occasionally been caught by surprise, receiving welcome and supportive chants in parts of the country.

## Growing traction

In a gesture signifying his growing traction, especially by youth populations, the governor has encountered young people chanting his name in Kawangware (Nairobi), Nyeri and Eldoret.

Although ODM has two deputy party leaders, the other being Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya, Joho seems to have overshadowed his peers; his flamboyance and eloquence setting him apart.

Joho shot into the political limelight in 2004 when he tried his luck in the Kisauni by-election following the death of long-serving Kisauni MP Karisa Maitha. He lost to his would-be rival, lawyer Anania Mwabozia, but this is the only direct defeat he has tasted politically to date.

Later, in the 2007 General Election, Joho

returned to claim the Kisauni seat after a narrow win, before rising through the ranks to become Assistant Minister for Transport. Later, he became the pioneer governor of the port county of Mombasa.

As a political novice then, Joho admits his early days in politics were rough as he lacked the gift of the gab, but he would later acquire confidence to address political gatherings.

"It wasn't easy as I had no political history and no one in my family was in politics back then. The first person who advised me on how to run my politics was Shariff Nassir. I went to a function in Kongowea and that was my first appearance on TV. I found myself appearing on a comical TV segment and, later, Shariff Nassir sat me down and told me that in politics there is no negative publicity," Joho said in previous interviews.

The Governor has over the years amassed an elaborate toughness that has seen him wade through political situations he says were undreamed of.

Today, a charismatic and stylish politician, the Mombasa Governor is a social media sensation with over 1.2 million followers on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook platforms. Observers say his altercation with the Jubilee government in the run up to 2017 elections helped fuel his rising political star. Being among the loudest critic of the Jubilee administration, Joho was unafraid of questioning President Uhuru Kenyatta on various issues, a temperament that saw him breed bad blood with the Jubilee administration.

The historical Malindi by-election in which he aggressively spearheaded ODM's campaigns to a resounding victory, followed by withdrawal of his security detail by the national government, were perhaps some of his greatest tests. But he survived.

Pwani University Professor Rocha Chimera says: "Joho became a popular figure because of a clash he had with the national government. Jubilee's reaction to the defeat in Malindi by-election only emboldened Joho as the man to watch in Coast politics. It was after the Malindi victory that he announced his plans for the presidency".

Professor Chimera adds that Joho's unwavering support for ODM and Raila have also seen his political career rise, increasing his chances of becoming president.



## JOURNEY IN BRIEF

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- He lost to lawyer Anania Mwabozia, but politicians Shariff Nassir and Raila Odinga told him not to give up.

- In the 2007 polls, Joho returned to claim the Kisauni seat and later rose to become Assistant Minister for Transport.

- He is currently the governor of Mombasa, and Raila's deputy leader in ODM.

Mombasa Governor Ali Joho: Burning the midnight oil to assume more responsibilities in ODM. PD/FILE

"If ever there was a chance for a Raila presidency, it has manifested itself well in this electioneering period because he has the backing of the government. Now that Joho is Raila's deputy party leader, should Raila win the August election, then Joho's chances of becoming the president in future will become clear," he said in an interview with 'People Daily'.

In his tour of Mombasa last year, Raila disclosed that his journey with Joho dates back to the days the latter ventured into politics in 2004.

Raila said they have had a hard time, but the governor has never second-guessed his leadership from the time he was an MP.

"Joho and I have come from far. Our journey started during the Kisauni by-election when I supported his bid. At the time, there were many irregularities in the polls... and Joho lost. But I urged him not to lose hope. When he later got into Parliament he faced a lot of hurdles but he has stood firm with me until today," Raila said.

But critics, including Kwale Governor Salim Mvurya, accuse Joho of seeking to impose his views on other Coast leaders and interfering with the affairs of counties beyond Mombasa.

# Tough duel for Luanda MP after 4 join contest

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Luanda MP Chris Omule is facing a stiff challenge to retain his seat after four aspirants declared their intention to unseat him in the coming polls.

Those who have expressed their interest are former Vihiga County Chief of Staff Noah Okaya Asanga, Albert Obibuyi, Tom Atingo and Dick Maungu. They have hit the ground running.

The incumbent MP has welcomed his opponents to face him. "I have my brothers who have shown interest in the constituency seat and I welcome them. Let us play friendly politics because it is within our democratic right to vie for any seat," he says.

Omule is seeking a third term. He defended the seat in 2017 after he was first elected in 2013. The MP is banking on his development record for the two terms he has been in office.

## Community projects

Rival Okaya says he is banking on the community projects he has initiated. Besides building houses for widows, Okaya has sponsored bright students from needy families to both secondary schools and colleges.

"Luanda needs a leader who can transform it in terms of development and service delivery. We have the CDF whose ultimate goal is to provide services and development to the electorate," he said. He will vie for the seat as an Independent candidate despite ANC fighting to win him as its aspirant to replace Maungu, who moved to DAP-K.

Obibuyi, who has defected from Ford-Kenya to DAP-K, will fight for the ticket with Maungu. He says: "If things go well, I will be victorious".

Maungu is entering the race after resigning as Kenya Rural Roads Authority Director, Western region.

"Time has come for fresh blood, fresh minds," says Maungu.

Atingo is currently Luanda Township MCA and will vie under an UDA umbrella. He is a close ally of Deputy President William Ruto, the UDA leader.

# Leaders pitch for peaceful campaigns in cosmopolitan Nakuru county

■ by Roy Lumbe

Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui has stressed on the need for leaders to commit to peaceful campaigns ahead of the August 9 polls.

He said leaders seeking political seats should restrain from utterances that could jeopardize peaceful co-existence among various communities.

Speaking yesterday while paying a courtesy call on Rift Valley Regional Commissioner Mohammed Maalim, Kinyanjui said leaders should desist from personalised attacks.

"We need to tone down on hate

speech. That is why we are partnering with security agents to ensure any leader who engages in hate speech is apprehended," he said.

According to the county boss, leaders were taking advantage of socio-economic inequalities afflicting the youth to advance their selfish agenda through political violence. He said that considering the country's past history of post-election violence, Kenyans have a duty to be ambassadors of peace.

"Destruction of property and loss of lives should be a thing of the past. In every election cycle, we want to ensure our county and the nation

remain peaceful," he added.

He expressed his delight at Nakuru county being struck off the list of violence hotspots by the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC), saying peace campaigns in the county had worked.

"To maintain this we need a collective responsibility from all stakeholders," said Kinyanjui.

## August 9

Date of the next polls. In every election cycle, the county and nation should remain peaceful, say Governor Lee Kinyanjui and Commissioner Maalim

On his part, Rift Valley regional commissioner Mohammed Maalim said the security team was keenly following the political activities in the county and the larger region.

He said the government is working closely with counties in promoting peace, adding that apart from the restive Kerio Valley, the region is peaceful.

"Any leader who thinks he will come to the Rift Valley to cause mayhem has their priorities wrong, we will hunt you down and you will face the law," Maalim said. He added that leaders have the opportunity to campaign peacefully.



Governor Lee Kinyanjui (left) with Rift Valley Regional Commissioner Maalim Mohamed yesterday. PD/RAPHAEL MUNGE

# State sunk Sh3.9b in stalled projects

Report says some of the programmes attract penalties due to delays in the payment processes

■ by Hillary Mageka  
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President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration continues to incur huge expenses on projects that either stalled or remain incomplete long after their completion dates had elapsed, Auditor-General Nancy Gathungu has revealed.

What is even more glaring, according to Gathungu, is that some of these projects are attracting penalties due to delays in payment of completion certificates of milestones already achieved, while others have been revised to amounts higher than the original contract sum leading to cost escalations.

To add insult to injury, payments have been made to projects, which appear to have completely stalled.

Details are contained in the Auditor General's report for the national government for the Financial Year 2019/20.

The audit states that some of the entities with stalled projects and corresponding amounts include State Department for Regional and Northern Corridor Development Sh3.5 billion advance payments for Kimwarer Multipurpose Dam Development Project and Sigor Wei Project.

In 2016, President Uhuru and his deputy William Ruto launched phase three of the Sigor Wei Wei irrigation project in West Pokot.

Project that was to be funded by the Italian Government in collaboration with Kerio Valley Development Authority was estimated to cost Sh1 billion.

Audit shows that since its launch and the subsequent payment of at least Sh3.5 billion to the Italian firm, no work has ever been undertaken.

Construction of the proposed headquarters for Nyanarua county in Ol Kalou town initiated by the State Department for Public Works has also stalled.

Elsewhere, the construction of Sh102 million Turkana High Court is incomplete with total works certified at Sh140 million out of which, a total of Sh101 million had been paid.

In the Department of Drought Resilience and Sustainable Livelihoods Programme (ADF Loan No.2100150028345) Sh111 million project at Konoo Irrigation Scheme in Turkana has stalled.



**Auditor General Nancy Gathungu.** PD/FILE

According to the Auditor, the contract was recommended for termination. The measured works were established to be Sh59 million or about 27 per cent of the contract sum while the contractor had already been paid Sh55 million (about 25 per cent of the contract sum) as of 30 June 2020 against a timeline of 25 months.

## Two notices

Construction of the Kaptoni-Kiboi Footbridge Dam in Baringo has stalled. This is despite the contractor being issued with two notices of contract termination, due to slow progress of work, despite having been paid an advance of Sh32 million.

Construction of Songa Irrigation Scheme in Marsabit is also incomplete. The project status report reflected 40.3 per cent progress of works against a 250 per cent period as at the time the contract lapsed.

Audit indicates that the contractor had been paid a total of Sh24 million, which is 26 per cent of the contract sum.

In the State Department for Correctional Services, a total of Sh21.6 million projects have either stalled or been delayed.

It includes stalled construction works at Shimo La Tewa Medium Prison and Manyani Maximum Prison estimated to be a cost of Sh2 million each.

## IDLE PROJECTS

- Elsewhere, Sh20 million Uwezo Fund projects have also stalled with the work-in-progress balance of Sh20 million.

- In the Prison Industries Revolving Fund, Sh15 million projects have stalled including Kamiti Main Prison Industry, machines for producing modern motorised vehicle number plates that were supplied and delivered in 2016 at a cost of Sh15 million, have not been used and have remained idle to date.

## Barchok to appear before Senate

Governor Hillary Barchok has been summoned to appear before a Senate committee to explain why the multi-million Bomet Stadium project has stalled.

Public Accounts and Investment Committee chairperson Ochilo Ayacko said Barchok (pictured) should explain in person why the people of Bomet were not enjoying services ought to be offered by the facility despite allocations to a tune of over Sh257 million.

Governor was missing in action when the committee toured the county on Monday.

Ayacko said it was un-



fortunate that nine years later, there was no tangible progress in the construction of the stadium, which remains with incomplete terraces while lacking sanitary facilities among other vital amenities.

He said the governor's office was in a better position to elaborate on the progress of the court case a

petitioner is seeking to stop payment of the contractor, who did the initial works owing to wrangles over ownership of the stadium. Deputy Governor Shadrack Rotich had explained to the committee that the project stopped due to tussle over the site between the County Government and Bomet University that forced the latter to get court injunction that stopped further construction till the case is resolved.

Ayacko said he could not make further remarks since that matter was in court while urging Barchok to heed the summon to shed light on the issue.

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# Clannism takes centre stage in Narok Senate bid

Outgoing governor Samuel Tunai faces formidable challenge in his senatorial bid as aspirants lay strategy

by George Sayagie

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Hardly five months to the General Election, the contest for Narok County senator's seat promises to be a tough one, with clan competition likely to be a key factor.

The battle is also likely to boil down to flexing financial muscle between outgoing governor Samuel Tunai and Kilgoris MP Gideon Konchella.

Tunai from the minority Siria clan, will be facing off with the incumbent Ledama ole Kina (Idamat), Konchella (Uasin Gishu), Maasai land rights activist Meitamei Ololdapash (Turk) and Nairobi-based publisher Andrew ole Sunkuli (Moitaniak).

Others eyeing the seat are Julius Kuiyoni, a journalist who worked with a vernacular radio station *Maiyan FM*, a former Narok county employee Salaton ole Tompo and a representative of Persons Living with Disability (PLWD) Jimmy Luka all who hail from the populous Turk clan.

However, the optics in the race will be felt among the first five candidates because of their past political history. For governor Tunai who will seek the position through the Kenya Kwanza banner has lately been seen traversing the county projecting himself as a unifier of communities in the cos-

mopolitan sub-national.

He has on different occasions during his county development tours urged residents to elect credible leaders with sound development track record and not based on clannism, age sets or where they come from.

"People in Narok which is a cosmopolitan county would need a leader who will unite them, roll out development projects and advocate for their rights besides conserving our rich heritage as a people."

"It is important that voters interrogate leaders and hold them to account for the time they have been in public service while new entrants should lay out their contribution towards changing the standards of living for the people, but not which clan or tribe does a leader come from," said Tunai.

Narok Town MCA Bernard Ole Torome says, Tunai is a force to reckon with as he controls a sizeable number of the Maa community and for the last 10 years while in service his political battlefield shifted to wooing members of the other communities in the county.

