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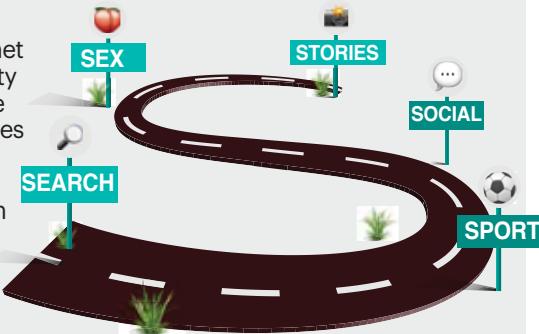
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## CS spells out tough targets for NTSA board

by George Kebaso  
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It is a fresh start at the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA) as Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i spelled out tough targets the government expects from the new team that was formally inaugurated yesterday.

While launching the new NTSA board of management at Harambee House, Matiang'i said the government expects it to work towards reducing traffic-related deaths on the Kenyan roads by 50 per cent annually by the end of this year.

"Our aim is to have better road manners and near-zero traffic-related deaths," the CS stated.

He warned that laxity would not be tolerated at the revamped authority as the government seeks to institutionalise better road safety measures in the country.

### In depth evaluation

The new team has also been challenged to make a habit of going out to the field to gather first-hand information on activities the authority is involved in such as issuance of car plates, issuance and renewal of driving licences, and inspection of vehicles, among other operations that fall within the mandate of NTSA.

The six-member board has also been tasked to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the authority to ensure it aligns its operations with the government's efforts. This is meant to establish a safe road transport system.

Speaking after his first meeting with the new board, Matiang'i, however, exuded confidence that the individual qualifications of board members match the task ahead.

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# Uhuru rejects sections of proposed health law

*Bill partly sought to give the Nursing Council of Kenya powers to determine remuneration and allowances*

by Anthony Mwangi  
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*Committee should table its report by February 28 to enable the House to conclude with the bill - Muturi*

President Uhuru Kenyatta has rejected sections in the Health Bill seeking to give the Nursing Council of Kenya powers to determine remuneration and allowances of nurses.

Nurses have been pushing for the establishment of the council to address their interests especially salaries and allowances.

In a memorandum to the National Assembly, Uhuru also declined to assent to the bill and referred several provisions relating to the Nurses Act, meaning that the bill will wait a little longer before it becomes law.

Uhuru made reservations on the membership of the Nursing Council of Kenya, the functions and annual report of the Nursing Council of Kenya.

The bill which sailed through last year before the House went on long recess, had recommended the establishment of the Nursing Council of Kenya whose powers include determining nurses' remunerations and allowances.

Sending the proposed law back to Parliament for members to address the memorandum, means



### BILL HURDLES

The Health Bill has been facing hurdles with a section of players in the sector opposing some of the amendments.

The Pharmacy Students Association of Kenya was the first one to urge the President not to sign the proposed amendments and threatened to move to court should he assent to it.

The students were of the opinion that should Uhuru Kenyatta sign it, then anyone can open a pharmacy without quality checks and the right information.

ments to 13 statutes relating to the health sector.

Uhuru has also expressed reservations to the Pharmacy and Poisons Act on the definition of the terms "pharmaceutical device, pharmaceutical equipment, pharmaceutical product, and good manufacturing practice."

The Head of State has rejected some of the functions given to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board;

Under the provisions relating to the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Act, the President has expressed reservations on a new section, where he wants powers given to the newly established Kenya Medical and Dental Council reduced.

### Uhuru reservations

As for the provisions relating to the Counsellors and Psychologists Act (No. 14 of 2014), Uhuru has expressed reservations relating to the establishment, membership, functions and election of the chairperson, members and committees of the Council of the Kenya Counsellors and Psychologists Society.

The law requires the National Assembly to consider the President's reservations within 21 days.

Speaker Justin Muturi directed that the memorandum of the President be committed to the departmental Committee on Health for consideration. The committee, Muturi said should table its report by February 28 to enable the House to conclude with the Bill within the stipulated timelines.

## Talks to end city hospitals nurses strike hit a snag

by Alvin Mwangi, Seth Mwaniki and Sophie Njoka  
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Talks to avert the ongoing strike called by nurses working in four referral hospitals in Nairobi ended in a deadlock yesterday as the medical workers insisted they would only resume duties after the return-to-work formula is fully implemented.

Their hardline stand has seen patients suffer in hospitals across

the country was arrived at yesterday after a Health ministry meeting with union officials failed to bear fruit.

Sources from the union who were in the meeting intimated to *People Daily* that the government said it has no money to meet their demands.

The meeting chaired by Health PS Peter Tum was attended by representatives of nurses working in Mathari National Hospital,



National Spinal Injury Referral Hospital, National blood and the ports health department.

In Nyeri, the nurses called off the seven-day strike after fruitful deliberations between the county government and Nyeri branch Kenya National Union of Nurses officials. The two parties agreed by consensus to terminate the strike and anchored it on the official position that will be taken by the Salaries and Remuneration

Commission on their grievances.

In Mombasa, nurses are set to withdraw the 11-day strike notice after they began receiving their delayed allowances yesterday.

Knun Mombasa branch secretary Peter Maroko said a number of nurses had received their dues for uniform allowances amounting to Sh26,000 and nursing service allowance of Sh21,000 and were awaiting for the dues to reflect in their bank accounts.

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# Auditing the Auditor General 'too hot a job for local firms'

*Ouko's books unappraised since 2016 following futile four-year hunt for external bidders for process*

by Mercy Mwai  
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It is emerging that the office of the Auditor General's books have not been audited for four years, barely six months before occupant Edward Ouko's term expires.

This follows revelations that efforts by the National Assembly to procure an external auditor have been futile with local firms giving the job a wide berth.

Speaking when he appeared before the National Assembly's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chaired by Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi, clerk Michael Sialai appealed to MPs to allow him to use other means to procure the tender including inviting international bids.

#### Negative response

"We have been unable to secure an auditor and it has been a disservice to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) that its accounts have not been audited. We have tried but always gotten a negative response. I really feel frustrated about this," he said.

Sources said local firms have

#### FUTILE PROCESS

The process to get an external auditor for the OAG has been ongoing since June 2016 through the Parliamentary Service Commission with four firms bidding.

**But although the evaluation committee recommended M/s Baker Tilly Merali, the lowest bidder, be awarded the tender, MPs rejected the name on grounds of conflict of interest.**

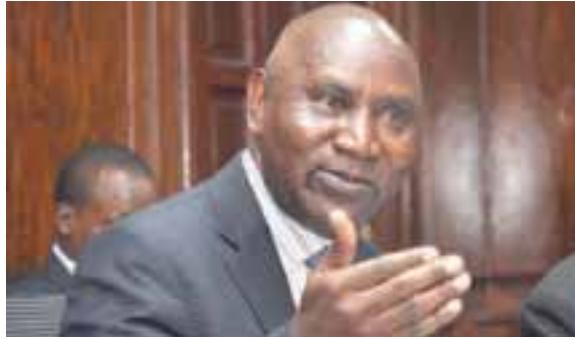
Sialai now wants MPs to allow him to use other means to procure the tender including sending out international bids.

declined to bid for the job, citing conflict of interest as many of them get tenders from Ouko's office.

It was understood that some of the audit firms may have declined to take up the tender as it only involves Sh8 million yet the tenders they get from the office involve larger amounts of money.

"You know some of these local firms don't want to be in bad books with the office of the Auditor General because they are in business with it and the tenders are worth millions of shillings," said the source who sought anonymity.

Sialai now wants to explore other means including sourcing the services from Commonwealth jurisdictions to end the



**Auditor General Edward Ouko is staring controversy after revelations his office has not been audited in four years as local firms decline to bid for job. PHOTO: FILE**

impasse. He also suggested inviting the General Auditing Commission of Liberia to appraise their Kenyan counterparts.

However, that did not sit well with MPs after Ouko admitted that his office also audits the Liberians following an earlier MoU by the two offices. They were okay with the clerk getting a reputable firm from any other country besides Liberia which they fear would produce a report favourable to him.

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Tilly Merali, the lowest bidder, be awarded the tender, MPs rejected the name of the firm when tabled in the House on grounds of conflict of interest. It is after this that PSC recommended the process of acquiring the external auditor be initiated by the Clerk.

Ouko appealed to the MPs not "to read too much on the technicality of conflict of interest" saying it will only delay the process further and lock out firms that have been doing business with his office.

"The issue of conflict of interest must be looked at in the sense that if someone has worked for you, it should not be an issue. It could be the reason why reputable firms are keeping off because they do a lot of

**Junior cops to remain in police lines**

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Interior ministry and activist Okiya Omatah yesterday entered a consent to have junior police officers residing within police stations remain in the government houses.

The consent registered before Justice Chacha Mwita, will see the officers remain in the police lines until a September 13 presidential directive is reviewed. The move followed claims that houses to be vacated by junior officers are to be inherited by their seniors.

Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinett had directed that police officers living in government houses to move out by today following police reforms and changes announced by President Uhuru Kenyatta last year.