"Not only in the senatorial race but in the governor race too, the Kipsigis, a Kalenjin sub-tribe are the second most populous tribe in the county after Maasai with close to 100,000 votes and are expected to provide the swing vote in the election," said Torome.

Members of the Kisii and Kikuyu communities are among those doing business in Narok town and are also being sought after by the candidates as they command a sizable 40,000 votes.

Samuel Tunai

Ledama ole Kina

Andrew Sunkuli

Julius Kuiyoni

## BRUISING MORANIC BATTLE

**● Battle for Narok Senate is also likely to boil down to flexing financial muscle between outgoing governor Samuel Tunai and Kilgoris MP Gideon Konchella**

**● But it is not yet clear who will be the flag bearer of the Azimio side as Konchella, Ole Kina and Dashap are yet to fight out at the party primaries**

For Konchella who would be in the race through opposition leader Raila Odinga Azimio La Umoja, says he has what it takes to clinch the senator's seat and a considerable wealth of experience in leadership having been Kilgoris MP for over 15 years.

But it is not yet clear who will be the flag bearer of the Azimio side as Konchella, Ole Kina and Dashap are yet to fight out at the party primaries. Ole Kina who has served in the senate for one term argues he deserves another chance to continue fighting for allocation of more resources to the county so that it becomes Maa nation's economic hub.

"Divisive politics and clan rivalries have been an obstacle to development in Maasai land and the Constitution gives the community a chance to unite and push for a sound development agenda. Narok needs a leadership that will lead from the front and teach our people how to make wealth from what they have," said Ole Kina, a strong ally of ODM leader Odinga.

## Fugitive gets time to challenge extradition

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A magistrate has granted a Kenyan wanted in the US for money laundering more time to file his written submissions challenging his extradition.

When the case came up for mention yesterday before Mili-mani Chief Magistrate Micheni Wendy, the suspect Abdulrahman Imraan Juma, through his lawyers led by Damstan Omari asked the court for more time to enable him file his submissions.

"We request the court to be given 10 more days to file our submissions," he said.

The magistrate granted the request and directed the matter to be mentioned on March 18 for further directions.

Juma who is being detained at the Gigiri Police Station since December 15, 2021 is said to be part of an international gang that conspires to commit wire fraud, money laundering and aggravated identity theft by targeting unsuspecting businesses in need of loan facilities.

While denying him bond, the magistrate said the prosecution has tabled before court compelling reasons to warrant his denial of bail.

"The offence the suspect is facing is serious which needs

an extradition application to be dealt with first before making other orders," said the magistrate.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) through senior State prosecutor Catherine Mwaniki has filed an application seeking to extradite to the US the fugitive.

"We are signifying to the court that a requisition for Juma's extradition and surrender has been made and requires the court to issue a warrant for apprehension and extradition of the fugitive who is accused in the United States District Court for the Central District of California," said Mwaniki.



## Aspirant lobbies for more funds to sport

by Roy Lumbe

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An aspirant eyeing Bahati parliamentary seat in Nakuru County has challenged the national and county governments to allocate more funds to support sporting activities at the grass root.

Businesswoman Irene Njoki said the move would enable young people nurture their talents.

Speaking while launching a football tournament in Lanet Ward, Bahati,

## Wainaina back to UDA after dalliance with Kuria's CCK

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In a surprise twist, Thika Town MP Patrick Wainaina 'Jungle' has made a U-turn and returned to the United Democratic Alliance (UDA), a party he intends to use to ascend to Kiambu governor's position.

Wainaina, who had initially left the party over alleged unfulfilled money promises to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) that Deputy President William Ruto had made during a visit in Thika paid the requisite UDA party fees yesterday.

Reached for a comment, Wainaina acknowledged he had indeed changed his mind and will contest governor's seat on a UDA ticket. "It is true, this is where we are. Let's go to work now."

He had earlier shown interest in running as an independent candidate but the entrance of Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria who is the Chama Cha Kazai (CCK) party leader seemingly saw him make an abrupt turn around.

Reports within his political circles indicate the first-time lawmaker later formed The National Party which he would have used as an alternative election platform. But less than three days after Kuria declared interest in the same seat, Wainaina made an about-turn, with his followers attributing the move to a UDA wave in the expansive county. Wainaina will face among others Kuria, incumbent governor James Nyoro, Senator Kimani Wamatangi and Juliet Kimemia.

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# Businesshub

MATT FLANNERY

**Establishment of a true pan-African digital bank is long overdue**

## KenGen posts Sh7.5b half-year profit on new contracts

by John Otini  
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A recovery in power demand and geothermal drilling contracts lifted KenGen's profit before tax by 9 per cent to Sh7.5 billion in the six months to December 2021, the company announced yesterday.

Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) listed power producer which produces 65 per cent of Kenya's power saw its revenue rise from Sh 21 bil-

lion during the same period in 2020 to Sh24 billion in the last half of 2021.

"Our performance for the six months ended December 31, 2021 remained stable supported by increased income from revenue diversification initiatives and overall growth in electricity demand," KenGen said in the financial report.

"This growth is mainly attributed to higher revenue receipts from drilling and maintenance and higher steam costs from Olkaria 1 AU and Olkaria V geothermal plants had an impact

power generator announced it has commenced the drilling of the first geothermal well for Ethiopia Electric Power (EPP) in a contract valued at Sh7.6 billion.

### Operating cost

Subsequently, the drilling of the Ethiopian well coupled with repairs and maintenance and higher steam costs from Olkaria 1 AU and Olkaria V geothermal plants had an impact

on the firm's operating cost which surged 8 per cent to 14.1 billion from Sh13.1 billion.

The company also reported a 22 percent increase in finance income which hit Sh1 billion from Sh 829 million as a result of interest it earned on increased cash balances held for ongoing projects and loans whose repayment has been rescheduled as part of Coronavirus (Covid-19) relief programme by creditors.



## Branch picks Kenya for Africa expansion efforts

Digital lender's acquisition of Century expected to steer credit uptake by SMEs that have often been left out by traditional banks

by Herald Aloo  
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Global digital lender Branch International Ltd has officially jump-started its physical footprint in Kenya by acquiring majority stake in Century Microfinance Bank Limited (Century MFB).

The digital banking disruption of the banking industry is expected to improve credit access to small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs) who are often underserved by the commercial banks.

Previously a digital lender, Branch acquired 85 per cent stake to become the first digital bank in the region, targeting key markets once the local operation crystallises before the end of the year.

"The establishment of a true pan-African digital bank is long overdue, and at Branch International, we believe this will be a game-changer to deepen financial inclusivity while reaching the underserved markets," Branch founder Matt Flannery said in Nairobi yesterday.

He added: "The acquisition of Century Microfinance Bank here in Kenya, is a bold statement for Branch and demonstrates our commitment towards building a pan-African digital bank."

Traditionally, it is banks which acquire digital lenders and not vice versa. Century MFB, which has been struggling financially with its three branches that Branch International intends to use to expand its customer base of more than four million.

The acquisition is expected to steer credit uptake in private sectors who have often been left out by traditional banks in favour of less-risky public sectors like government parastatals.

As of September 2021, private sector lending surged by only 7.7 per cent compared to public sector lending which surged by 25 per cent over a similar period, revealing how the tightened lending policies have shored off most small businesses



FROM LEFT: Century Microfinance Bank chair Peterson Mwangi, Branch Kenya MD Rose Muturi, Century Microfinance Bank CEO Florence Muchiri and Branch CEO and Co-Founder Matt Flannery during the acquisition signing ceremony.

in need of financial aid. Having disbursed more than \$600 million digitally, Branch now eyes to be a pan-African digital bank bringing new solution and investment to bridge the lending gap affecting SMEs.

"We have been lending to private customers but very little amount because of our license and credit policy. The licence that comes with this acquisition, will allow us to use the technology we have and credit models to increasing SMEs lending to about Sh150000 without collateral," said Branch East Africa Managing Director Rose Muturi.

Branch pioneered artificial intelligence applications to assess credit risk in markets with poor credit bureau infrastructure and continues to push technology to make financial services more efficient and scalable. The digital lender, however, downplayed the pre-empted disruption of the banking sector brought by fintech insti-

tutions eyeing acquisitions.

"We don't set out to disrupt anything, we just follow our customers and try to serve them better. With technology, it enables us to do that in a way that most banks cannot do and hopefully we can set an example they can follow. We can improve the whole sector together. It is not a winner take it all market. There is still a lot of space for new innovation and others can joyfully come in," Matt said.

### Interest rate cap

The landmark transition of the digital lender comes barely three months after the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) moved to regulate the sector following outcry over high interest rates, with some rising up to 22 per cent when annualised.

The new CBK Amendment Act 2021 puts digital lenders under the ambit of the regulator, subjecting them to interest rate cap that was introduced in September 2016 which slowed down credit uptake in private sector as commercial turned their back on many low-income borrowers and SMEs considered highly risky to loan.

Experts however contend that the new regulation which require acquisition of separate licensing, governance, and credit operations of digital lenders will not ease the cost of doing business for banks and Microfinance institutions in Kenya.

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## BRIEFLY

### Truckers protest lack of cargo tracking seals

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) have been accused of colluding to fleece traders by creating an artificial shortage of cargo tracking seals.

Kenya Transporters Association (KTA) claims the taxman which is the sole producer of the seals has been producing very few, leading to daily crippling shortage of seals which makes them wait for upto six to 24 hours.

The truckers are then charged for delaying to leave the port or the border points due to lack of the seals. "Importers, transporters and agents are being fleeced by these two institutions by simply having unworkable and

inefficient rules," says the lobby group in a statement on social media.

KRA introduced the seals in order to curb dumping of goods destined to other countries into the country and also to increase tax collection.

The association says KRA has insisted all cargo and customs control must be tagged with regional electronic cargo tracking seals. But the seals are not enough. "Due to threats of being imposed with overnight charges and delays this has resulted in corruption at the ports and border points as transporters are extorted and forced to bribe to get the few available seals," it said.

- John Otini

### KP seeks to connect more customers to new meters

Kenya Power is set to roll out a mapping exercise that will see the electricity distributor take stock of all meters in the country as one way of taming losses.

The process will help the company capture, analyse, manage and store data on its transmission and distribution facilities by identifying the meters in each Kenyan household.

### Financial year

Acting Managing Director Rosemary Oduor (pictured) revealed to the National Assembly Energy Committee that next week it will release 400 officers for the exercise.

Over this financial year Kenya Power is looking to connect an additional 1.25



million Kenyans to electricity. "We currently have 150,000 metres in store and we are expecting a bunch of about 500,000 in the next two weeks," said Oduor Kenya Power boss who appeared before the energy committee added that additional 600,000 will be bought before the end of this financial year.

The electricity utility firm had contracted the National Youth Service to undertake the project.

- Jacktone Lawi

# Tough times as prices of basic goods, services rise

Data from statistics office indicates soaring cost of commodities will continue to put pressure on income

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High cost of living has forced most Kenyans to abandon what they consider luxury to shore up reserves to meet basic needs. Increase in prices of goods comes even as Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) indicates that the cost of living has remained relatively flat in the last two months.

In the latest Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) data, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures the price change percentage of a basket of basic commodities consumed, increased by 0.40 per cent to 119.115 in February, up from 118.642 in January 2022.

"This was mainly due to an increase in prices of commodities under; food and non-alcoholic beverages (8.69 per cent); furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance (5.41 per cent); housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels (4.79 per cent); and transport (4.45 per cent)," it stated.

In a forward looking report, however, the International Monetary Fund estimated that inflation in Kenya is expected

## COSTS OF INFLATION

- Gladys Ouru, a resident of a food vendor in Kibera says there's no way she can carry the burden of high food prices but to pass it over to the customers.
- When the price of cooking oil doubles, what do I do to afford it? I also have to do what is sustainable for my business and family.

to average 5.9 per cent this year on surge in cost of food, which are expected to increase at a more moderate pace of about 4.5 per cent in 2022 and decline in 2023.

The report which was released before an international diplomatic and economic explosion resulting from the invasion of Ukraine by Russia saw experts warn that taxes on goods such as cooking gas, fuel and food on a weakening shilling and global logistic snarl ups.

In Nairobi, about 50 per cent of the residents spend their income on food alone, 30 per cent on rent then the rest is left to pay school fees, transport, emergency and debt.

Speaking to *Business Hub*, Steven Biko, financial analyst and entrepreneur said the challenge with Kenya's cost of living is in the way tax code is framed whereby costs are eventually spiked due to the effects of taxes.

"Because of the high taxes that Kenyans actually pay, we've seen high cost of en-

ergy, high cost of fuel, high cost of production, and high cost of inputs which means higher cost of the output," he said.

"Many families are now not able to put food on the table, this is because prices of commodities like maize flour, cooking oil are high," Biko added.

Naivas Chief Commercial Officer, Willy Kimani agrees, adding that despite shopping trends of Kenyans beginning to mirror the pre-Covid era patterns, there has been a fall in average basket of goods per customer.

## Shopping times

"The reality is prices are going up due to supply issues. We are starting to see the pre-Covid tendencies. People are reducing their shopping times to two-three times a month. The buckets were a bit higher, now they have started to thin out again," he said. Kimani revealed that from an average of 12 items a bucket, Kenyans have been forced to reduce it to eight.

Gladys Ouru, a resident of Kibera Constituency who has been operating a food vending kiosk along Uhuru Highway for close to four years, says she was forced to increase the price of foodstuff last month by at least Sh10 to cope with the increase in the price of groceries.

"Chapati and Ndegua is now Sh70. I used to sell it at Sh60, Ugali and Omema used to retail for Sh70, I haven't changed that amount but just reduced the quantity I serve my customers. That's the only way I can make profit," she said.



## Kenya online market braces for rivalry as StanChart eyes share

**INVESTMENT:** Kenya's e-commerce market is set for another role with the entry of India-based ecommerce platform Solv in what will unsettle incumbents such as Jumia, Jiji and Skygarden and many others.

The Standard Chartered Bank backed Solv is targeting to digitise the supply chain by providing small retailers with the platform to reach customers in what will pit it against local players.

"Solv currently operates in over 20 Indian towns, and is set to expand to 200 towns within the next year. Beyond India, Solv will be rolling out in Kenya, Ghana and is also exploring other markets for expansion," said Stanchart.

With Jumia and Jiji having 2.5 million visitors every month and Skygarden with 171,000 users, it remains to be seen how Solv will navigate the market given Mastercard research shows that Kenya has a very small ecommerce market.

Earlier entrants in the space such as Kilimall and OLX, Masoko, Mall for Africa found it impossible to survive in the terrain while Jumia is also hoping to change its fortunes having changed its CEO four months ago.

Unlike its competitors, the platform targets to not only provide the marketplace solution but also offer loans to the small business based on the volume of transactions carried out on the platform.

This could be the differentiating factor that could set

it apart from competition depending on the terms of credit. "Additionally, Solv's extensive open network of more than 20 financial service providers enables invoice financing through a "buy-now-pay-later" solution, growth capital through business loans and a well-integrated supply chain finance programme to support small businesses in their growth journey," Stanchart said in its latest financial statement.

## Customer onboarding

Stanchart said Solv is plugging into data sources provided by its backers and building end-to-end technology led commerce and financial services solutions, that can help to solve problems across customer onboarding, alternative credit scoring and underwriting, digitising operations and improving the efficiency of supply chains.

Kenya has an estimated 22 million internet users with a penetration of 40 percent. The e-commerce landscape remains challenging with South Africa and Nigeria being the best performing markets.

Solv has signed up 1,000 sellers and 30,000 buyers in India. The platform offers an online business-to-business marketplace where sellers are able to reach new and verified customers. Buyers on the other hand can source quality products at competitive prices from verified and pre-screened suppliers.

— John Otini



## Rewarding innovation

John Musunga, Kenya Breweries Ltd (KBL) MD presents Anne Catherine Njuhi, winner of the KBL Still Got Skillz? logo competition with a dummy cheque for Sh1 million during the unveiling of KBL's next-generation logo. Njuhi was part of the competition where more than 600 youth submitted designs. COURTESY

## KRA intercepts 101 bags of uncustomed sugar

■ by Bernard Sigei  
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Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has intercepted a tractor ferrying 101 bags of 50kgs each, branded as Kaliro and Hoima suspected to have been smuggled from Uganda. The sugar has a market value of Sh606,000.

Officers based at Suam Station, while acting on a tip-off from an informer intercepted the tractor at Rongai area in Chepchoina within Endebess sub-county in Trans Nzoia.

The sugar was concealed beneath maize cobs with the intention of hoodwinking enforcement agencies along the Kitale/Suam route. The consignment was seized and deposited at Suam Police Station and investigations are ongoing.

Possession of restricted goods is contrary to Section 200(d) (iii) of the East African Community Custom Management Act, 2004.

In a statement, KRA encouraged citizens to pay their fair share of taxes and remain compliant with tax laws in order to avoid punitive enforcement measures including prosecution.

## Farmers warned over hawking tea leaves

■ by Robert Ochoro  
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Directors of tea factories in Kisii County have appealed to farmers affiliated to the factories to stop hawking tea to competitors as they will exploit and impoverish them.

Led by Kenya Tea Development Authority (KTDA) zone 11 board member, Ombasa Omweno, the directors said it was wrong for managers of the rival factories to buy tea leaves from farmers at low prices and they do not give them fertilisers.



He said it was ironic that KTDA was giving farmers fertilisers to boost the quality and quantity of tea to increase their earnings, only for the same farmers to deliver the leaves to the competitors.

Omweno, who is also the

chairman of Ogumbo Tea Factory, was speaking at Enock Maronga's farm in Nyamache sub-County during Nyamache Tea Factory farmers' field day on Friday.

"I challenge our competitors to also give farmers fertiliser and should not wait for KTDA to give them fertiliser to benefit from tea production" he said.

Kisii County CEC for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives Development Esman Onsario (pictured) urged farmers to embrace best tea husbandry to boost their earnings.

# New Jumia CEO has her work cut out

Mwangi will have a short honeymoon at the corner office as competition and low penetration shows firm's short end of the stick

by John Otini  
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Consumer traffic to Jumia Kenya dropped by 0.5 million in the last 12 months slowing the performance of Kenya in the Africa region as orders rose by an impressive 40 per cent.

Data from Alexa, a website traffic analytics platform shows that Jumia's traffic dropped to 2.5 million from 3 million as Jiji upped competition to grow its traffic from 1.5 million monthly visitors in the last one year to 2.5 million monthly visitors.

Jumia's performance is largely driven by South Africa and Nigeria with Kenya and Ghana struggling to catch up.

However the dip in traffic was compensated by marked meaningful acceleration, quarterly active consumers, and orders which reached all-time highs of 3.8 million, 11.3 million and \$330 million respectively, increasing by 29 per cent, 40 per cent and 20 per cent year-over-year respectively.

## Shore up performance

The company moved to allow instalment payments in Kenya and launched electric bike deliveries in Kenya to shore up performance.

"We also rolled out instalments for the first time in Nigeria and Kenya in partnership with banks. Jumia, in conjunction with eBee Africa, piloted the use of electric bicycles for deliveries in Nairobi, Kenya," the company said.

It means the new Jumia CEO Betty Mwangi (*pictured*) will have a short honeymoon at the corner office as competition and low penetration shows Jumia Kenya the short end of the stick. Jumia replaced Kenya CEO Sam Chapati with former Britam Commercial Director Betty Mwangi perhaps in an indication of hard times at the online retail firm.

"I look forward to expanding the Jumia universe and trust that my experience and passion for digital innovation will help to propel Jumia to greater heights," the former M-Pesa boss Ms Mwangi said earlier.

The changes come at a time when Jumia posted an increase in losses for the last quarter of 2021 as investors sold the stock.

Nigeria based Jiji which allows anyone to post goods and services for sale has continued to consolidate traffic as the online marketplaces continue to struggle.

The choppy e-commerce waters have seen the exit of Kilimall and Masoko which were once major contenders.

Jumia had moved to strike partnership deals with Carrefour in order to piggyback on the dominant physical stores but the deal had not borne fruit. Jiji's deal with Tusky's also founders after the supermarket crashed.

Naivas the leading physical retail store has launched its own online retail platform and has partnered with delivery firm Glovo to ship its products to consumers. Glovo has signed a deal with Java House Africa, Zucchini Greengrocers and Onn the way Supermarkets.

## Online shopping

A recent survey by Mastercard shows that only 4 per cent of Kenyans primarily use the internet for online shopping compared to 52 per cent in South Africa.

Jumia has also opened its delivery services to third parties to in order to cut the cost of operations to the demanding and labour intensive delivery business.

The NYSE listed startup exited several African countries including Tanzania and Rwanda to remain with South Africa, Nigeria and Kenya.

The Mastercard data shows that Kenya has one of the lowest proportions of online shoppers in Africa.



## MARKET SURVEY

● "Looking at all five markets surveyed, South Africa is second in terms of respondents who primarily use the Internet for online shopping, at 52 per cent. Slightly higher, 53 per cent of Moroccans use the Internet primarily to shop, followed by 44 per cent in Egypt, 7 per cent in Nigeria and just 4 per cent in Kenya," the study notes.

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## NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
15.00	10.00	Eaagae Ltd Ord 1.25	13.50	12.35	100
42.00	34.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 1.00	41.50		
101.00	80.00	Kapechorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 0.05	96.00		
350.00	240.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00	320.00		
22.40	16.75	Sasin Plc Ord 1.00	19.00	20.05	16,000
154.75	125.00	Williamson T. Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	131.00	130.50	100

## AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

HIGH	LOW	Car & General (H) Ltd Ord 5.00	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
76.00	20.00		59.00	64.00	1,000

## BANKING

HIGH	LOW	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
12.50	8.40	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	11.90	11.90	24,500
40.00	24.30	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	28.50	29.00	100
67.00	55.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	55.25	56.75	90,500
55.00	39.25	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	50.00	49.00	1,472,900
5.20	3.30	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	3.49	3.34	29,800
46.75	29.25	ICM Group Plc Ord 1.00	21.50	20.00	12,700
50.75	41.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 5.00	44.30	45.00	1,031,900
29.00	21.00	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	24.05	23.00	21,300
99.00	78.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00	95.00		
142.00	123.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	132.25	132.00	44,100
14.00	11.50	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.75	12.70	55,000

## COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 5.00	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
1.71	0.45	Espresso East Africa Plc Ord 1.00	0.90	0.97	2,000
4.90	3.16	Express Kenya Plc Ord 0.05	4.02	4.00	100
0.00	0.00	Homeboyz Entertainment Plc 0.50	4.66		
9.50	6.00	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.83		
4.53	3.70	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	4.00		
13.80	4.01	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 0.50	5.00	4.99	2,200
26.50	14.35	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	20.00	20.20	4,700
4.00	2.37	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 0.00	2.54	2.69	21,300
20.00	13.55	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	15.00		
17.00	12.00	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	12.50		
0.29	0.20	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.21	0.22	25,900
6.24	3.50	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	4.29	4.24	5,400

## CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
8.35	2.40	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	5.55		
41.85	33.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	37.05	37.05	6,000
42.80	19.05	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	35.65	36.00	5,700
1.62	1.10	E.A.Cable Ltd Ord 0.50	1.15	1.16	800
954	6.00	EA.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	6.88	6.88	100

## ENERGY & PETROLEUM

HIGH	LOW	KenGen Co. Plc Ord 2.50	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
1.78	6.50	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc Ord 2.50	3.90	3.90	469,500
1.99	1.29	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc Ord 2.50	1.68	1.70	446,000
5.50	4.10	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00	4.11		
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00		
27.50	23.00	TotalEnergies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	23.40	23.30	7,300
7.20	5.44	Umemre Ltd Ord 0.50	6.10	6.12	100

## INSURANCE

HIGH	LOW	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
18.00	13.85	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	14.20	14.05	76,900
0.45	0.34	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.37	0.39	12,900
1500.00	1,500.00	Kuruvita Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00	1,500.00		
2.24	1.43	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.00		
1.66	1.08	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50,4	1.18		

## INVESTMENT SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
10.90	7.70		7.78	7.78	29,800

## MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 500	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
510.00	420.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	494.00	489.75	600
132.00	108.00	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	113.30	114.00	1,200
194.00	148.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	154.50	159.00	52,400
1.75	1.10	Fame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.17	1.18	23,000
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00	10.40		
0.70	0.25	Mamas Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27		
36.40	28.10	Ugna Group Ltd Ord 5.00	30.00	30.00	4,500

## TELECOMMUNICATION

HIGH	LOW	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
45.25	34.05		36.15	35.95	1,549,700

## REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

HIGH	LOW	ILAM FAHARI I REIT Ord 20.00	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
7.48	5.90		6.14	6.20	8,400

## EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

HIGH	LOW	ABSA New Gold ETF	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
1930.00	1780.00		2073i	1880.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: UP 0.28 points to close at 160.53

NSE 20-SHAKE INDEX: DOWN 4.41 points to close at 1882.34

NSE 25-SHAKE INDEX: DOWN 0.36 points to close at 3620.79

Source: NSE, Bloomberg

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# World News

EDDIE KOMBOIGO

**It is true that not everyone is going to be happy with the transitional charter**

## Junta approves Burkina Faso transition

Military government leader Damiba signs a charter outlining process approved by a national conference

■ Ouagadougou, Tuesday

A national conference in Burkina Faso has adopted a charter that will allow a military government that seized power in the West African state in January to lead a three-year transition.

According to media reports, the charter was approved and later signed by military government leader Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba in the early hours of Tuesday after a day-long debate in the capital, Ouagadougou.

Damiba, who did not speak during the signing, led the January 24 coup that removed President Roch Marc Christian Kabore.

The coup, the fourth in 18 months in the West Africa region, had raised concerns of a backslide in democracy in a region that was shedding its "coup belt" moniker.

A commission that drafted the transitional charter had proposed a two and a half-year transition, saying the military



Handout picture released by the press office of Burkina Faso's president shows the head of the junta Lieutenant Colonel Paul-Henri Sandaogo Damiba, signing a charter that sets a three-year transition period before the country holds elections, in Ouagadougou yesterday. AFP

government had said it needed that time to stabilise the country and organise elections.