**Do not defy MCA calls, staff warned**

by Mercy Salisi  
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Nairobi County Government executive officers who will not honour summonses by County Assembly committees will be sacked, Governor Mike Sonko has said.

Addressing second Assembly's Third Session stakeholder's breakfast meeting organised by Agile Harmonised Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI) at a Nairobi hotel, Sonko assured the MCAs of his willingness to work with them to deliver on his agenda and President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda.

"I'm ready to work with one CEC if it is a matter of fighting corruption rather than having officers who are out to steal our revenue," he added.

**Licencing officials face prosecution**

by Hillary Mageka  
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Government officials who approved licences, permits and title deeds for properties erected on road reserves, riparian land and public utility land could face criminal and abuse of office charges, a Senate committee heard yesterday.

Parliament building.

At the end of last session, ANC had complained over the substitution of its members in various House committees after Butere MP Tindi Mwale, who is also ANC Chief Whip was de-whipped from Public Investment Committee and replaced by Homa Bay Women representative Gladys Wanga (ODM).

In the Senate, Nasa re-submitted the names of Senators Cleophas Malalah (Kakamega) and Ledama ole Kina (Narok), while Jubilee Party replaced West Pokot Senator Samuel Poghisio and his Nairobi counterpart Johnson Sakaja with Githomi Mwangi (Nyandarua), Mohamed Maahamud (Mandera) and Andrew Langat (Bomet).

However, the ruling party retained Deputy Leader of Majority, Isiolo Senator Fa-tuma Dullo. In the National Assembly, ODM and Wiper retained Mishi Mboko (Liko-ni) and Makali Mulu (Kitui Central) in the committee.

## Storm brews in Nasa over House leadership positions

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A storm is brewing in the Opposition coalition after Amani National Congress (ANC) accused the dominant Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) of political intolerance and bullying in sharing of House leadership slots.

ANC MPs returned to the bicameral Parliament after the long recess to a shocking revelation that their members had been elbowed out from House Business Committees in the National Assembly and Senate.

In the National Assembly, Emuhaya MP Omboko Milemba (ANC) was replaced by his nominated colleague Godfrey Osootsi while in Senate, nominated Senator Petronillah Were was replaced by her nominated ODM counterpart Beatrice Kwamboka.

Some ANC members pro-



tested the changes in the committees, citing breach of the coalition agreement.

Lugari MP Ayub Savula accused ODM, led by Raila Odinga, of using intimidation to settle scores in National Senate Alliance (Nasa) members.

"We need to be consulted as a party as we still belong to Nasa and no one has written a letter to registrar of political parties to deny its existence," Savula (pictured) told the press at

We have been unable to secure the auditor and it has been a disservice to the OAG -Sialai

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# IEBC spent Sh2,500 on each voter in last polls

**Electoral body says cost of 2017 election doubled compared to 2013**

by Irene Githinji  
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There are heightened calls to lower the cost of running a General Election in the country, which is among the highest in the region.

IEBC was allocated Sh53.5 billion for the 2017 election and the fresh presidential election, which was higher than the Sh24.3 billion spent in 2013.

It is estimated that the average cost per voter was about Sh2,500.

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) chairman Wafula Chebukati said elections are expensive owing to the use of technology and increased number of polling stations, from 31,981 to 40,883.

Chebukati spoke yesterday during the launch of Post Elec-

tion Evaluation (PEE) report for the August 7, 2017, General Election and October 26 repeat presidential election.

He said the IEBC fund as provided for in the Elections Act must be operationalised as it will guarantee financial independence of the Commission in planning and funding its operations throughout the electoral cycle.

#### Cost effective

"There is often a misconception that work at the commission ends with elections. The electoral cycle has three phases; the pre-election, election and Post-election period," he said.

Chebukati said although the commission is legally obligated to audit election technology, popularly known as opening the server, it is yet to honour the role since their budgetary request to National Treasury has never been granted.

He also said Treasury consolidated the acquisition and maintenance of all government ICT equipment and services



IEBC chair Wafula Chebukati (left), Judicial Leaders Advisory Council chair William Cheptumo (centre) and former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga during the launch of the report in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: TIMOTHY NJENGA

under the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology.

Chebukati said the move would jeopardise the independence of the commission.

"We remain alive to the need to adopt electoral processes and technologies that are cost effective and sustainable," he said.

The PEE report highlighted 13 recommendations aimed at improving election processes,

including that legal reforms and amendments of electoral laws be carried out at least two years to the election.

National Assembly Leader Majority Aden Duale supported the need to manage election expenditure.

Retired Chief Justice Willy Mutunga urged IEBC to fight for its independence by rejecting patronage and partisan politics, hence project and elevate its authority effectively.

## Chebukati proposes staggered election to 'minimise errors'

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Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has welcomed a proposal to have a staggered election for efficiency purposes, instead of voting for six positions in a single day as the law currently stipulates.

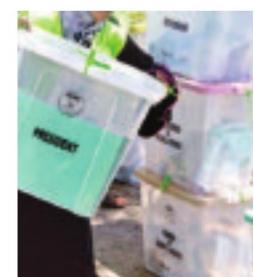
IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati yesterday said the commission would want presidential and parliamentary elections held on the same day while those of county representatives, including governor, senator, women representative and member of the County Assembly conducted separately.

#### Integrate database

He proposed that the elections be conducted in three months' time, saying the cost would remain constant.

"Six elections in a single day resulted in fatigue among electoral officials. Some of the errors witnessed were as a result of such fatigue," he said.

This would, however, call for an amendment of law, which provides that elections for the six elective posts be held on the second Tuesday of August every fifth year.



This was part of the proposals arising from the Post Election Evaluation (PEE) report for the August 7, 2017, General Election and the October 26 Fresh Presidential Election.

IEBC called for staggering the appointment of commissioners so that the terms of the entire team do not end on the same date.

The commission also wants to ensure all eligible Kenyans are registered as voters and made proposals to integrate the national citizen registration database with the voters register.

Other stakeholders called for the need to sanitise party primaries process.



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# Ruto boxes self in corner over Weston

**Deputy President admission hotel land was acquired illegally by original owners may haunt him**

by George Kebaso  
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Deputy President William Ruto has now, for the first time, acknowledged that the land on which his Weston Hotel sits was illegally acquired.

His admission, in a BBC HARDtalk show interview, a current affairs programme hosted by Stephen Sackur, thrusts him into a dicey position where he has to contend with the fact in law — ignorance is no defence — and thus the original sin of illegal acquisition will never stop haunting him.

Legal experts argue Ruto now has two options in the controversial ownership of the land on which his multi-million-shilling Weston Hotel stands on: Pay reparations or relinquish the land. The DP, however, maintained that he was an innocent buyer who bought the parcel of land from the original owners.

"Weston was not bought illegally. In fact, for the record, the National Land Commission (NLC) has made a finding that

Weston was an innocent purchaser for value from somebody who got it illegally," he said adding that the constitutional process seeking to compel the original owner to compensate the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) is currently underway.

"Preparations have been made constitutionally to restore that land to KCAA by demanding that those who sold the land to us must pay," he said.

Just last month, NLC recommended that Ruto pays an estimated Sh350 million for the land.

As part of the recommendations, the NLC further said it could undertake fresh valuation of the land before a final figure is sent to the DP for settlement, if he agrees with the Commission's outcome.

However, a lawyer well versed in commercial land matters, but who sought anonymity said yesterday that NLC verdict can either, be reviewed and be set aside, or be challenged at the Court of Appeal.

He said going forward since the DP has admitted that his Weston Hotel sits on grabbed land, he should willfully relinquish it.

"He just needs to surrender the land back to the government, or alternatively, to the person whom it was officially registered under," he told *People Daily*.

Land Development and Governance Institute (LDGI) executive director Mwenda Makathimo also said that if Ruto cannot voluntarily surrender the land now that he has



## NLC FINDINGS

According to the KCAA, the land where Weston Hotel sits on, originally belonged to the East Africa Community.

**It was developed and had been used as storage premises for the machinery and aviation equipment of the then Directorate of Civil Aviation.**

However, on June 29, 1999, then Commissioner of Lands, Sammy Mwaiwa wrote to the Directorate of Civil Aviation, indicating he had received an application from a church group that wanted to build a church on the site.

expressly admitted it was acquired illegally, then a legal process can be instituted.

"There are no options here. It's either the owners of the hotel relinquish the piece of land willfully, or someone goes to court to challenge the status quo. We have to be careful to differentiate from mere public admission and the legal realities involved," he said in a telephone interview.

He said if KCAA believes the land belongs to them, then they should apply for a legal process to reacquire it back.

**Deputy President William Ruto (right) with Council of Governors chairman Wycliffe Oparanya (left) and Shinyalu MP Justus Kizito during a consultative meeting at his Karen office in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: DPPS**

According to KCAA's legal general manager Cyril Wayong'o, the land where Weston Hotel sits on, originally belonged to the East Africa Community which collapsed in 1977. It had been developed and was being used as storage premises for the machinery and aviation equipment of the then Directorate of Civil Aviation (DCA).