Burkina Faso, alongside neighbours Mali and Niger, is struggling to contain attacks by armed fighters linked to al-Qaeda and ISIL (ISIS), who have killed thousands of people and displaced hundreds of thousands in the West Africa Sahel area, rendering swaths of territories ungovernable and weakening governments.

Eddie Komboigo, leader of one of the main opposition parties and runner-up in the 2020 presidential election, welcomed the charter.

"It is true that not everyone is going to be happy with the transitional charter. But it was the consensus that we reached," Komboigo said, urging the military government to negotiate with regional leaders and international partners so that all can agree on the length of the transition.

Burkina Faso was suspended from the Ecowas and the AU, which have both called for a speedy return to constitutional order. The US has also halted nearly \$160m in aid due to the coup. Burkina Faso's military government said it has restored the constitution a week after taking power and has appointed the coup's

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leader as head of state for a transitional period.

The move came shortly after the African Union (AU) suspended Burkina Faso for the takeover and diplomats from West Africa and the UN pressed demands for a return to civilian rule.

In a statement, the military government announced it had approved a "fundamental act" that "lifts the suspension of the constitution", a move that had been declared after the January 24 coup. The 37-article document guarantees independence of the judiciary and presumption of innocence, as well as basic liberties spelled out in the constitution such as freedom of movement and freedom of speech.

- AFP and Xinhua

### BRIEFLY

## Deadly fire rips through mall in Damascus, kills 11 at night

A night-time fire in a shopping centre in the Syrian capital Damascus has killed at least 11 people, the interior ministry said, in one of the deadliest blazes in recent years. Many of those killed on Tuesday were security guards or staff who were on duty overnight in the six-storey building, said Ahmad Abbas, the director of civil defence. The cause of the fire was not immediately clear. "Eleven people have died as a result of the fire in the La Mira-Da Mall, and two people have

been rescued," the interior ministry said. The fire caused "extensive material damage", it added, ripping through stores that sold clothes, leather goods and cosmetics – many of which were highly flammable. "Investigations are under way to determine the cause of the blaze," the ministry statement read. Incidents of fire are reported frequently in the Syrian capital – some caused by electrical short-circuits, others by unsafe heating methods.

## Celebrating Miraj-Ul-Alam

Muslim devotees react as a priest displays a relic, believed to be a hair from the Prophet Mohammad's beard, during Miraj-Ul-Alam (ascension to heaven) celebrations at Kashmir's main Hazratbal shrine in Srinagar yesterday. AFP



## Canada relaxes entry rules for vaccinated travellers

Canada has eased entry requirements for fully vaccinated international travellers who will no longer need a molecular Covid-19 test to enter. Fully vaccinated travellers will now be able to enter with antigen tests - generally cheaper and faster than molecular tests. The federal government has also dropped its travel advisory, warning Canadians to avoid international travel. The changes come as Covid-19 cases drop across the country. Canada's top doctor said earli-

er this month that the country had passed its peak of the latest wave driven by the highly transmissible Omicron variant. Canada saw a steep rise in case counts beginning in December, before infections began to plateau in the final days of January. The relaxed entry rules will be reassessed in the coming weeks, with an eye on dropping testing requirements entirely for fully vaccinated Canadians who make short trips - less than 72 hours.

- BBC

## Russian troops mass closer to Ukrainian capital

■ Kyiv, Tuesday

A huge convoy of Russian tanks and other military vehicles has massed near Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, on the sixth day of Russia's war on Ukraine.

So far, the Russian military's movements have been stalled by fierce resistance on the ground and a surprising inability to dominate the airspace. Many Ukrainian civilians, meanwhile, spent another night huddled in shelters, basements or cor-

ridors.

On Monday, after a first, five-hour session of talks between Ukraine and Russia yielded no stop in the fighting, both sides agreed to another meeting in the coming days.

As the talks along the Belarusian border wrapped up, several blasts could be heard in Kyiv and Russian troops advanced on the city of nearly 3 million.

Elsewhere, video from Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-biggest city with a popula-



tion of about 1.5 million, showed residential areas being shelled, with apartment buildings shaken by repeated, powerful explosions.

Authorities in Kharkiv said several people had been killed and dozens injured.

They warned that casualties could be far higher.

The Russian military has denied targeting residential areas despite evidence of shelling of homes, schools and hospitals.

Fighting raged in other towns and cities, too. The strategic port city of Mariupol, on the Sea of Azov, is "hanging on" said Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky's adviser Oleksiy Arestovich. An oil depot was reported bombed in the eastern city of Sumy. - Xinhua

# Eureka ► Design, innovate, engineer

## How Kenya can leverage AI to solve problems

Although there is no legal framework for such technology, individuals are already using it to come up with solutions

By Harriet James  
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**W**hen Harman Grewal volunteered at We Make Impact, a nongovernmental organisation implementing clean water solutions in the world, he discovered quite a number of problems in the country could be solved by technology.

This experience pushed him to create a database of legal services, information and resources in country, the Kenyan Law.

"We found out that it's hard to access legal information in the country; that's why we created Kenya Law," he says, explaining that many Kenyans were frustrated when they wanted to find such information, but could not.

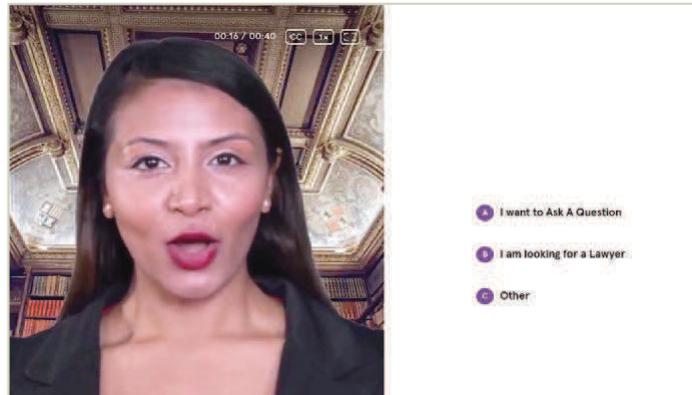
Now, the organisation has incorporated Artificial intelligence (AI) in the form of a bot to help users find information they need. Named Nadia, the bot can answer users' questions within minutes through text or email. It can connect a user to a lawyer as well.

Once on the website, the user clicks on a video featuring Nadia and they will be taken to a new platform called AI Lawyer, where they select whether they are looking for help or if they are a legal service provider. They then follow steps as guided by the bot.

"Whether you need a small-scale lawyer or large-scale firm or a patent specialist in Kisumu or tax expert in Nairobi that can speak Gujarati for example, it is possible that through our smart database system you can be connected with appropriate legal service provider," he says.

So far, they have at least 800 interactions in the system. The more the system gets engagement, the smarter it becomes.

Such adoption of AI indicates a need to have such technology incorporated in daily life. In 2018, Kenya developed an AI and blockchain task force that consists of 11 experts from government agencies, private sector and academics. They provide a roadmap for applying AI technologies and among the things they recommended is the use of block chain to create transparency and eliminate corruption and use of digital assets framework to minimise national



debt and improve public service delivery through a single platform

"As much as the government is pushing for AI and blockchain adaptation, if the laws and policies are not followed or there is poor implementation and citizens don't see the need for the said services, then AI in the private sector will outpace that in the public sector. AI is already a core part in banking, e-commerce, and distribution of goods and services. As we know, any system [AI included] is as good as the presumptions that the system is built on," explains Linda Nakhulu, founder and managing director AfroAI, a company based in Germany.

### Too expensive

There are several reasons hindering AI from moving forward, including that technologies and expertise are too expensive.

"The AI and blockchain technologies are so expensive, that Kenya relies on developed countries to finance the technology's implementation. The government should make it favourable for its citizen, especially those in diaspora to invest in the country and those who want to come back to settle. Through these, they can bring in expertise and "borrowed" technology back home," says Linda.

Secondly, Kenya, still doesn't have defined legislation on data protection, especially when it comes to AI. This has proven to be an obstacle, especially for the scientist and engineers.

"In Africa, including Kenya there is limited preparation of appropriate regulatory and ethical frameworks. There is low use of emerging technologies. Although Kenya has a Data Protection Act, it only takes care of data privacy,

while totally leaving out AI, when the two are becoming increasingly inseparable," she notes.

With regulation comes ethics, which are difficult attributes to add to AI. Ethics, emotions and morality are important human attributes that can be difficult to incorporate into an AI. No matter the smartness of an AI system, they can never replace humans.

"When it comes to ethics, as the state expands in its capacity to undertake surveillance and collect data on its citizen, this will cause violation of the citizen's privacy," says Linda.

One of the biggest disadvantages (and fear) of AI is that it is slowly replacing repetitive tasks with bots, such as the chat box and automated driving.



**Harman Grewal, founder of Kenyan Law, a database of legal services, information and resources in the country.**

**LEFT: Nadia, the AI bot on the Kenyan Law platform that links users to legal information and help.** PD/

A study by McKinsey predicts that AI will replace at least 30 per cent of human labour by 2030. It also makes humans lazy.

"AI application automate many tedious and repetitive tasks. Unlike previously when we used to memorise things or solve puzzles to get a job done, presently we tend to use our brains less and less, hence a blow to future generation example, the use of Amazon Alexa when operating house gadgets," she continues.

### Beyond law

According to Harman, another road block that is hindering AI development is lack of investors who believe in start-up ideas. It is for this reason that they are looking into having a chip that guides start-ups on where and how to grow one.

"We want to come up with a company where Kenyans can come with their ideas even when they haven't developed it. We will teach you how to develop it and can even invest in you at that point and then we can grow in the Kenyan market because no one knows Kenya better than Kenyans and that is what we want to do," he explains.

However, despite the challenges, there are various opportunities that AI presents including opportunities for businesses by developing a new generation products and services with applications in various sectors such as healthcare and education.

For Harman, the Kenyan Law invention opened their eyes to other areas they can create solutions.

"We realised we can provide so many digital solutions to Kenya, such as free education, healthcare consultation, automated government processes and interactions and even free Wi-Fi across Nairobi is possible! We are fully focused on the legal aspect to set our footing in the market, and the sky is the limit," he says.

### TECH BRIEF

## Meta brings reels to Facebook in Africa after success in other countries, on Instagram

After a warm reception of Instagram Reels, a short-form video content product launched by Meta in 2020, the tech giant company has launched Reels on Facebook and new ways for creators to make money across Sub-Saharan Africa.

Before the launch, Reels was available on Facebook in India, Mexico, Canada and US. Now Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, Swaziland, South Africa, Seychelles,

Senegal, Rwanda, Nigeria, Namibia, Mali, Malawi, Lesotho, Kenya, Guinea, Ghana, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Burkina Faso have been looped in.

Nunu Ntshingila, Regional Director for sub-Saharan Africa said during the launch that Reels is the fastest-growing content format for the company.

"We've seen that video now accounts for almost all of the time people spend on Facebook and In-

stagram. This is why we're focused on making Reels the best way for creators to get discovered, connect with their audience and earn money. We also want to make it fun and easy for people to find and share relevant and entertaining content."

Creators earn money for reels through Reels Play bonus programme, part of Meta's Sh100 billion creator investment, which pays creators up to Sh3.5 million a month

based on the views of their qualifying reels. In the coming months, the bonus programme is expected to be extended to more countries.

As part of the launch Meta also unveiled brand suitability controls, including Publisher Lists, Blocklists, Inventory Filters and Delivery Reports for Banner and Sticker Ads in Facebook Reels in every region they are available, giving advertisers more control over how their ads

appear in places they don't consider suitable for their brand or campaign.

Furthermore, the company has been testing full-screen and immersive ads in between Facebook Reels since October of last year, and will roll them out to more places around the world over the coming months. Just like with organic content on Facebook, people can comment, like, view, save, share and skip them.

-Adalla Allan

# Spice ➤ Flavour your day

## STYLE 🐦 @chebetkorir

**H**ow has the journey been as a brand influencer? It has been great. Despite a few challenges, I have grown in various aspects of my life and I thank God.

**You have a unique sense of style. Take us through your fashion journey?**

I realised my love for fashion back in high school when we had a talent show and a friend requested me to be her designer since she was modelling. I took the task and everyone loved my work. Later on, my peers would always push me to model and I always loved being in front of the camera and since the runway was not my thing, I decided to join the fashion-modelling industry.

### What is your first fashion memory?

Back in 2014 when I was competing for Miss Kitengela, I wore my mum's dress, accessorised it with a belt and a friend's oversized heels. I was shocked and excited when the judges picked my outfit as the best in the category I was competing in.

### How do you settle on a look when getting dressed?

I honestly consider where I am going to. Am I comfortable? Also, if the weather is favourable, I will go all out and dress to impress. I am passionate, social, outgoing, trendy, fashionable, risk taker, and a rule breaker. All these traits sum up how I dress up.

### So, how best can you describe your style?

My style is chic, sleek, glam modern and contemporary.

### How best do you pair your outfits, especially now that you are an aspiring politician?

Ha-ha-ha. Let me admit that I have had a hard time trying to switch up. I now have to consider more classy and bossy outfits unlike before where anything would do for me. I am, however open to change and I am adjusting to the suit life.

### Are there any type of clothes that you avoid wearing and why?

Yes. I avoid skimpy outfits during the day because comfort is key, and I hate all the attention that comes with skimpy outfits; they make you look misplaced. Wearing the right clothes will always make one look good and feel comfortable, but the wrong ones, for example, not dressing according to your body size and shape, will give you an unpleasant look that could disturb your mind. And this is one of the biggest mistakes some people make when shopping or dressing up.

### What are the first items you gravitate to when shopping?

Well, shoes. I always go for a shoe that I can pair with different outfits. But I feel every woman should have a dress they can wear day or night, quality sunglasses, a perfect white T-shirt, and a quality denim outfit.

### What's your favourite scent?

Coco Mademoiselle Chanel perfume.

### Who is your fashion icon and what makes them stand out?

Rihanna. She makes every kind of style work. Whether it's an edgy badass look or old Hollywood glam, she never fails to deliver.

### A fashion tip you can share...

Get to know your body shape, explore more on different styles for inspiration and always accessorise right.

## GET THE LOOK WITH FAITH KYOUMUKAMA

### Silk suits just well

Nigerian-American comedian and actor Yvonne Orji made us fall in love with her stylish looks on the TV series *Insecure*. Here are some of her suit pieces looks that you can grab for your wardrobe.

A silky blazer is luxurious and edgy. It would be a perfect fit for date night or a chic event.



This yellow suit is pretty and playful, a perfect for a sunny day out.



An oversized blazer dress is a must have for a stylish wardrobe.



**Stacey Ndaisi Mummoh**  
aka Myles Stacey is a brand influencer, content creator and business mogul. She chats with **Chebet Korir** about her love for fashion and good looks

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Stacey Mummoh

# Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted

## OLD SKOOL VIBE

■ by Elly Gitau

The inaugural edition of the Chonga Chonga Old Skool Festival took Meru by storm on Saturday, as thousands of fun lovers thronged the Meru Teachers College grounds for some great moments. Organised by Kayfar Watanashati and VJ Kaygee Karuga in partnership with Chainless Entertainment and Tuliza Media, the mega concert featured a riveting array of Kenyan entertainers including Wyre, Nameless, Jasper Murume Colonel Moustapha, Wahu, Jua Cali, Kamanu, Natti Mwalim. The event aims to bring music and fun lovers together to listen to the old school vibe and celebrate and appreciate Kenyan artistes for shaping the industry.

PD/GERALD ITHANA

Revellers savour the feel-good moments.



Singer Kamantu hits the notes.



California's best: King of Genge Jua Cali does his thing.



Kenzo serenades his legion of fans.



VJ Kaygee Karuga in the house.



Mtoto wa Khadija! Mejja hits the stage.



DJ Funkul delivers doses of hot music mix.



Festival organiser Kayfar Mtanashati.



What's my name? I'm Nameless!



Comedian Jasper Murume dishes out some tickling vibes.



Wahu Kagwi rocks!



Wyre the Lovechild never disappoints.



Mafuko Industries Ltd managing director Yagnic Ramgi.

# Ten...

# Vital steps towards financial freedom

## 1. Set goals

If you have nothing to aspire to, you are not in a position to explore all your potential. It is therefore important to have clearly outlined long and short-term goals and their financial connotations. Breakdown the goals into actionable steps and see what it will take to achieve them, then dig in and do the work. If you plan to better your parents' lifestyle, see how much it costs to build a stone house and how much money is needed, then start working towards your goals. The clearer the goals, the better.

## 2. Budget

Learn what you spend every month and every year by tracking your spending. This will allow you to see where your money goes. Once this is done, see what expenses you can cancel off and the ones you cannot live without. Make a budget and stick to it. This will ensure that you have a bit of left-over money that you can channel towards your other goals.

## 3. Pay off debts

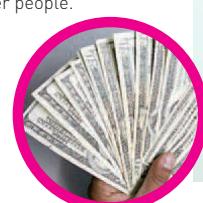
Try to live debt-free if you can. If you cannot, ensure that you only have good debt. Good debt can increase your net worth, while bad debt strips it. Taking a Sacco loan to pay for a piece of land is good debt. Taking a loan to buy a car or a round of shots for your girlfriend or friends is bad debt. If you already have bad debts, start paying them off. This will ensure that you are working for yourself rather than for other people.

## 4. Boost your income

You can only decrease your expenses to a certain extent. In order to achieve



A lot of people are caught off guard by retirement or retrenchment mainly because they do not work towards financial independence, which occurs when you have enough to live on without having to work every day. While it sounds hard and elusive, financial self-sustenance is attainable. Nailantei Norari looks at a few tips to start you off on that journey



financial independence, you need to be able to boost your income. You can do this by starting a side hustle or getting hard and soft skills that will enable you get a promotion or optimise your business. Just do not leave money on the table. If you can start a YouTube channel or do social media marketing, do it and earn a few shillings on the side. Have an eye for opportunities and ensure you leverage them.

## 5. Adopt minimalist lifestyle

While it is important to love yourself and spend your hard-earned money, it is also important to live a minimalist lifestyle. Ensure that you live within your means. Borrowing to finance a flamboyant lifestyle is a sure-fire way of remaining poor, as you will be working to pay off the debts rather than to advance yourself. If you can walk to work, walk, do not take a cab. If you can cook, do that instead of ordering a meal. You do not have to invest in the latest designer wear. All the wealthy people started off and still live minimalist lifestyles.



## 6. Save

Put away some of your money. This ensures that you have something for a rainy day. There are two types of funds that you should have; emergency funds and sinking funds. An emergency fund is a pool of savings for the unknown. This should be at least three months of expenses. A sinking fund on the other hand, is a pool of savings for a known goal. This could be a water tank for grandmother in the countryside or a new car. Practice financial discipline such that you do not remove your savings for a banal reason such as painting the town red.



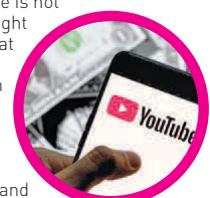
## 7. Invest

While saving is a good place to start, you need to invest, especially since inflation eats in to your savings. Investing is making your money work for you. If you for instance invest in good stocks, you will be earning dividends for a long time to come without ever having to break into a sweat. However, research before you invest in anything. Investing in something you do not know is a fool proof way of losing your money.



## 8. Gain financial literacy

While being money-wise is not something we were taught in school, it is a skill that every adult and child should have if they plan to become financially independent. Luckily, the internet is a useful resource that we can leverage. Use YouTube and other social media platforms to get literacy on finances. You can enrol in professional financial literacy courses or simply hire someone who is financially literate such as a financial advisor.



## 9. Contribute to statutory plans

If you are employed, ensure that your employer contributes to statutory plans such as the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF) and National Social Security Fund. These payments will come in handy when you are sick and when you retire respectively. If you are not employed, ensure you pay your NHIF plan, as there are numerous ailments that the plan can pay for you. Either way, remember to save for retirement because health bills normally skyrocket during this period.



## 10. Invest in yourself

Invest in getting the hard and soft skills needed to advance in your chosen career or business. Do not get too caught up in looking for money that you forget to take care of yourself. Health expenses run deep. Therefore, eat healthy and workout as this will leave your money intact. It will also ensure that you are in tip-top shape to enjoy your financial freedom.



# Family Fusion ▶ All about kin and kith

## Is the female breadwinner under siege?

by Jasmine Atieno  
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**N**adia Achieng' has been a single mother for the last five years. She attributes her marriage falling apart to her ex-husband's financial status.

"He did not have a stable job, just the usual hustle. Paying bills was never a problem to me; I had been taking care of my bills before we even got married. What I refused to do was giving him money just because he asked for it. He just never paid it back. Also, he kept calling me Miss Independent at the slightest provocation. Being able to take care of my needs, whether he helped out or not, I think, became such a huge problem, that we began to drift apart. I called it quits. So here I am. I am not looking for money in a relationship. It is not a priority as such. But no, I don't want a leech either," says Nadia.

We live at a time and in a society where equality is struggling to gain a fair balance with a lot of gender norms being shown the exit door. Gone are the days when a man was the sole breadwinner. With women empowerment and many of them joining the job market, coupled with the high cost of living, women are now bringing home the bacon.

### Shameful thing

When the sole bread winner is a woman, does this affect the relationship? And above all, can marriage survive this kind of inequality? Radio presenter Cyrus Ngonyi shares that it is in fact a taboo in his Mijikenda community to be a 'kept' man. "It is not only an African taboo, Christianity also does not entertain such kind of men. The man is the head of his family and as such, the provider and protector. Even if the wife will help out sometimes, a man has to make sure his family is happy and satisfied. Where I come from, it is a shameful thing when people find out that you are a 'kept' man. The woman will be admired for being courageous and even covering up for

you," he shares.

It can also be exhausting since many women work, pay the bills, and have to come home to cook, clean, and take care of children. This can bring pressure in the marriage as well as resentment. The reversal of roles can cause friction.

Aisha Mwajumla, a popular Mombasa-based actress and the host of *AishaTalks* show in partnership with some organisations explore and bring to light, issues that aggravate gender based violence in the society.

She believes that a woman being the sole breadwinner in the house can highly contribute to a breakup or violence.

### Struggles and challenges

"It is not that we want our men to have money for us to appreciate them. At the same time, it's not the money that makes the man feel some type of way about you. It's what the money makes the man feel or behave or act. How it influences his ego and confidence as a provider and protector. Lack of money may make a man feel the need to compensate to satisfy his ego and confidence. From the few relationships I know where the man is not providing, the man will most of the time cheat. If you give him money, he will spend it on another woman, so he can fill the gap," shares Aisha.

Women are submissive in nature. Whether money is involved or not, they will still wish their men can take care of them, but due to their maternal instincts of wanting things to be okay, they will quickly step in when the man doesn't play his role.

Psychologist Tracy Nyaguthii says there are many challenges of a union that has a woman as the primary provider. A man often feels emasculated by his wife's success. He feels inadequate because his wife is making more money than him. The man then feels lost in the marriage. If he cannot provide for his family, then what exactly is his role?

"When the role of the primary provider goes to the wife, the husband may suffer shame. Studies indicate female bread winners are at a higher risk of experiencing domestic violence

Now more than ever, many women are scaling the career ladder, whether in the office or business and earning a lot of money while at it. This has seen some becoming sole providers. Does this spell doom for the family?

**Women cannot live apologising to society for earning more. Men have to realise a lot has changed**



Aisha Mwajumla.



Ruth Jebet

and even divorce. As husbands seek to assert their dominance at home, they can get physically violent or emotionally abusive. It is also largely held that women who earn higher than their spouses record lower marital satisfaction as opposed to women who earn lower than their spouses. The societal norm that husbands should be the primary bread winners also leads women to under report their earnings to avoid issues in their relationship," she shares.

Additionally, money creates competition. There is also the belief that money equals power, so the breadwinner has more power.

### All is not lost

Despite these challenges, Tracy shares that women will continue advancing in their careers and this means that there will be higher chances in the future of many women being primary providers. "Even if as a society we have a long way to go in embracing women primary providers, women cannot live apologising to society for earning more and men have to realise a lot has changed since our grandparents and parents," she says.

Tracy says there are many thriving marriages and relationships that have female breadwinners. She says if couples agree and communicate effectively, marriages with

female breadwinners can enjoy a healthy relationship.

"It is important for couples to communicate effectively about their finances and their roles in the household. Marriage and relationships requires teamwork, therefore communication is key. Discuss any underlying issues, expectations, struggles, among other issues. Do not let resentment fester. Find exciting and interesting ways to bond as a couple to break off any tension, for instance dinner dates, safaris, game nights among others. As a couple you can see a professional counsellor to explore ways to deal with issues in your marriage. For the female bread winner, find like-minded people who you can share your struggles with, without the fear of being judged," she advises.

Counselling psychologist, Ruth Jebet concurs. "The society has had all of us believing that being a female bread winner spells relationship disaster, which I don't think should be the case. In fact, it is the most empowering thing a woman can be! Times have changed, and there are a few things couples can do to help prevent income disparities from taking a toll in their marriage," she says.

However, men shouldn't stay in a comfortable zone, just because someone is taking care of the bills at home. Experts advise it.



**MOMINTHEMIX WITH FANNE MWAMBI**

## Exam candidates could do with more encouragement

Rachel, an extremely talented pupil in our school, shared a composition she wrote with me, and the first thing I noticed, a few sentences in, was that she had instantly slid away from the topic. From my experience editing, especially online write-ups, I could tell the pressure she was going through writing. She wanted to exceed our expectations or meet her parents. But the diversion was so off it read 'danger ahead'. So I called to have a word with her.

### The demand to excel

"I see you are going beyond the examiner's thoughts." I began, raising an eyebrow

curiously. "I don't know what to do, teacher, and the more I give my best, the more frustrated I become!" she gave me no time to respond when she added, "My parents will be so disappointed in me!" There, I knew where Rachel's problem was.

"Are you the firstborn child at home?" I asked, and she responded in the affirmative. I confirmed the pressure I picked up from her writing, a similar pressure I felt off my elder sister when she sat her exams too. Luckily, I knew just how to help.