In November during a hearing, Wayong'o told the NLC that a scheme was hatched to grab the parcel in 1999. On June 29, 1999, it emerged from a report by then Commissioner of Lands Sammy Mwaiwa to DCA indicating he had received an application from a group that wanted to build a church on the site.

The DCA on July 8, 1999, objected and told Mwaiwa it had plans for the land so it could not be allocated to third parties. "This property had been set aside by DCA for the construction of its headquarters," said Wayong'o.

The whole conversation came about when the veteran journalist inquired about the state of corruption in Kenya and why the DP was ranked as the most corrupt person, according to a report by Ipsos Kenya.

But the DP said it was all political.

"If you look at that list, you got William Ruto, a retired president (Daniel Moi), the current president Uhuru Kenyatta, the former Prime Minister Raila Odinga. Largely, all the political leaders that exist today in Kenya were on that list. That tells you that the whole corruption narrative has been politicised," said Ruto. He, however, said he is currently doing everything possible to ensure that the illegalities are corrected.

Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdulla who represents Ruto, told NLC commissioners that Ruto acquired the land in 2007 for Sh10 million from Priority Management Ltd and Monene Investments Limited.

*Reparations have been made constitutionally to restore that land to KCAA -Ruto*

## Huge spikes erupt on Ruto's 2022 race track

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Until last February, Deputy President William Ruto was the man to beat—or so it was presumed—in the 2022 presidential race.

But this has suddenly changed. A myriad of anthills have sprung up in his way with money, deceit, old-boys-network, constitutional and electoral reforms emerging as factors likely to dictate the direction and outcome of what promises to be a battle of titans in the 2022 poll.

The watershed to the changing political realities is the March 9 Handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga—and with it followed a quick succession of events that dramatically altered (or is it scarred?) the political landscape for Ruto in what appeared to be plot to edge him out of the race.

The recent expanding of Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i's portfolio to an equivalent of 'Chief Minister' through an Executive Order has further complicated matters for Ruto whose role and visibility appear

destined to diminish.

Consequently, Ruto's is a case of so near yet so far as he now finds himself having to staggeringly dodge a series of sustained brickbats, jumping over anthills and warding off political headwinds.

### Referendum agenda

If anything, Ruto's courtiers have given the impression of a loyal and dedicated servant under siege while on the other hand, he himself evinces the posture of a confident and shrewd figure greatly sinned against.

Raila's joining the government side, from where he and Uhuru launched a Building Bridges Initiative, which is driving a referendum agenda to ostensibly expand the Executive is seen by Ruto allies as a plot to edge him out of the race to succeed his boss, Uhuru.

Raila occupies a central position in the government and limelight Ruto previously enjoyed is no longer a matter of conjecture. And this is causing jitters for the DP who has fervently backed Uhuru's election since 2013.

The former Central Province and

upper Eastern regions were until recently seen as a ripe crop ready for Ruto to harvest owing to the hitherto strong chemistry between him and the Head of State.

However, the events unfolding from that area no longer point to that impression as they now toast a different ball game altogether.

What then do the confounding scenarios mean for Ruto?

Analysts envisage that Ruto's bid is, from time to time, bound to be confronted by heavy headwinds in the countdown to 2022. On one hand is the now controversy-riddled Handshake.

On the other hand is a lurking threat from potential Ruto competitors—former Deputy Prime Minister Musalia Mudavadi and Baringo Senator Gideon Moi—all that are offshoots of the Handshake knitted in the old boys-network.

Unfolding events signal to the holding of a referendum next year to create a parliamentary system of governance and the possible formation of a coalition involving Mudavadi, Gideon and, possibly Wiper party

leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

However, Westland's MP Tim Wanyonyi argues that it is too early to predict how the 2022 presidential race will be.

"Unfortunately, Ruto is competing against himself. There is still a long way to go. We are likely to have a referendum that will change the political system. That would mean fresh re-alignments and coalitions of willing partners," he told *People Daily*.

Political analyst Joseph Kimau, observes that whichever political formations emerge now have to, singularly or collectively, contend with Ruto's political muscle and never-say-die fighting spirit.

"Ruto is far ahead of his would-be challengers. As a heir apparent, he is a visible and smart campaigner, which gives him an edge," he says.

### Opposition turfs

Malava MP Moses Injindi does not give any of Ruto's rivals a chance when the next elections finally come. He says while the Opposition is still struggling to wriggle itself out of the aftershocks of the Handshake, Ruto

is not taking any chances as he has continued to flex muscles further and continually fill his arsenal with more political ammunition.

"The DP has been to every part of Kenya marketing the Jubilee development agenda and, by extension, himself. In the process, he has established himself as Uhuru's undisputed successor. Yet the fellows in the Opposition are still grumbling about petty issues. That is the difference," he says.

As if not sure of the support he might garner from the seemingly wavering central Kenya, Ruto has moved swiftly to take advantage of the disarray within the ranks of his would-be competitors to cast his fishing net wider and deeper into the previously Opposition turfs.

Exploits and explorations of Ruto are upped by his enviable financial abilities. Whether Ruto remains the presidential race front-runner till 2022 remains to be seen.

But what is clear at the moment is that he is walking a tightrope with the political environment around him littered with spikes and labyrinths of all types and sizes.

# Questions raised as Mwatha body found at morgue

**Police say two key suspects, a woman and a quack doctor among those arrested as activist's family cry foul**

■ by Kinyuru Munuhe  
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She once told us she is handling sensitive matter and that is why she has died -Mbai

A six-day frantic search for the missing human rights activist, Caroline Mwatha, ended yesterday afternoon at the City Mortuary where her body was found and positively identified by relatives.

However, the discovery of the body after her sudden disappearance last Wednesday morning initially unleashed a flurry of questions: Was Mwatha, a crusader against extrajudicial killings in the crime prone Dandora area abducted and killed? Who would have wanted her dead and why? Who had booked the body to the morgue and under what circumstances? And why was it booked under a different name?

And last evening police said two "key suspects"—a woman and a quack doctor, who had provided clues that led to the tracing of the body—were among six suspects being held.

Also said to have been arrested is man at Archers Post, said to have been in constant communication with Mwatha and had reportedly

even sent her Sh5,000 on the day she went missing.

Records at the City Mortuary show Mwatha's body was booked at the facility on Thursday last week, a day after her disappearance. The body was yesterday afternoon positively identified by family members who had been called in by police. A postmortem is scheduled for today.

Immediately after viewing the body, Mwatha's family cried foul and asked President Uhuru Kenyatta to intervene in the matter to assist them establishes the truth. "My daughter has never done anything wrong. Carol's death is not because of accident or ailment. She has died for following the truth. She once told us she is handling sensitive matter and that is why she has died," her father, Stanislaus Mbai said.

On his part, Haki Africa activist Khalid Hussein claimed there was attempted cover up since a man who reportedly identified himself as the husband took the body to KNH.

The family claimed the body was not booked on February, 7 as police say and that the booking register is distorted.

The lobby she worked for demanded an independent autopsy and a commission of inquiry established by the Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet to unravel the mysterious death.

Mwatha becomes the third woman to have met her death under mysterious circumstances after the Nation Group staffer Mildred Odira and businesswoman Mary Wambui in a span of about two weeks.

Police spokesman Charles Owino said last evening that preliminary investigations indicated that Mwatha died at Jilo Clinic, in Dandora phase four, where she had gone to seek unspecified medical services before her body was taken to the mortuary.

Owino said the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) has taken over the probe to establish the circumstances of the death. And last evening, DCI boss George Kinoti said six suspects have been arrested over a botched abortion that led to the activist's death.

He gave their names as Betty Akinyi Nyanya alias Betty Ramona (Clinics owner), Richard Ramoya Abudo (Betty's son), Georgia Achieng Tabitha, Michael Onchirri Gikonya (Mwatha's boyfriend) and Steven Maina (Uber driver). Kinoti

said Maina was hired to ferry the body in his vehicle registration KBP 677B to KNH.

They are said to have made a report at the KNH police post. Police sources said Mwatha had negotiated with New Njiri Community Centre to pay Sh6,000 for the operation that went awry.

However, police sources said a man who had been operating at the clinic as a medical doctor and the female owner of the facility confessed to police the body had been taken to the mortuary after the botched abortion.

DCI detectives attached to Buruburu Police Division had trailed Mwatha's last location and picked phone signals of the exact location, which subsequently assisted them to identify the clinic.

A forensic analysis on Mwatha's mobile phone had showed she had been in constant communication with a man who was in Achers' Post in Laikipia. He has since been arrested. Police sources further disclosed that Mwatha and the man seemed to have been argu-

ing over some issue for almost two consecutive days and had sent her Sh5,000 via Mpesa on the day she is said to have gone missing. Initial investigations indicate Mwatha had been demanding Sh7, 000 from the man.

She was booked at the mortuary under a different name, Carol Mbeki, on February 7, thus making it difficult for relatives to identify her even as they (relatives) made several trips to the mortuary while searching for her.

Three days after she went missing, someone used her phone to call her husband in Dubai, but he did not answer.

Since Monday, family members including husband Joshua Ochieng, father Mbai and co-workers camped at Dandora and Buruburu Police waiting for updates on the investigations.