### What they know is enough

With so much pressure on our eldest children to excel, they push themselves

beyond the margins of success and end up lost in the confusion that could quickly set them up for failure. "Do you all realise that the pupils who sit for their exams while relaxed tend to give their best work?" I asked Rachel. See, no one expects much from them, so they are open to as much as guessing an answer and getting it right!

The secret lies in having a clear mindset when it's time to engage their minds, so giving them distractions that bring about fear and reproach will in no way bring out their very best. If you've been giving them the short end of the stick, now is time to appreciate what they have garnered, regardless of how much.



# Relatively Speaking

► Inner circle truth

# Funny man reaping big in the US entertainment industry

Being an African comic in the American comedy scene is no easy feat. But **Dennis Onsarigo**, popularly known as **Dubai** has made a name for himself and won awards, while at it as his wife **Fahima Maronga** narrates



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**W**hen Fahima Maronga heard that a Kenyan comedian would perform at a popular club in Seattle, US, in March 2019, she decided there would be no way she could miss such an event held in her neighbourhood. Little did she know she was going to meet the love of her life, Dennis Onsarigo Maronga aka Dubai.

"We met at a party. Dubai had recently relocated to Seattle from Wichita, Kansas. He was hosting a party at one of the popular clubs in Seattle. I went to this event and looking back now, I'm not sure how I caught his eye in that sold-out room," she recalls.

#### American dream

Dubai says Fahima's beauty stood out in the crowd. He couldn't waste the chance of getting to know her. "He asked me for a date, and the rest is history. We now have one child. We will be celebrating our three-year-anniversary this month," adds Fahima who was born in Somalia, but relocated to Kenya because of war in her country. She later moved to Seattle, USA at age 13.

Dubai is currently a celebrated Kenyan comedian in the US. Since his childhood, Dubai always wanted to be a dentist. Part of his childhood was spent in Langata Nairobi before his family relocated to Maringo Posta, Nairobi, where his passion for acting was born. For two years, he was a set book actor and further sharpened his skills at the Kenya National Theatre and Alliance Francaise between 2007 and 2008. Dubai also featured in a local TV programme *Makutano Junction* in 2008.

Fahima Maronga and her husband Dennis Onsarigo aka Dubai. PD/  
ALLAN ADALLA

In 2008, Dubai applied for a scholarship at Wichita State University, a medical school in the US and got it. He relocated to the US the same year to pursue a degree in medicine, but still continued with his acting passion. He also started producing music and later on ventured into comedy.

#### Busy schedule

In Dubai's podcast, the *African Excellist*, he hosts immigrant artistes, who share their craft with his audience. "He has collaborated with One Vibe Africa to host artistes such as Owuor Arunga, Kalamashaka, Boutros, Nazizi, the 2001 Grammy Award-winning reggae legend Pato Banton, among others to organise shows in various places in the US, such as Seattle Art Museum, Space Needle, Glass Gardens and even universities," she reveals.

In his 14 years stay in the US, Dubai has bagged many awards and major recognitions in his career including, best International Producer 2015, Artist of the City Award 2017, Best African Comedian North West 2018, Bill And Melinda Gates Africa Day festival 2019, Mr Kenya Washington 2019, African Achievement Awards, Comedian Of the Year 2020 and 2021.

"He has hosted Washington State annual Juneteenth March and celebrations for two consecutive years. Juneteenth is attended by thousands of Seattleites. For two years, he has also hosted Umoja Festival (African, Caribbean and Black summer holiday) which celebrates the best of the African American community and African Diaspora culture in the northwest with music, food and culture. He has also hosted the biggest black comedy festival at the world famous Museum of Pop Seattle, which boasted of comedy legends such as D-militant, Isiah

#### FAHIMA

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Anderson Jr, Rio Chanae among others," she says.

During Covid-19 pandemic, he was the MTV base Quarantine Virtual Show host, which featured Davido, Diamond Platnumz, Burna boy, Falz, Fally Ipupa, Sho Madjozi, Tiwa Savage, Akothee and more. Moreover, he was the party-giver at the African Princes of Comedy tour 2021 that featured the Mount Rushmore of African comedians in the US including Foxy P, Dulo, Aphricanape, Uncle Azeem, Clifford Owusu and more.

Dubai has had the privilege to host the biggest Afrocentric Festival Shows and curtain raised for celebrities such as Michael Blackson, Ali Saddiq, Nate Jackson, Mike Epps, Comedian Trixx and many more. "He just concluded a 20 city African Princes of Comedy Tour in 2021 to support African businesses affected by Covid-19," she says.

Fahima is responsible for training, quality assurance programmes and workforce management at Kicheko Project Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded by her husband in 2021. She is also a digital creator and a health

#### AT A GLANCE

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- His fans and friends nicknamed him Dubai, which became more common than the monikers General Mutombo and Fresh Prince of Africa, which were his stage names.

- Dubai is the founder Kicheko Project Foundation

professional.

"Through Kicheko Project Foundation, we collaborated with other NGOs to launch immunisation, youth summits, rent relief and food campaigns for immigrants who are not eligible to work, but needed help to survive during the Covid-19 lockdown," she says.

Fahima says that through her husband, she has discovered how being an African comic in the American comedy scene is no easy feat, it's not for the weak. Three key values have kept them going: Patience, empathy and therapy.

#### Building a marriage that last

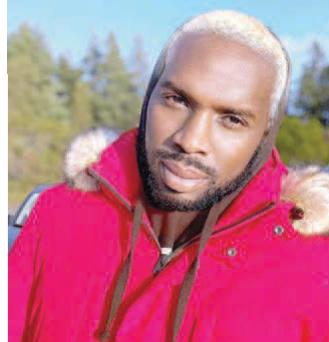
Dubai's work can be stressful and therefore, she ensures he gets some peace of mind. "I'm enthusiastic about his projects and cheer him on. I give him weekly pep talks, help him organise his schedule and plan his calendar. I frequently remind him of all the wonderful reasons I believe in him. He is the most positive guy I know and he pushes everyone around him. He makes me laugh a lot and loves to do things with me. If I take up a hobby, Dubai takes it up. If I like a certain kind of food or music, he learns to like it," she says.

However, being in the limelight and having many job opportunities has some challenges as well. "I didn't sign up to be married to a successful and workaholic husband. Our schedules are mostly synced, but not all the time. Also, my husband is around constant temptation —he works with beautiful women and who wouldn't feel threatened? However, in any marriage, it's important to consider your partner's needs and wants, not just your own. My husband is accustomed to attention and admiration and I'm glad he has never disrespected me in any way," she asserts.

"A new relationship is full of potential, possibilities, and discovery—not only of our partners, but of ourselves and our needs, wants, and desires. It's easy to instantly start comparing your relationship to others or partners, but it won't do you any good and it breeds insecurity," she says.

"Stay in the moment, be present and open. I am a Muslim and my hubby is a Christian. One person cannot satisfy all your needs, take responsibility for your own needs. Look to your partner for support, encouragement, and help. Don't let finances, family dynamics, religion or culture rob you of a beautiful experience. Think of your partner as a business partner or consultant, a better friend than an enabler, sponsor or a life raft," she advises.

"Ask yourself; what values do you both share? Why are you together? Is it a conditional relationship? The wealthy and successful today may hit rock bottom anytime. Be smart, the one you overlook today may be the most successful person in future. Work on yourself, your trauma, depression and any negative experience before your date. Fixing your mental and emotional space is your job. Love is not perfect, but it is a far cry from loneliness and isolation," she says in conclusion.





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5.30 Wake Up, Shape Up!  
6.00 K24 This Morning  
9.55 Wisdom Moments  
10.05 Inuka  
11.00 Daily Brief  
1.00 News Cut  
1.30 Jungu La Spoti  
2.00 Bongo Movie  
3.00 Paula & Friends  
3.30 Akili & Me  
4.00 Inuka  
4.30 BBC Mitikasi Leo  
4.50 Classic Cartoons  
5.00 Beatbox  
6.00 Love & Wealth  
7.00 K24 Saa Moja  
7.00 Full Impact-Serie A  
8.00 Made In Cartagena  
9.00 K24 Evening Edition  
10.00 Lotto Live  
10.20 PI World Programme  
10.50 Bongo Movie  
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1.50 Al Jazeera



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06:00 Family Jewels  
07:00 Ktn Leo  
07:30 My Two Wives  
08:00 Foods Of Kenya  
09:00 Ktn Prime News  
09:45 Voa Red Carpet  
10:00 Kenya Lotto  
10:15 E-Curve  
11:15 Andrew Wommack  
11:45 CNN

# TIME OUT!

3.00pm PAULA & FRIENDS



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ANGA SKY PANARI: 16:50, 18:45, 20:40: **BLACKLIGHT**

WESTGATE CINEMA: 14:20, 11:30, 15:05, 17:15, 19:25, 21:40: **BLACKLIGHT**

ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA: 12:30, 14:40, 16:45, 18:50: **UNCHARTED 2D**

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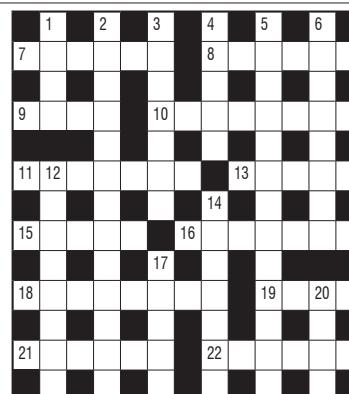
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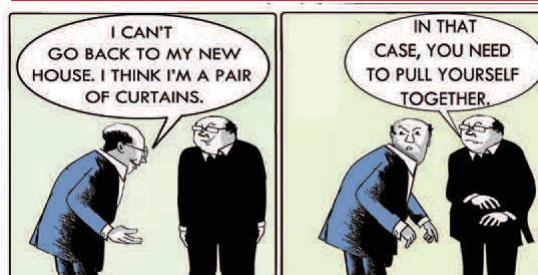
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## Sudoku

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



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### ACROSS

- 1. Hoarse (anag) (6)
- 2. Relating to a wedding (6)
- 9. Bend over upon itself (4)
- 10. Dilgence (8)
- 11. Plans of action (7)
- 13. Aimed (anag) (5)
- 15. Opposite of lows (5)
- 16. Group of parishes (7)
- 18. In spite of the fact (8)
- 19. Affectionately dairy (4)
- 21. Climbed (6)
- 22. Quantum of electromagnetic energy (6)

### DOWN

- 3. Restoration to life (7)
- 4. Home (5)
- 5. Act of scattering about (13)
- 6. Breed of retriever (8)
- 12. Traffic jam (8)
- 14. Perfectly (7)
- 17. Steer (5)
- 20. Greek god of love (4)

## HOROSCOPES



5:00 BBC  
5:30 Gear Up  
6:00 Good Morning Kenya

9:00 Layd Back  
9:30 Parliament Live

11:00 Hypochondriach RR

12:00 Top Mashariki Rpt

13:00 Lunch Time News

13:30 Business Defined

14:00 Business Africa Parliament Live

14:30 Club 1

18:30 The Great Debaters

19:00 Taarifa Bold

19:30 Conversations

20:00 First Lady

21:00 Channel 1 News

23:00 CCTV

23:30 Lay'd Back



### ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Deception may cause disputes you do without. Try to avoid serious discussions with loved ones.

### TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Heed the advice given by family or old reliable friends. You will have the discipline and fortitude to accomplish what you want today.

### GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 22)

Look into alternatives that would better suit both your needs. Do not blow situations out of proportion. Don't do something silly just to get back at your mate.

### CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

If you want to make your mark, try to get involved in projects that will bring you some glory. Put your energy into moneymaking ventures.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

Kick your shoes off and relax. Take the time to help old friends or relatives who have had a stroke of bad luck.

### VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

You can make extra cash by moonlighting. Try to keep an open mind. Make plans to meet again in the near future.

### LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

You won't be well received by superiors or by your spouse. Try to take care of the needs of those you love.

### SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)

You can meet new and exciting lovers through work related projects. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation.

### SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

Accept the inevitable, and opportunities for advancement will follow. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more.

### CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 20)

Problems with your mate will develop if you don't let them have their way. Be prepared to overcome frustrations and obstacles at work.

### AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You should be promoting your ideas. Children may be less than honest with you. Jealous attitudes may lead you astray.

### PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Take time to relax. Stress and pressure at home may have worn you ragged. Your compassion will be appreciated more than you can imagine.

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

#### ACROSS

- 1. Team
- 8. Attitude
- 9. Arms
- 10. Upended
- 12. Stack
- 14. Muddy
- 16. Sully
- 19. Ibis
- 20. Escalate
- 22. Incorruptible

#### DOWN

- 2. Pinion
- 3. Assured
- 4. Comes
- 5. Umlaut
- 6. Irrical
- 11. Plumbing
- 13. Hubcaps
- 15. Disco
- 17. Kelvin
- 18. Decry
- 21. Told



Wednesday, March 2, 2022

# Sport

► The one-stop Sport shop...

## AK returns weekend meeting to Nyayo as venues fail standards

■ by Amos Abuga  
@PeopleDailyKe

Athletics Kenya Track and Field third leg meeting will be held at the Nyayo National Stadium this weekend with the federation citing lack of facilities at the regions.

The event had been awarded to the Eastern region with the initial venue being Embu Stadium before it was shifted to Kiruria Stadium in the neighbouring Tharaka Nithi County.