According to the preliminary data phone records, Ochieng who works in Dubai, was among the last few people to communicate with Mwatha either through phone call or text messages.

## Missing youth leader found, says family

■ by People Reporter  
@PeopleDailyKe

The Mathare youth mobiliser Billian Okoth Ojwaa yesterday assured his family that he was well a day after his wife reported him missing.

Reports indicated that Ojwaa, who is also the Kanu Youth Congress chairman, contacted his family, which had earlier visited Kilimani Police Station to report his disappearance.

"We have invited him to come and tell us where he was," a detective privy to the investigations said.

Ojwaa's wife, Nerima, said he went missing on Sunday and attempts to reach him were futile because his phone was switched off.

Reports indicate the police have extracted Ojwaa's phone data record to establish whether he had received any threats.

Kanu Youth Congress National executive director Joseph Towett confirmed that the family was in contact with him.

"The information we have is that Billian is in touch with the family members and the same has been reported to the police. We would like give police time to find out the circumstances that came out of the social media circulation," Towett said.

Police are suspecting possibility of family disagreements, as one of the reasons Ojwaa walked away since he left all his belongings, including phone and car keys at his wife's parents' house.

"We found Billian thank you so much," Nerima said on her Facebook page without giving details.

Ojwaa unsuccessfully ran for Mathare parliamentary seat in 2013. He is also known for the Ficha Uchi Initiative, a programme which donates school uniform to needy children.

Ojwaa initiated the Ficha Uchi campaign in February 2015 after a teacher asked him to help obtain school uniform for some five pupils in his school who wore torn uniforms.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

#### PROJECT TITLE: TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MOMBASA

Nippon Koei Co., Ltd., under Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) finance, is undertaking the design work for infrastructure, including water supply, drainage system and earthwork, in Mombasa.

Terms of References (ToR) for required topographic survey will be delivered to the qualified survey company with the following condition.

1. Registered in Kenya with working experience more than ten (10) years.
2. Membership of Institution of Surveyors of Kenya (ISK)
3. Following topographic survey experiences are required in the last three (3) years:
  - a) at least **Three (3) projects in Mombasa with contract amount over than KES 4,000,000,**
  - b) at least **Three (3) water supply projects in Kenya which including pipeline alignment survey,** and
  - c) at least **One (1) JICA funded project.**

Interested firms requested to send an e-mail for the Terms of References (ToR), with attachment of necessary evidences to above condition (max. 5MB) to the following address before 2 PM 16<sup>th</sup> February for the proposal submission by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019.

Mr. Kunihiro Butsuen <butsuen-kn@n-koei.jp>

Manual submissions **shall not** be accepted.



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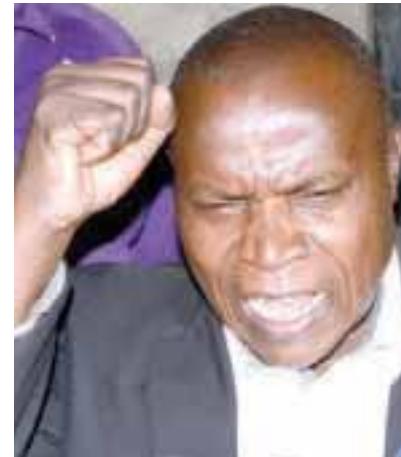
Reference is made on the tender notice on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 on the following tenders:

| TENDER NAME                            | TENDER NO.           |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. REHABILITATION OF ND RO KUBWA CANAL | TTCG/AGR/421/2018-19 |
| 2. CONSTRUCTION OF UFUNGUO WATER PAN   | TTCG/AGR/422/2018-19 |
| 3. CONSTRUCTION OF MKURU DAM           | TTCG/AGR/423/2018-19 |

The County Government of Taita Taveta wishes to make the following clarifications:

1. That the tender documents can also be downloaded from The Public Procurement Information Portal [www.tenders.go.ke](http://www.tenders.go.ke).
2. The mandatory site visits dates have been rescheduled as follows: TENDER NO. TTCG/AGR/421/2018-19 ON 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019. TENDER NO. TTCG/AGR/422/2018-19 ON 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019. TENDER NO. TTCG/AGR/423/2018-19 ON 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
3. Additional information to be part of tender no. TTCG/AGR/421/2018-19 has also been added.
4. Closing date has also been extended to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019.
5. Bidders are advised that any other future clarifications will be made on the website.

DIRECTOR  
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES



Parents of the late human rights activist Caroline Mwatha's parents Anna Kathathi and Stanislaus Mbai at the City Mortuary where the body was found yesterday. PHOTO: TABITHA MBAIA

# Powerful forces blocked Ouko report: Sunguh

*Family of slain minister call on President Uhuru to end their three-decade agony by resolving murder mystery*

by Baraka Karama  
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We have waited for justice for so many years in vain—  
Seda

Powerful forces have been a major hindrance in the quest for justice for the murder of Foreign Affairs minister Robert Ouko in 1990.

Former Kisumu East MP Gor Sunguh, who was the chairman of the parliamentary select committee that probed the murder 13 years later, says his efforts to table the report on the floor of the House was thwarted by "powerful forces".

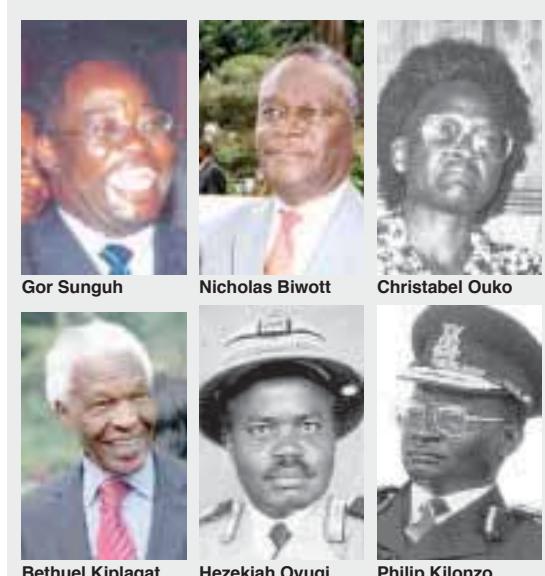
"We presented the report through the House Business Committee that was chaired by then Speaker Francis Ole Kaparo but it never saw the light of the day. We were taken round in circles until time elapsed," says Sunguh, whose committee lasted between 2003 and 2005.

The former MP says they preserved the evidence they gathered during the hearings in a format that cannot be doctored.

Sunguh says: "The report and evidence are intact. We have the Hansard that has all the evidence. If the government is serious on bringing this matter to a close, they can do it even today."

But 29 years down the line, the deaths of key witnesses and suspects have diminished hopes of unravelling the murder.

Key people in the case who have



died include chief Investigator David Jakaiti, former police commissioner Philip Kilonzo and Ouko's bodyguard Otieno Yogo. Others are Administration police officer at Ouko's Koru home Zablon Bonyo, his son Philip Rodi, and househelp Selina Were.

Former Cabinet minister Nicholas Biwott and former Internal Security Permanent Secretary Hezekiah Oyugi, both of whom were linked to the murder, have also died.

Ouko's widow, Christabel, died in a road accident in August 2017 while Ouko's Permanent Secre-

tary at the Foreign Affairs ministry Bethuel Kiplagat, died a month earlier. Ouko's brother Maurice Seda says the death of his brother had visited untold suffering on his family.

"We have waited for justice for so many years in vain. We have participated in so many commissions but nothing comes out of it," he says.

He says Ouko's death had traumatised the family for decades.

"We lost our mother, sister and brothers due to the shock. We depended on him for so many things and his death was a big blow to the entire family," he says.

Seda adds that his elder brother, Barrack Mbajah, was forced to flee to the US for fear of his life.

"My brother is also not comfortable in Kenya. Even though he comes here, his entire family is abroad. He was once threatened by unknown people and he is a worried man," he says.

Another brother, William Seda, now wants President Uhuru Kenyatta to look into the past reports of the previous commissions and prosecute those who committed the crime.

"It started with Moi then Kibaki and now Uhuru. How we wish as a family that this matter would be brought to an end," he says.

Ouko's burnt remains were found at the foot of Got Alila Hill, approximately two and a half kilometres from his Koru home on February 13, five days after he went missing.



Robert Ouko. His murder 29 years ago is yet to be resolved PHOTO: FILE



Riots broke out in the streets of Nairobi and Kisumu following the discovery of Ouko's body two kilometres from his Koru home on February 13, 1990. PHOTO: FILE



President Daniel arap Moi (left) and other government officials during Ouko's burial on February 24, 1990. PHOTO: FILE

## OUKO MEMORIAL



President Moi with his Cabinet ministers Nicholas Biwott (left) and Robert Ouko (second left) at an international summit in Washington, DC, in 1981.

PHOTO: FILE



Got Alila hill where the burnt body of Foreign Affairs minister Robert Ouko was found on February 13, 1990. PHOTO: FILE

# No single stone turned 29 years after gruesome murder

**Three arrests, two public inquiries and one trial later, Robert Ouko's killers remain a deep national mystery**

■ by Odhiambo Orlale  
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The government's pledge that "no stone will be left unturned" in the abduction and murder of Foreign Affairs minister Robert John Ouko rings hollow 29 years later.

But even as his family and Kenyans continue to cry for justice, most of the key suspects, witnesses and some judges involved in the case have died.

Former powerful Energy Minister Nicholas Biwott and former Internal Security Permanent Secretary Hezekiah Oyugi, both of whom were arrested in connection with the murder in November 1991, but later released, are dead. Oyugi died in 1992, two years after Ouko's murder, while Biwott died in July 11, 2017.

Three days after Biwott's death, Bethuel Kiplagat, who was Ouko's Foreign Affairs PS, followed. A month later, Ouko's widow, Christabel, also died in a road accident on the Kisumu-Kericho highway on August 21.

Kiplagat chaired the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) which also made attempts to unravel Ouko's murder mystery.

Before Kiplagat was appointed TJRC chairman in 2009, Christabel had been quoted as saying: "I

am not opposed to his being TJRC chairman because he can use it to let us know who killed Ouko. I have no grudge against anybody and if the killers are known, I will welcome them for tea in my house."

But that was never to be as Kiplagat's commission, like past attempts to bring closure to Ouko's murder, failed to deliver.

Hundreds of State witnesses testified at the Ouko Commission of Inquiry chaired by Justice Evan Gicheru, at the Anguka murder trial at the High Court in Nairobi and before a Parliamentary Select Committee chaired by the then Kisumu East MP Gor Sunguh between 2003 and 2005. But the mystery persists to date.

Several foreigners were also summoned to testify with the most prominent being Marianne Brinner, who flew into the country from Italy to testify at the parliamentary commission. She linked Ouko's death to an alleged multi-billion-shillings foreign deal involving the then stalled controversial Kisumu Molasses plant, that had gone sour.

## Suicide claim

Despite use of millions of shillings by the governments of presidents Daniel Moi and Mwai Kibaki in a bid to unearth the mystery, no one has been found guilty of the crime.

The closest the authorities ever got to delivering justice was when Biwott, Oyugi and former Nakuru DC Jonah Anguka were arrested on the recommendations of the New Scotland Yard (London's Metropolitan Police Service) team led by Supt John Troon.

The British detectives had been invited by the Kenyan government after the claim that Ouko had committed suicide was rejected and demonstrations demanding ar-

## OUKO PROBE

The government invited London's New Scotland Yard, to investigate the murder. Its report led to the arrest of Cabinet minister Nicholas Biwott and Internal Security PS Hezekiah Oyugi.

A Judicial Commission of Inquiry chaired by Justice Evan Gicheru was disbanded by the President before it completed its work.

A Parliamentary Select Committee chaired by the then Kisumu East MP Gor Sunguh reopened probe in 2003.

rest of Ouko's killers rocked the country. But soon after their arrest, President Moi disbanded Gicheru's Commission of Inquiry on the eve of its hearing summons from Oyugi and Biwott, claiming that it had "lost direction and was on a wild goose chase promoting politics, rumour and innuendo".

The commission, which was co-chaired by Justice Akilano Akiwumi while the prosecution was led by Deputy Public Prosecutor Bernard Chunga, had called several witnesses from Ouko's family, domestic servants, neighbours, workmates and politicians.

Several motives for the murder have been floated in the various investigations and inquiries. They include a cover up of grand corruption in Moi's government, particularly in the Kisumu molasses plant project; Moi's State visit to the United States, which included attending the annual National Congress Breakfast, and claims that Ouko met President George H Bush behind his boss' back. The Moi succession within the Cabinet and the ruling party and regional

New Scotland Yard detective John Troon hands a copy of his report to Attorney General Mathew Guy Muli. PHOTO: FILE

politics and resources have also been considered as motives.

The claim of the secret Ouko-Bush meeting was corroborated over a decade later when a photo of the two was posted to Christabel Ouko with a caption identifying the two, according to former US Ambassador to Kenya, Smith Hempstone, in his memoirs *The Rogue Ambassador*.

Ouko was abducted and murdered a week after the US trip.

Among those who testified in the case were his sister, Dorothy Randiak and brother Seda, both of whom pointed accusing fingers at prominent Kenyans.

Others who testified were the then Rift Valley Provincial Commissioner Yusuf Haji, who said he was not aware of his Nakuru DC John Anguka's special role in the Ouko investigations by the New Scotland Yard team as an escort and an interpreter.

## Story to tell

Haji still has a story to tell Kenyans about the Ouko murder. He later served as Permanent Secretary, MP and is now the Garissa Senator.

Another key witness who testified at the Ouko Inquiry in Kisumu and who still has a story to tell 29 years since the death of Ouko is his friend and confidant Onyango

K'Oyoo, who is the current Muhoni MP.

The highlights of the Parliamentary Select Committee hearings included the claim that Ouko was abducted and driven to State House, Nakuru. Ouko's brother, Barrack Mbajah also claimed he was offered a job in the Cabinet in return for helping in the cover-up by making a public statement calling for an end to the probe.

According to the Committee, which held 140 public hearings and interviewed more than 100 witnesses locally and abroad, a hit squad was paid a whopping Sh8 million to kidnap and murder the minister.

Meanwhile, some books have been published about the murder that shocked the nation and the world and almost brought down the Moi regime.

*Absolute Power, The Ouko Murder Story* was written by Anguka soon after he was acquitted by Justice Daniel Aganyanya on grounds that "the murder was so complex that it could not have been executed by an individual."

Exactly 29 years later, the then fiery Moi critic, Anglican Church of Kenya Archbishop David Gitari's question then lingers: "After Cain had murdered his brother Abel, God asked him where his brother was. Cain answered: 'I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?'

**The murder was so complex that it could not have been executed by an individual—Judge**

## OPINION

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Honest and loyal leadership is what Kenyans are demanding. You must be accountable to them by enforcing all laws ruthlessly," Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i.



"I appeal to all county staff to go back to work because their issues are being addressed. We need to address this issue together," Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko to striking workers.



"It's a political war to take over Venezuela. They hate us, belittle us because they only believe in their own interests and in interests of the US," Venezuela President Nicolás Maduro on Trump 'meddling'.



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## Editorial

## Decision on fertiliser subsidy confounding

Any lingering optimism by maize farmers of subsidised fertiliser being made available in the next planting season has been doused by Agriculture Cabinet secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri.

In a stance that comes across as undermining a more supportive government policy, the CS this week told the National Assembly Agriculture committee that funds had not been made available by the National Treasury for procurement of the crucial farm input, just falling short of declaring that farmers are on their own.

Some basics restating: this economy is predominantly agriculture with nearly 70 per cent of the population dependent on agriculture-related activities. When it comes to food self-sufficiency, our staple is maize. The subsidy withdrawal comes at a time when virtually every news on maize is surrounded by gloom, clouding national quest for food security. Don't forget that a key pillar of President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four agenda is food security.

Although the government deregulated the fertiliser sector in the mid 1990s, farmers have nonetheless somehow been cushioned against vagaries of weather and volatile market dynamics through a subsidised scheme. It is this option that, at least for this coming season, is off the table according to Kiunjuri.

Indeed, from what he said, farmers will have to buy commercial fertiliser at a considerably higher price of Sh3,200 per 50kg bag, instead of Sh1,800. This has dire implications, ultimately sucking in consumers.

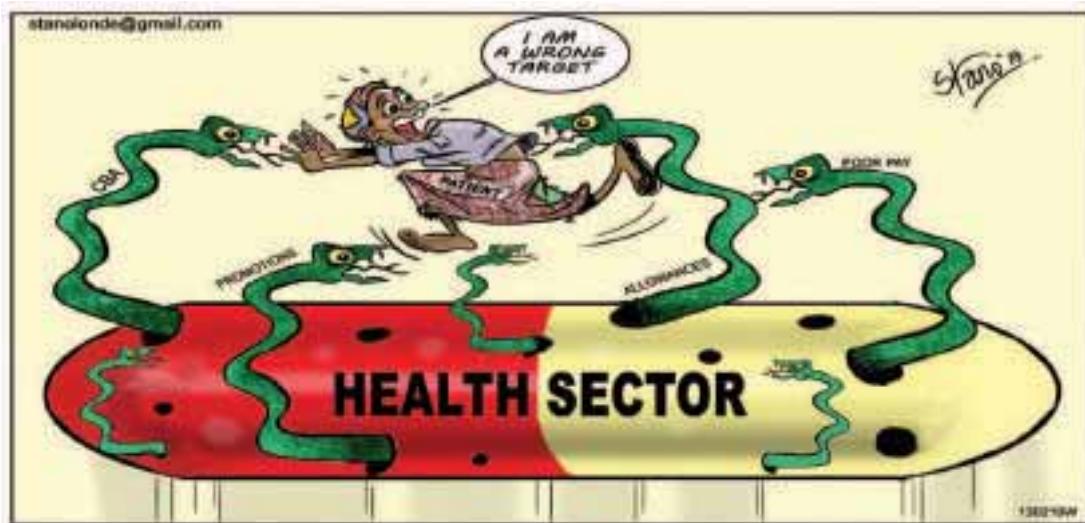
But some would argue that with fertiliser and maize marketing liberalised, subsidies constitute a contradiction that ultimately works against sustainability. The multi-billion-shilling maize scandal that rocked North Rift maize farmers last year is seen against this reality of government guaranteeing maize prices while in truth, pricing ought to be left to market forces.