But AK now says the venue could not meet the standards to host the event hence the decision to move it to Nyayo.

The decision was arrived at after a site visit at the Kiruria Stadium by a team led by AK senior vice president Paul Mutwii.

"The stadium is good, yes, it has got a very good tartan but then we had a few concerns since it cannot accommodate field events and also the 110m hurdles. Our intention is to expose our athletes to the highest standards possible and

that is why we have opted to move the meet to Nyayo," said Mutwii.

It will be the second time Nyayo Stadium will be hosting a weekend meeting this season, with the first leg having been held at the venue earlier this month. The second meeting was held in Moi Stadium, Kisumu, just over a week ago.

With the two events having witnessed high turnout, Mutwii said they expect the same to continue this weekend.

"We are very impressed with the way our athletes are now taking these events very seriously. We are particularly

very encouraged with the sprinters who have continued to show up in numbers. This is very important since we want to diversify our medal prospects in major championships," he said.

The fourth and final weekend meeting will be held in Bukhunu Stadium, Kakamega, on March 19 which will then set the stage for the national championships to be held on April 28-30.

Mary Moraa cross the line to win 400m during a past Athletics Kenya Track and Field Meeting.

PD/David Ndolo



## Magic Morant spurs Grizzlies, Heat gore Bulls

■ Los Angeles, Tuesday  
@PeopleDailyKe

Ja Morant produced a virtuous 52-point performance as the Memphis Grizzlies defeated the San Antonio Spurs 118-105 in the NBA's Western Conference clash on Monday.

Morant made 22 of 30 shots from the field in a magical display for Memphis, two days after scoring 46 points in a win over Chicago.

Morant's career-high masterpiece included two dazzling season highlights -- starting with an astonishing dunk over the Spurs' Austrian player Jakob Poeltl.

He then topped that on the stroke of

halftime with a gravity-defying fadeaway jump shot after plucking a length-of-the-court pass from Steven Adams out of the air.

"I'm thankful for my teammates, my coaches," Morant said.

### DeRozan 'blitzed'

"They believe in me and have all the confidence in the world that I'll make the right plays."

The win leaves Memphis in third in the Western Conference with 43 wins and 20 defeats, trailing the Golden State Warriors (43-18) and the leading Phoenix Suns (49-12).

San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich

meanwhile saluted Morant as a "beautiful player."

"What else can you say about him? It's not just that he's athletic...he knows what is going on on the court," Popovich said.

"So, you combine that cerebral part of his game with his athleticism and you've got a special kid."

Elsewhere on Monday, the Miami Heat shut down DeMar DeRozan to rout the Chicago Bulls 112-99 in their top-of-the-table Eastern Conference clash.

Gabe Vincenzo and Tyler Herro scored 20 points apiece while Jimmy Butler and Bam Adebayo each had 15 points as Miami's balanced offense completed a convincing victory.

- AFP



Ja Morant #12 of the Memphis Grizzlies drives to the basket during the game against the San Antonio Spurs on February 28, 2022 at FedExForum in Memphis, Tennessee.

AFP



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**Magical Kenya**  
Open ProAm event sets the pace for the main event at Muthaiga.

Simon Wachira will take part in the men's 20km race walk.

"We all know how huge the opportunity that has been presented to us both as the experienced and young walkers, and we have to seize it and make something good out of it," said Gathimba.

World Under-20 Championships 10m race walk champion Heristone Wanyonyi will compete in men's Under-20 10km.

Wanyonyi rose to fame after winning gold in the men's 10,000m race walk at the World Athletics Under-20 Championships in Nairobi last year.

He was voted the Most Promising Boy at the 2021 Sports Personality of the Year Awards (Soya) gala last month.

### Perfect opportunity

Ngii, who is also the national and Kenya Defence Forces champion, will square it out in women's 20km. "There were concerns that without an Omani embassy in Kenya, it was not going to be easy to acquire visas. As athletes we want to thank Athletics Kenya for making it possible," said Ngii.

Ngii says the athletes will use the opportunity to secure qualifications for Commonwealth Games as well as the World Athletics Championships.

Team leader Kariuki says mingling with other great race walkers will be enough motivation for them to push forward in their careers.

"This is the first competition for Kenya to enter a team. We want to stamp our presence and use it as the perfect launchpad for the qualifiers for the World Championships in August. It is an opportunity for us to enter the esteemed leagues of the sport," Kariuki said.

Emily Ngii leads the way in walking race during the national Olympics trials at Kasarani Stadium last year. PD/DAVID NDOL



Team Kenya headed to Oman for world walking race championships

■ by Amos Abuga  
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Samuel Gathimba and Emily Ngii are upbeat they lead Team Kenya for the World Athletics Race Walking Team Championships earmarked for March 4-5 in Muscat, Oman.

The two who are also African Games and Africa champions are part of a strong five member team that is due to travel to the Middle East country and positive they will register good performances. The team, which has four men and one woman, will be managed by veteran race walk coach George Kariuki, and will leave for the championships on March 2.

The 2017 World Under-18 10km race walk bronze medalist Dominic Ndigi and

**BRIEFLY****Pep tells Grealish to ignore criticism after slow start**

**LONDON:** Pep Guardiola has urged Jack Grealish to ignore his critics and his underwhelming statistics after a slow start to his Manchester City career. The England midfielder has not been the dominant force he was at Aston Villa since his British-record £100 million (\$134 million) move to the Premier League champions in

August, scoring just three goals and making three assists in all competitions. The 26-year-old even admitted in an interview in December that he had found the transition more difficult than he had expected and thought he would get more assists and goals. But Guardiola said he was happy with the winger's contribution.

- AFP

**Mwana targeting league title with Homeboyz**

**KAKAMEGA:** Kakamega Homeboyz star Guelord Mwamba, popularly known as Yema Mwana, says his main wish is to see his club win the title this season. Mwamba, who netted second goal against Bidco on Sunday making his tally eight, has attributed his top form to hard work and great motivation from the Homeboyz management. Mwamba

who joined Homeboyz from Bandari this has lauded the technical bench under coach Benard Mwalala for trusting and giving him opportunity to showcase what he possesses. "It's amazing. The support I have been accorded by officials, players and fans, has made me work harder to reciprocate their good gesture."

- Fred Likuyani

**Everton receive apology over Man City handball**

**LONDON:** Everton have received an apology from the head of the professional referees body Mike Riley after they were denied a penalty in the 1-0 defeat by Manchester City on Saturday. The Toffees wrote to the Premier League to complain about the decision when Manchester City midfielder Rodri seemed to use his arm to control the ball. Neither referee Paul Tierney nor video assistant

referee Chris Kavanagh deemed it was worthy of a spot-kick despite complaints from fans and Everton boss Frank Lampard. Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL) boss Riley called both Lampard and Everton chairman Bill Kenwright on Monday to apologise for the incident, which could prove costly to the club's bid to stay in the Premier League.

- BBC

# Leeds name Marsch new manager

**Forty-year-old arrives with the Whites sitting just two points above the EPL relegation zone**

**London, Tuesday**  
@PeopleDailyKe

Premier League strugglers Leeds named American Jesse Marsch as their new manager on Monday, a day after sacking Marcelo Bielsa.

The 48-year-old former RB Leipzig boss arrives with Leeds sitting just two points above the relegation zone.

The club said Marsch had been appointed "pending international clearance" on a deal running until June 2025 and that he would take charge for Saturday's league game at Leicester.

"We have a long-term plan and firmly believe he can take Leeds United to the next level and are excited for what the future holds," said director of football Victor Orta.

Leeds are deep in relegation trouble after Bielsa's reign imploded with five defeats in their last six games.

**Looming ominously**

They conceded 20 goals in Bielsa's final five matches, culminating in the 4-0 home defeat by Tottenham on Saturday that proved the last straw for the Leeds board.

Bielsa was hampered by injuries to key players Kelvin Phillips, Patrick Bamford and Liam Cooper.

But his refusal to change his attacking philosophy despite Leeds' defensive problems was just as damaging.

Marsch has little time to fix those issues with just 12 games left in the Premier League season.

"I know what a big club Leeds is," Marsch said in a video on the club's Twitter account.

"I have ex-players that have played here, I've watched this club from afar for many years and I'm really honoured and excited to be here."

With a return to the Championship looming omi-



nously into view

after only two seasons back in the top flight, Leeds fans remain to be convinced Marsch is the man to save them from the drop.

He was dismissed by Leipzig in December after a disappointing five-month spell with the Bundesliga club.

Marsch had earned the Leipzig job after leading Red Bull Salzburg to the Austrian league and cup double in both 2020 and 2021.

He helped develop Erling Haaland at Salzburg before the Norway striker joined Borussia Dortmund in 2019.

Marsch had previously worked as Leipzig assistant manager, where he served under current Manchester United interim boss Ralf Rangnick.

"Jesse is someone we identified a number of years ago during his time at Red Bull Salzburg and we believe his philosophy and style of football aligns with that of the club and will suit the players very well," Orta added.

Marsch also had a spell in charge of Major League Soccer side New York Red Bulls from 2015 to 2018, winning the competition's coach of the year award in 2015.

- AFP

## Icon Song appointed Cameroon boss on president's orders

**Yaoundé, Tuesday**  
@PeopleDailyKe

Former star player Rigobert Song has been named as head coach of the Cameroon national team, replacing Toni Conceicao, on the orders of the country's president, the sports minister said on Monday.

Portugal's Conceicao has led Cameroon into the play-offs of World Cup qualifying and took them to a third-placed finish at the Africa Cup of Nations on home soil last month.

**High directives**

Sports minister Narcisse Mouelle Kombi said Cameroonian President Paul Biya has ordered the national football federation to give the job to ex-Liverpool defender Song.

"On very high instructions from the President of the Republic, the coach of the men's national football team, Mr Antonio Conceicao, has been replaced by Rigobert Song," Kombi said in a statement.

"The Cameroonian Foot-

ball Federation (Fecafoot) is invited to take the necessary measures for a rapid and harmonious implementation of these very high directives."

Fecafoot has confirmed "the end of the contract" of Conceicao.

Cameroon face 2019 African champions Algeria in a two-legged play-off for a place at the World Cup in Qatar later this year on March 25 and 29.

Song, who played in England, France, Italy, Germany and Turkey during his club career, is the Indomitable Lions' all-time leading appearance maker with 137.

He played in four World Cups and won the 2000 and 2002 Africa Cup of Nations titles.

Song was also the coach of the Cameroon Under-21 side.

The appointment would be unusual because Fifa rules require any member association to be independent and avoid any form of political interference.

- AFP



Cameroon's striker Samuel Eto'o (left) and defender Rigobert Song jog during a training session at Northlands School in Durban on June 10, 2010, on the eve of the South Africa 2010 World Cup kick off. AFP

# Former FKF chief executive demands Kenya must rethink its position on Fifa

by Gibo Zachary  
@PeopleDailyKe

Former Football Kenya Federation chief executive Lordvick Aduda yesterday asked the government to soften its stance as it tries to unlock the impasse with Fifa in an effort to lift the suspension of the country by the global football governing body.

Aduda said in as much as Kenyans are for the change of the FKF constitution, any amendments must be made with Fifa rules in mind.

He stated that the FKF constitution would not be recognised by Fifa if the whole process is conducted by the Football Caretaker Committee.

## Never engage

"Let us be honest with Kenyans and tell them the truth. FKF was not disbanded. That's a misconception. The organ that was disbanded was the national executive committee. So the other organs and committee were not disbanded. So if you want to amend the constitution, the FKF General Assembly is the organ responsible for amending or adopting the constitution. You cannot amend the constitution if you're not a member of the FKF," said Aduda in an interview with a local TV station on Monday.

He told the caretaker committee to engage and work with the committees and the secretariat at the FKF office if they want the whole process of amending

the constitution be ratified and recognised by Fifa.

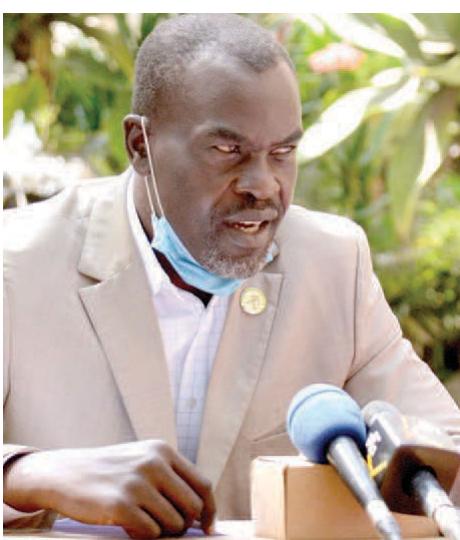
"The Caretaker committee is not a member of Fifa or CAF and there is no way it can engage with them. It has never engaged and will never engage with the caretaker committee. So, let's be honest with Kenyans. Fifa and CAF only talks to member associations and that's the procedure and we cannot be twisted," offered Aduda.

He said we must take responsibility by ensuring that those who are investigated and found culpable are removed as per the constitution and allow those not under investigation to keep discharging their mandate and help in streamlining all that needs to be streamlined so as to cure the disease killing out football.