Unfortunately, the cycle of surplus, therefore, boon and deficits that predictably leaves farmers counting massive losses often means intervention is inevitable. There is also the discrepancies of high and low potential areas. Fears are also real where regulatory threshold is lower and an ecosystem with integrity deficits that corrupt dealers with no scruples will leech on farmers by not only overcharging them but also selling adulterated or substandard fertilisers.

It's indeed a tough balancing act. But Kiunjuri's decision coming like bolt from the blues is bound to hurt farmers.

### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Never do tomorrow what you can do today. Procrastination is the thief of time—Charles Dickens



Phyllis Wakiaga

## Skills development key to industrialisation



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*There is an urgent need for a more practical and less theoretical approach to training*

Industrialisation has played a central role in the socio-economic development of global economies. The manufacturing industry is not only the backbone of the economy, but also the muscle behind productive employment and opportunities for wealth generation with direct linkages to all sectors of the economy.

The Vision 2030 commits to the development of robust, diversified and competitive manufacturing to be realised by pursuing three key goals: Strengthening local production capacity to increase domestically-manufactured goods; Raising the share of Kenyan products in the regional market from seven to 15 per cent; and developing niche products through which Kenya can achieve a global competitive advantage.

Most recently, the government committed to the reinvigoration of the manufacturing sector as outlined in the Big Four agenda, which targets a GDP share of 15 per cent from the manufacturing sector from the current 8.4 per cent as well as create 1.3 million jobs by 2022.

This means for Kenya to grow a resilient manufacturing sector, supportive business and physical environment are important prerequisites, where continuous skills development

of the labour workforce plays a critical role.

Skills development stimulates creation of a sustainable development process and is also essential to address the opportunities and challenges to meeting the demands of changing economies.

Kenya has invigorated efforts towards bridging these gaps through various initiatives such as far-reaching reforms in the Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) sector and implementation of supported Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) curriculum in the desire to establish an intentionally competitive workforce. However, the need to be connected to broader growth, employment and development strategies is crucial.

To address this, it is imperative to adopt innovative policies that enhance partnerships among key stakeholders—government, training institutions and the industry—for technology and skills transfer. Currently, the TVET system is primarily supply-oriented and the local workforce cannot match the required skills for the labour market.

The industry sees an urgent need for a more practical and less theoretical approach to training.

It is against this background that Kenya Association of Manufacturers partnered with German development agency (GIZ) in 2017, through the E4D/SOGA – Employment and Skills for Eastern Africa initiative to implement a TVET programme aimed at improving access to technical jobs and opportunities for Kenyan youth.

The first phase of the project entailed working with industries and TVET institutions, to link graduates to industries and subsequently jobs.

In the second phase of the project supported CBET, and pioneer placement of CBET graduates in the industry. The programme is designed to equip trainees, using the latest technology, to meet the demands of industry and business.

Through this initiative, manufacturers will directly participate in the CBET training by providing trainees with on-the-job training during industrial attachment. This will ensure technical institutions produce globally competitive workforce.

KAM, through its Manufacturing Priority Agenda, advocates the development and implementation of industry-led skills policies.

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Shadrack Agaki

## How food insecurity contributes to instability

Omar el-Bashir regime in Sudan is facing a crisis, with demonstrations demanding his resignation spreading like bushfire. The events in Sudan can be traced to increase in cost of bread.

To put things in perspective, Bashir seized power in 1989 in a coup d'état. For the three decades that he has been in office, he has used oil resources to subsidise food.

With total control of the country, Bashir forgot to create a better future for his people. As Condoleezza Rice and Army Zegart write in their book *Political Risk*, he failed to read the signs of geopolitical changes.

The independence of South Sudan, which took with her over 80 per cent of oil resources, economic sanctions against Sudan by Western nations and little assistance from the Gulf nations, saw the economic fortunes of Sudan dwindle.

With cronyism and corruption, Bashir stifled creativity and innovation. He quashed dissent and discouraged democracy. Because of fear, and affordable food, people of Sudan kowtowed. However, this changed last December when his government increased the cost of bread.

Sudan is not alone. In Kenya, just before the 2017 election, the rise in the cost of maize flour caused an uproar which forced the government to subsidise the commodity. Treasury removed tariffs on importation of maize which flooded the country

with maize, some not suitable for human consumption. The story could be the same in Zimbabwe and many other developing countries.

Food security is the foundation of national stability. It is the reason massive investments are made in food production. One can understand why the United States highly subsidises her farmers. Agriculture is the foundation of global development. No country has risen to great heights without attaining food security.

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 2 seeks to end all forms of hunger by 2030. This commitment is a clear indication why food security is of great importance.

To achieve this, all countries must put in place policies that support small-scale farmers. Countries must adopt what Henry Timms and Jeremy Heimans in their book *New Power* call "New Power Values system".

According to them, the globalised world with abundance of information available to many, organisations and governments must learn to formulate policies using ideas that emanate from citizens. In the new power model, farmers should be the foundation on which food security is built.

President Uhuru Kenyatta's choice of food security as one of the four pillars of his legacy has added impetus to seeking solutions. Attaining food security will catapult our socioeconomic development. How-

ever, we must be ready to confront bottlenecks in the agricultural sector.

Given that Agriculture is a devolved function, counties must depend on public participation to formulate policies that enhance agricultural production. Counties must build infrastructure like roads to open up markets and build capacity to enable farmers understand the dynamics of the sector.

The fight against corruption in the agriculture sector must be enhanced. It is unfortunate that this year, farmers will miss subsidised fertiliser because of ineptitude of some national government officials.

Given that farmers who supplied maize to the National Cereals and Produce Board were shortchanged by corrupt individuals and that the price of a 90kg bag of maize is now lower than before, there is a reason to worry about Kenya's food security.

Troubles faced by farmers discourages young people from embracing agriculture. With the high unemployment rate, we must make agriculture an attractive venture.

Kenya must also seek global collaboration and partnership. Just like Rwanda has partnered with Alibaba group to sell its coffee in China, Kenya Foreign policy must seek favourable market for our agricultural products.

—The writer is an MA International Studies student at the University of Nairobi

## STREET talk

### Foul-mouthed county chief finds his match

A governor, who has the habit of hurling insults at his staff, recently got a dose of his own medicine when he was given dressing down by a senior government official for perceived lackluster performance. The vitriol was laced with some of the disparaging invectives he likes to use on his staff. Some members of his County Executive Committee who were present at the meeting watched with amusement as their boss looked deflated.

### New fund renders CS lame duck in ministry

A Cabinet secretary is a frustrated man after a fund set up by the government took over most of the functions under his docket. Interestingly, the CS is not even a member of the fund and he, therefore, does not have any control over it. Agencies under his ministry get funding directly from the organisation, which means he does not have any say in what goes on in the sector.

### IG aspirant develops cold feet over vetting

A senior officer who has been eyeing the post of Inspector General of Police after Joseph Boinnet term's expires has had a change of heart. The man is reportedly afraid his record may come under too much scrutiny during the vetting process which may not work in his favour. Street Talk has learnt he is eyeing a lesser position of a head of department in one of the security agencies.

### Irony of V8-owning MP begging for rides

A Member of Parliament who recently bought a Toyota V8 car has become the butt of jokes among his colleagues. The legislator is said to have discovered rather too late that the car is a fuel guzzler and thus avoids using it. Instead, the MP has been reduced to reaching out to legislators who live near his home to get a ride to town as his posh machine stays idle at home.



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*Farmers should be the foundation on which food security is built.*



Alberto Leny

## AU reforms likely to speed up development goals

This week, African leaders concluded the most significant forum on the continent's geopolitical and socio-economic calendar.

While the African Union (AU)'s 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government biannual pilgrimage had peace and security at the top of its agenda, other challenges facing the countries featured in the discussions.

Focus was on the African refugee crisis that has seen 20 million people displaced as a result of conflict, with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) confirming that at least three countries in Africa host the largest refugee population in the world.

The refugee crisis has been compounded by the migration influx that has seen millions of youth embark on perilous journeys across the desert and seas in dangerous vessels that have resulted in thousands of deaths.

Heart-wrenching tales of slavery and captive African migrants, capsizing boats, futile rescue missions, blockades and anti-migrant phobia in many European countries have captured global attention.

The genesis of these problems is conflict, violation of human rights and stifling of de-

mocracy, with the majority of the population living in abject poverty.

A population explosion has led to a youth bulge and high levels of unemployment, the main drivers of this wave of migration over the past decade.

Unless African governments address the root cause of these problems, they constitute a ticking time bomb that could engulf the continent and lay to waste AU's goals.

The leaders also held deliberations on trade, infrastructure development, climate change, transitional justice and reforms in the UN. Reform in AU also featured, with a re-examination of the implementation of its socio-economic transformation strategic programme – Agenda 2063.

Outgoing chair, Rwanda President Paul Kagame, pegged his tenure on financial and administrative reform. He has advocated for a continent-wide import tax to fund the AU and wean it of dependence on external donors, who still contribute to more than half the institution's budget.

Such reforms are critical to sustaining the continent's quest to meet development targets in line with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2063.

However, reforms within the AU, crucial as they are, are a sensitive subject and have

met opposition within some membership, which should not be the case.

Incoming chair Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt must realise that the attainment of the AU's key objectives of curbing extreme poverty by 2030 and enhancing inclusivity requires the re-alignment of some its key agencies, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad).

Nepad is due to adopt a new name, African Union Development Agency (Auda), and a new mandate to accelerate decisions related to social and economic growth.

A rejuvenated agency would work better with regional economic commission such as the East African Community (EAC), the Southern Africa Development Commission (SADC) and the Economic Commission for West African States (Ecowas) and the Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) agreed on by 44 out of 55 member-States in March last year to accelerate development.

This is a critical part of the reform process and a vital component for infrastructure development that African countries need to leverage on research, technology, boost links, trade, help lift millions out of poverty and create employment.

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*A population explosion has led to a youth bulge and high unemployment*



### #Tweets to the editor /// @PeopleDailyKe /// People Daily

KOT yesterday debated suggestion by IEBC that elections of the six office holders be staggered.

Mediator@oleshitemi: IEBC is proposing amending the law to stagger elections. This would

result in conducting county and national elections on different dates. #iebcpeelaunch.

Sam Angima@AngimaSam: #IEBCPEELaunch more than a day to be set for voting? Does it

even help solve our current problems or adds onto it.

Muka Mdali@Gerald\_Muka: As Kenyans there is need to relook at issues around our elections. As a Country should we consider

staggering our elections instead of the 6 elections in one day? #IEBCPEELaunch.

Lucas Kimathi@LucasKimathi: #IEBCPEELaunch is it right to have 6 elections in one day?

## Swazuri barred from accessing office

by Bernice Mbugua

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National Land Commission (NLC) chair Muhammad Swazuri has been barred from accessing his office.

Nairobi anti-corruption chief magistrate Douglas Ogoti issued the temporary orders following an application by Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji, alleging Swazuri is interfering with the witnesses in his land compensation fraud charges.

The DPP further wants the bond and bail terms granted to Swazuri in a case where he is facing corruption-related charges cancelled.



Muhammad Swazuri



Noordin Haji

In an affidavit, prosecution counsel Esther Njuguna argues that Swazuri has been interfering with witnesses against express order of the court.

"He has rendered the operations of NLC impossible and has virtually arrogated himself the role of the commission without due regard to the other commissioners," stated Njuguna in court documents.

According to DPP, Swazuri's continued access to the commission's office has virtually paralysed the commission's operations as he has engaged in conduct that openly displays disregard for the rule of law and conducts business of the commission.

Swazuri was charged last year alongside 13 others over fraudulent compensation of five parcels of the Standard Gauge Railway land.

Meanwhile, in another court, Swazuri lost a bid

to chair his last NLC meeting before term expires next week. Justice Hedwig Ong'udi ruled that Swazuri knew his term would end and that the court cannot meddle into affairs of the commission.

## MP wants Nakuru governor held for dumping children

by Roy Lumbe

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Bahati MP Kimani Ngunjiri has called for immediate arrest and prosecution of Nakuru Governor Lee Kinyanjui (*pictured*) and his staff after county enforcement officers allegedly dumped street children in Baringo.

Speaking at Jomec Rehabilitation Centre in Nakuru where he visited some of the rescued children, he said the governor was fully aware of the matter despite issuing a statement claiming otherwise.

Ngunjiri threatened to hold a demonstration in the county next



week if those responsible will not have been arrested adding that it was inhumane for the county to treat the homeless children in such a manner.

He bashed human rights groups in Kenya for being silent in the matter.

# Increased Form One admission strains schools

*Principals in Kisii forced to convert libraries, corridors into classrooms to accommodate more learners*

### ENROLMENT DATA

A total of 920,765 out of 1,035,664 students have taken up their slots in secondary schools, Education Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed has said.

**Nyeri County has the highest number of students who have reported and is followed by Siaya, Bomet, Nyandarua, Kajiado, Murang'a, Vihiga, Kisumu and Homa Bay.**

Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Nairobi, Mombasa, Lamu, Kwale, Tana River and Isiolo have the lowest turnout.



**Bobasi MP Innocent Obiri (right) joins residents in a jig at St Peter's Emenwa Secondary School, Kisii county, when he presented a bus to the school. He urged school heads to use available resources to improve performance in national examinations. PHOTO: ROBERT OCHORO**

number of students, stressing they had converted corridors into classrooms.

He said the school has 14 teachers employed by the government and the Board of Management has employed 18, which, he noted drained the schools' funds.

At Buyonde and Kerongorori mixed secondary schools, principals Evans Magembe and Tabitha Mogonchi, respectively, appealed to the government to increase the number of teachers.

Meanwhile, education stakeholders in Bungoma have launched a manhunt for 3,600 KCPE candidates who have not reported to Form One.

Area Quality and Assurance Officer Caleb Omondi said they have embarked on a door-to-door

campaign to ensure all of last year's KCPE candidates transit to secondary.

Speaking at Bungoma High School during a stakeholders meeting, Omondi said they were going to ensure that 100 per cent transition is achieved.

In Nyamira, learners who will be joining Form One as a result of the ongoing 100 per cent transition campaign will be admitted unconditionally.

Speaking in Nyamira, Director of Internal Audit at the Ministry of Education Victoria Angwenyi ordered that all missing students be admitted without any conditions.

Nyamira County Commissioner Amos Mariba asked chiefs and their assistants to ensure the exercise is successful.

### NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



**Farmers accuse State of deducting dam land payout**

Residents of Buchana, Kiriko, Gathanj and Kanyoni villages who have been displaced by construction of Sh24 billion Karimini II dam in Gatundu North, Kiambu now want the giant project halted until their grievances are addressed. Led by Henry Kimani, they accused the National Land Commission of reviewing the cost of an acre from Sh3 million to Sh2.6 million. He said they will not allow a Chinese company which is contracted to construct the dam to start the work until the government honours their agreement. "We want the government to review the terms again before the contractor moves to the site because we don't want family wrangles. The money will not be enough." -MATHEW NDUNG'U



**Judicial staff lobby wants deductions order case halted**

The legal battle between top officials of the Kenya Judicial Staff Association and a member over monthly deductions has taken a new twist. This is after the association filed a preliminary objection seeking to have the case in which the disgruntled member wants to stop his employer from making the deductions in favour of the association. The association through Saluny Advocates wants the court to stop the case going into full hearing saying that the freezing order sought by the petitioner will cripple its activities to the detriment of members. In the objection heard by Justice Hillary Chemitei (*pictured*) of Kitale High Court, the officials said the court lacks the jurisdiction to hear and determine the application.

- WINSTONE CHISEREMI

*Classroom are congested. The environment is not good for learning -Nyamari*

**by Robert Ochoro, Yusuf Masibo and Evans Nyakundi**  
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Principals of secondary schools in Kisii say they are overwhelmed by the high student populations following increased Form One intake in line with the government's 100 per cent transition policy.

The principals said they have been forced to convert libraries and corridors into classrooms to accommodate the swelling number of learners.

Sameta sub-county secondary school heads association chairman Andrew Nyamari said more than 6,000 students in the area lack adequate classrooms, libraries and laboratories.

Nyamari, who is the principal of Nyaguku Mixed Day Secondary School said classes have 70 students instead of 45, recommended by the Education ministry.

### Corridors

At Emenwa Mixed Secondary School in Nyamache sub-county, the principal Ibrahim Gekonde said the school was unable to cope with the swelling

### By Wangari Njuguna

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Starehe MP Charles Njugua (*pictured*) wants Education Amina Mohammed to order all secondary schools heads to admit Form One students even if they do not have the required fees.

He said despite the government's efforts to have a 100 per cent transition from primary to secondary schools,

many students are still at home because they cannot afford fees.

The legislator said the students should be allowed to join school as their parents work a way out to raise the money.

"This transition cannot be achieved because some parents cannot afford to raise the money and thus they opt to keep their children at home," he said.

He said one month down the line since Form One admission was closed, the

children who are yet to join schools are losing out and they might not be able to catch up with their colleagues.

Meanwhile, Murang'a leaders have lauded efforts by the stakeholders in education sector to mobilise resources to help needy students.

About Sh70 million from the county government, CDF, Affirmative action and other well wishers have been used to sponsor children joining Form One.

## Order listing of needy learners, Amina advised



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### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA) REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DIASPORA UNIVERSITY TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN, TAITA TAVETA COUNTY.

In light of the provisions of section 57A of the Environment Management and Coordination Act (EMCA) Cap 387, Regulations Legal Notice No. 101 of 2003, the National Environmental Management Authority (NEMA) has received a Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report for the proposed Diaspora University Town Development Plan, Taita Taveta County.

The SEA findings are expected to integrate the existing sectoral plans and programs to establish sustainable economic zone development mechanisms.