In his rebuttal, FKF Caretaker Committee Chairman of Leagues and Competition Ali Amour, however, underlined transparency in finance, governance, structures and compliance as the four things that need to be achieved to help get Kenyan football on track.

## Nine bans

"If you look at the talents we have in the country, and the structures in place, we can't even capture them. We are supposed to have a youth team in Under-12, Under-15, Under-17, Under-20, and Under-23. And given a situation where we have these youth football structures in all the 47 counties, how many kids will benefit? so it's down to transparency," Ali said.



Former FKF CEO Lordvick Aduda. SPORTPITCHA

Nairobi Governor Anne Kananu leads a ground breaking ceremony at Muhuri Muchiri Secondary School for the construction of an Olympic centre. INSET: Nairobi County Education and Sports Executive Janet Muthoni Ouko (left), NOC-K president Paul Tergat (centre) and Kananu (right) admire the plan of the complex. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA



# Works to start at Sh300m Ruai sports complex

Dubbed OlympAfrica Centre, the state-of-the-art facility will be erected at Muhuri Muchiri Stadium

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Residents of Ruai in Nairobi are set for a new dawn following the inauguration of a multi-million-shilling sports complex in the neighbourhood by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK) in partnership with Nairobi County.

Dubbed OlympAfrica Centre, the state-of-the-art establishment which shall cost Sh300 million, will be erected at Muhuri Muchiri Stadium in Kasarani Constituency.

It will sit on an 11-acre plot that is adjacent to a secondary school named after former Kanu mandarin and Embakasi MP, the late Godfrey Muhuri Muchiri.

The complex will be the second biggest in the country after the Moi International sports Centre (MISC) Kasarani and shall have an indoor arena with facilities for handball, tennis, volleyball, table tennis and swimming.

Also to be upgraded to international standards is the outdoor football pitch that is currently being used by local teams in the national leagues.

The complex will also serve as a training venue for national teams ahead of international assignments.

During the ground-breaking ceremony yesterday, Nairobi Governor Anne Kananu said the upcoming venture will be the best thing to happen to local sports that have

in the past grappled with lack of enough infrastructures.

"This is a milestone in our journey to ensure that we tap talent in sports to the fullest and I must take this opportunity to thank NOC-K for especially choosing Ruai amongst many preferred localities whose names had been earmarked for the complex to stand," said Kananu.

Moreover, Kananu said it will also create employment for the area youth and called on the Principal Secretary for Sports to ensure only the dwellers of the cosmopolitan estate are considered for menial jobs when construction starts at an unspecified date.

## Land grabbing

Kananu particularly thanked Embakasi Ranch, whose chairman was Muchiri, for safeguarding the ground against grabbing which is prevalent in most parts of the country.

The programme manager Janet Muthoni Ouko, who is also the Nairobi County Education and Sports Executive, said this was a God-given opportunity for Ruai residents.

NOCK President Paul Tergat said the decision to have the complex constructed in Ruai was one of their deliberate policies to give back to the community.

"I want to urge the youth to use the facilities to improve their skills which will in turn give them an opportunity to represent Kenya at the international level," said Tergat who was flanked by other NOCK Executive members including Barnaba Korir and Paury Rawal.

## BRIEFLY

### French player Merkle wins Uganda International Badminton Open

**KAMPALA:** French player Arnaud Merkle became the Uganda International Badminton Open 2022 men's singles champion after beating former European junior champion and India's Harshit Aggarwal 21-15, 18-21, 21-16 in the final on Sunday. "I am so glad that I have come to Uganda for the first time and lifted the trophy. It has been really hard work before this tournament," Merkle told Xinhua after the game. The 21-year-old Merkle had dispatched Danylo Bosniuk 18-21, 21-14, 22-20 at



the semifinal stage, while Aggarwal ejected Luka Wraber. In the women's singles, Swiss player Talia Ng who ranked sixth in the tournament defeated Mansi Singh (India) 21-10, 21-12.

- Xinhua

### Champion Quartararo fears Ducati speed while Marquez revs up

**PARIS:** MotoGP opens a marathon season on Sunday in Qatar with champion Fabio Quartararo trying to hold off Francesco Bagnaia on the faster Ducati, while both glance back anxiously at Marc Marquez. Marquez has made it clear he is chasing a man who has left the circuit. Valentino Rossi retired at the end of last season after racing in the elite category since 2000, two years before MotoGP was created. The Italian won seven top-class world titles. At a few days past his 29th birthday,



Marquez has six. "My goal is to fight for the title," Marquez said.

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## MUTHAIGA CLUB GOLF DRAW: MAGICAL KENYA OPEN PRO AM SPONSORED BY MEDIAMAX AND SAFARICOM

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Talemwa, P. Kanyago, Guest Safaricom2; 1st TEE PM 12.20 Jayden SCHAPER, C. Kariuki, 12.30 Marcus HELLGILDE, P. Kenneth N. Noordin, V. Patel, 12.40 Jacques KRUYSWIJK, P. Wambugu, M. Mbuthia, R. Ndei (L), 12.50 Scott JAMESON, W. Onyango, A. Maria, M. Wambugu (L), 13.00 Alejan-dro CANIZARES, J. Macharia, E. Guda, L. Night-ingale, 13.10 Dismas INDIZA, ANYONYI MOP4 MOP5, B. Mwangi (L), 13.20 Greg SNOW, EABL1 EABL2 EABL3, 13.30 Jorge CAMPILLO, L. Kiambi J. Kimondo R. Gachora (L), 13.40 Connor SYME, L. Maranga, Y. Omari, W. Mwangi, 13.50 Marcus KINHULT, R. Meru, E. Nyongesa, F. Kamau (L), 14.00 Adrian MERONIK, J. Wangai, H. Kip EABL4, 14.10 Sean CROCKER, A. Wainaina, W. Tukahi-irwa, J. Nzibo (L), 14.20 Masahiro KAWAMURA,

B. Sun, A. Bhandari, S. Dubajic, 10th TEE PM, 12.20 David DRYSDALE, K. Monari, C. Handa ANO, 12.30 Nino BERTASIO, C. V. Shah A. Abbas ANO, 12.40 Joost LUITEN W. Kaisha Ali Mohamed RGU, 12.50 Thriston LAWRENCE G. Gathu K. Wissanji (Jnr) R. Olonde (L), 13.00 Shubhankar SHARMA N. Virjee O. Gathara J. Ngotto, 13.10 Justin HARD-ING P. Kanyago K. Pelley J. Dale, 13.20 Sami VÄLIMÄKI M. Ocitti G. Virani J. Karuku (L), 13.30 Steven BROWN L. Otieno T. Batala F. Kanaga (L), 13.40 Thomas DETRY P. Kiguru P. Kagoro D. A. Wandera, 13.50 Danie VAN TONDER UGU TGU P. Obath, 14.00 Nicolai VON, DELLINGSHAUSEN P. Waiyaki EABL5 EABL6, 14.10 Joachim B HANSEN J. Katiku K. Macharia P. Wambui (L), 14.20 Mat-thew JORDAN N. Pasta K. Khusanov E. Ondego

# Muthaiga buzzing with activity



Stakes raised as  
ProAm sets pace  
for Magical Kenya  
Open Golf

by Barry Silah  
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Golf enthusiasts are in for a treat today as the Magical Kenya Open ProAm event sets the pace ahead of tomorrow's official tee off at the Muthaiga Golf Club.

Both the 2021 and 2019 Magical Kenya Open Champions South African, Justin Harding and Italian Guido Migliozzi, were yesterday oozing with confidence ahead of today's Mediamax co-sponsored curtain raiser after a practice session at the par 72 golf course.

In an exclusive interview with People Sport yesterday, Harding was bullish about the start of the championship as he seeks to make it two in a row.

"It is exciting, you do not get an opportunity to always defend such a title, but I have always played quite well here in Kenya albeit on another course in Karen. From what I have seen so far this week,

this golf course at Muthaiga is beautiful!"

He added: "It is different, you have got to work your way around it. It is not straightforward but I am looking forward to mastering it and playing well. It is going to be nice, I have had a brilliant start to this year. My game is in good shape at the moment so we will see what happens," said the Qatar Open Champion.

Meanwhile, Guido is also keen for a good start before flexing his muscles in the final rounds.

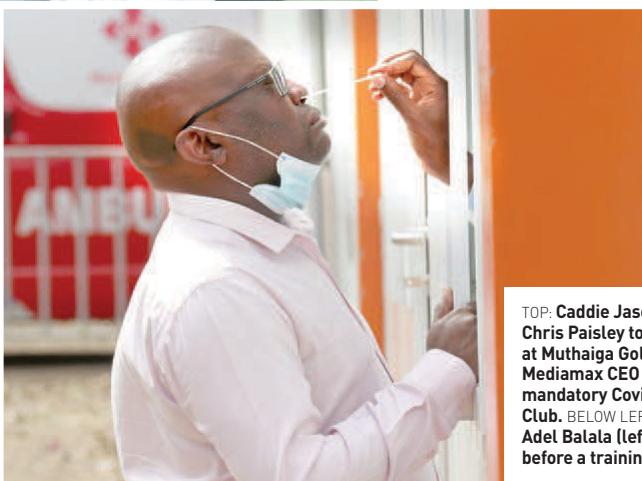
"It is important that I have a good start then we can look positive onwards. Overall I am expecting a good tournament obviously at a different course. The memories of Kenya are still fresh but I know this year will be competitive," stated the 25-year-old from Vicenza who is a five-time European Tour winner.

### Local amateurs

Today four Kenyan professionals and a host of amateurs will be taking on the field for the ProAm event with Sigona Club's Mohit Medirata and Entebbe Open Champion Justus Madoya taking to the course at 7.20am while former Safari Tour Champion Greg Snow and Dismas Indiza will come on at 13.20 and 13.10 respectively.

Medirata is good to go after a thorough session on the range and greens for practice.

"I am good to go and I want to keep my head on the game. The focus is obviously to make the cut then plan from there on," said Medirata.



TOP: Caddie Jason Palmer (left) assists Chris Paisley to line his putt during practice at Muthaiga Golf Club yesterday. ABOVE: Mediamax CEO Ken Ngaruuya undergoes a mandatory Covid-19 test at the Muthaiga Golf Club. BELOW LEFT: Top local amateur golfer Adel Balala (left) greets his caddie Mike Kisila before a training session. PD/ ALEX NJUE



# SPORTS

Russian skater and 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics Gold medalist Anna Shcherbakova. INSET: Fifa president Gianni Infantino and Russian president Vladimir Putin. AFP

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2. 05/03/2022	18:00	Newcastle vs Brighton	2.71	3.16	2.71	21:30	2518	AEK Athens vs PAOK FC	2.34	3.24	3.04
3. 05/03/2022	18:00	Aston Villa vs Southampton	2.31	3.38	3.07	22:15	5080	Luton Town vs Chelsea	7.78	4.89	1.36
4. 05/03/2022	18:00	Norwich City vs Brentford	2.97	3.12	2.52	22:30	1700	Southampton vs West Ham	2.32	3.39	2.99
5. 05/03/2022	18:00	Swansea vs Coventry	2.49	3.29	2.79	22:30	2579	FC Luzern vs FC Zurich	3.08	3.48	2.21
6. 05/03/2022	18:00	Reading vs Millwall	2.80	3.30	2.48	22:30	3487	LASK Linz vs RB Salzburg	2.58	3.77	2.40
7. 05/03/2022	18:30	Willem II vs SC Heerenveen	2.36	3.39	2.89	22:30	5970	Kilmarnock vs Raith Rovers	1.77	3.23	4.33
8. 05/03/2022	20:00	Roma vs Atalanta	2.42	3.42	2.86	22:45	1282	Livinston vs Dundee Utd	2.17	3.13	3.53
9. 05/03/2022	20:30	Stuttgart vs Borussia Monchengladbach	3.05	3.45	2.26	22:45	1355	Motherwell vs Ross County	2.26	3.19	3.24
10. 06/03/2022	14:30	Genoa vs Empoli	2.62	3.27	2.72	22:45	4021	Dundee FC vs Hibernian	3.48	3.28	2.12
11. 06/03/2022	16:00	Cadiz CF vs Rayo Vallecano	3.32	3.07	2.34	22:45	5987	Legia Warszawa vs Gornik Lecznia	1.45	4.45	6.33
12. 03/03/2022	17:00	Bordeaux vs Troyes	2.30	3.50	2.95	23:00	4926	Mallorca vs Real Sociedad	3.37	3.22	2.23
13. 06/03/2022	17:00	Reims vs Strasbourg	3.49	2.79	2.40	23:00	5306	Fiorentina vs Juventus	2.84	3.23	2.51
14. 06/03/2022	17:00	Bologna vs Torino	2.61	3.31	2.71	23:15	5465	Liverpool vs Norwich City	1.19	7.00	13.00
15. 06/03/2022	19:00	Fenerbahce vs Trabzonspor	2.40	3.24	2.94	23:15	5771	Nantes vs Monaco	3.52	3.27	2.10
16. 06/03/2022	19:00	Antalyaspor vs Sivasspor	2.59	3.24	2.69	23:30	3934	Valencia vs Athletic Bilbao	2.74	3.09	2.69
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