#### **The Plan is for the Development of:**

- A non-profit university for higher learning that will grow to 30,000 students enrolled.
- A well-planned town that will grow to about 90,000 residents that complies with Urban Areas and Cities Act 2011.
- Jobs Creation.
- Sustainable Environmental plan for Town.
- Land use of 3,000 acres.
- 7,093 plots demarcated from 3,000 acres.
- 120 Km estimated Road network of Avenues (100ft) and Streets (100ft or 60ft).
- Water and Sewage System.
- Renewable energy applications: Solar, Wind and Waste to Energy
- Design and Building of Roads, Storm Water and Sewage infrastructure.
- Design and Building of Town Houses and Apartments for residential.
- Design and Building of University buildings for learning.
- Design and Building of Medical Hospital for provision of healthcare
- Design and Building of Sports Stadium for recreation
- Design and Building of Parks and Fields for recreation and environmental management
- Design and Building of commercial and industrial buildings
- Design and Building of schools and vocational schools.

#### **The Plan has five Main Development Plans as follows:**

- (1.) Town Development Plan
- (2.) University Development Plan
- (3.) Medical Hospital Plan
- (4.) Design-Build Plan
- (5.) Energy Plan

#### **The Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) Objectives are:**

- 1) To create an environment plan where every person who resides in the University Town at any given time can achieve their constitution rights and play their part in achieving a clean and healthy environment for the Town.
- 2) To create a human healthcare plan that caters for every person constitutional right 43 (1.) Every person has the right— (a) to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to health care services, including reproductive health care; and right to emergency treatment. (2) A person shall not be denied emergency medical treatment.
- 3) To preserve, protect, maintain and where appropriate during construction maintain and restore the biodiversity, Fauna and Flora post construction. Create a detailed Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) plan on planting of exotic trees to enhance tree cover.
- 4) Apply soil in the sustenance of plants and humans. Protect the soil against degradation and pollution through waste and soil erosion through floods.
- 5) Ensure the right of clean water is achieved and when doing so the status of water bodies is protected, maintained and improved; and, waste water managed, treated and recycled.
- 6) Avoid, prevent or reduce harmful effects on human health and the environmental resulting from air pollution through dust, emissions, noise and toxic gases from waste; maintain and promote continuing improvement in air quality through planting of trees and vegetation; and, reduce emissions and tree cutting through the promotion of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.
- 7) Incorporate renewable energy as source of energy with a goal to increase trees through reduction of use of trees as source of energy and attainment of the minimal emissions of greenhouse gasses
- 8) Plan, development and progressively maintain water, roads and energy assets plans that meet and enhance the meeting of social and economic rights while complying with the clean and healthy environment as the population settles and a Town and University is developed.
- 9) Incorporate plan to protect places, features, buildings and landscapes of cultural, archaeological or architectural heritage while advancing the culture of the people of the region.
- 10) To provide a framework for identification, assessment, protection, management and planning of landscapes that has minimal impact on landscape and maximizes natural landscape visibility.

#### **Key Environmental and Social Impacts and Mitigation Measures**

| Impacts   | Mitigation Measure  |
|---|---|
| Emissions<br>CO2 emissions from vehicles.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption of an inspection and sticker on all cars operating in the Town.</li> <li>• Report on cars emitting smoke.</li> </ul>  |
| Solid, Effluent and Biohazard Waste<br>Solid and effluent waste from residential, commercial and industrial areas       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a solid waste management plan that includes reduction, reuse, recycling, incineration, composting and land filling; have zero waste generation, reduction, re-use and/or recycling applications; set up segregation of waste to enable recycling; set-up temporary storage and timelines for storage before transfer to disposal stations; provide for a transfer to treatment stations or disposal stations without creating new waste; and, provide for treatment stations, landfills and waste management stations that have minimal pollution.</li> <li>• Report on any sewer line breakage or smell.</li> </ul> |
| Litter<br>Litter on the grounds that includes cigarette butts, water bottles, paper and other.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up dustbins in strategic areas of the Town.</li> <li>• Have fines for littering and monitoring persons who issue the fine to those who litter.</li> </ul>  |
| Dust and Air Pollution<br>Dust particles in the air and on vegetation.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop paved roads. Plant grass and vegetation. Apply mulching through use of plants to eliminate dust pollution in flower beds.</li> <li>• Create a reporting system when there is dust.</li> </ul>  |
| Noise Pollution<br>Excessive Noise that disturbs sleep  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop roads that have the least noise; Plant trees as buffers of noise; Set up noise levels; have sound proof walls in businesses that play music; have car standards that limit noise.</li> <li>• Have regulations and fines for noise and monitoring persons who issue the fine to those who make noise.</li> </ul>  |
| Tree Cutting and Planting<br>Trees contribute toward wind breaks, carbon removal from air.                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree planting in all areas provided for and provisions for the minimum number of trees on plot of road sections.</li> <li>• Ensure trees are not cut arbitrary.</li> </ul>   |
| Water, Riparian and Environmental Protected Areas<br>Water pollution, damage of trees, rivers and natural water bodies. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an integrated recreation and management approach that enables protection through the persons using parks that preserve trees, riparian zones and environmental protected areas for recreation purposes of sight-seeing, relaxing and casual walks.</li> <li>• Have signs that state the use and also facilitate those who are using grounds to monitor and report on unusual activity.</li> </ul>   |

#### **Potentially Significant Adverse Environmental Effects if Unmitigated**

| Topic                         | Potentially Significant Adverse Effect, if Unmitigated   | Requirement   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Biodiversity Fauna & Flora    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arising from both construction and Town operation there is potential loss of/damage to biodiversity. This includes loss of vegetation and displacement of species.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Trees should be cut when absolutely necessary.</li> <li>• Tree planting in the Park areas.</li> </ul> |
| Population                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As population settles the solid and effluent waste will progressively increase.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop waste management as population grows.</li> </ul>   |
| Human Health                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human health will be affected by the factors associated with population growth that include waste, pollution and others.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a human health plan.</li> </ul>  |
| Air Quality & Noise Pollution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deterioration of air quality as levels of dust increase.</li> <li>• Deterioration of Human health from pollution.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paved roads</li> <li>• More tree cover</li> <li>• Smooth roads to limit noise vibrations</li> </ul>              |
| Water                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The population settlement and development will lead to adverse impacts upon the surface and underground water bodies in quality, flow and/or morphology.</li> <li>• There could be an increase in the risk of flooding.</li> </ul>                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Water plans.</li> <li>• Storm water disposal plan.</li> </ul>   |
| Soil                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Damage to the hydrogeological and ecological function of the soil resource.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preservation of soils.</li> </ul>  |
| Climatic Factors              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emissions to air including greenhouse gas emissions and other emissions.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set regulations for emissions.</li> </ul>  |
| Material Assets               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to provide housing and adequate and appropriate sanitation that incorporates water services infrastructure, wastewater sewer infrastructure and treatment.</li> <li>• Increase in energy demand and failure to meet energy requirements.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide Assets of housing, roads, energy, waste management that ensure environmental protection.</li> </ul>      |
| Cultural Heritage             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential effects on protected and unknown archaeology and architecture heritage arising from construction.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide for preservation.</li> </ul>   |
| Landscape                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occurrence of adverse visual impacts and conflicts with the appropriate protection of landscape</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate landscape in the design.</li> </ul>  |

The full Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment for the **Proposed Diaspora University Town Development Plan, Taita Taveta County** is available for inspection during working hours at:

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Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources,  
NIF Building  
P.O. Box 30126-00100, **NAIROBI**

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Popo Road, off Mombasa Road,  
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County Director of Environment  
**Taita Taveta County**

A copy of the Draft SEA report can be downloaded from [www.nema.go.ke \(SEA/060\)](http://www.nema.go.ke)

NEMA invites members of the public to submit oral or written comments within thirty (30) working days from the date of publication of this notice to the Director General, NEMA, to assist the Authority in the decision making process regarding this SEA. Comments can also be emailed to [dgnema@nema.go.ke](mailto:dgnema@nema.go.ke)

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# Betting, sex, social media drive Kenyans online

*With increasing access to smartphones, Kenyans now spend more time on internet gaming, socialising and communicating*

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Kenyans spend the bulk of their mobile data on betting, social media and adult sites, a report released by Nendo, a consultancy focused on customer insight, competitive intelligence and analysis on the state of cellular usage in Kenya shows.

Nendo founder, Mark Kaigwa says many Kenyans use their data on Google, Facebook, YouTube, Betin and an adult website, with the projection set to go higher by 2022.

"As of last year, we had consumed approximately 269 million gigabytes worth of data and the projection by 2022 shows we will have consumed 1 billion gigabytes, although I think we will have consumed much more than that," he said.

The Status of Mobile Data report indicates that between 2010 and 2015, more Kenyans are using their phones to visit betting sites.

"Between 2010 and 2015, the most googled words were Kenya and Facebook but since 2016, Sportpesa has taken the lead, showing that we have an inclination towards gaming," Kaigwa added, saying that Betin was also among the most searched words.

"It is clear that gaming is an industry growing fast and we can only expect it to pick," he added.

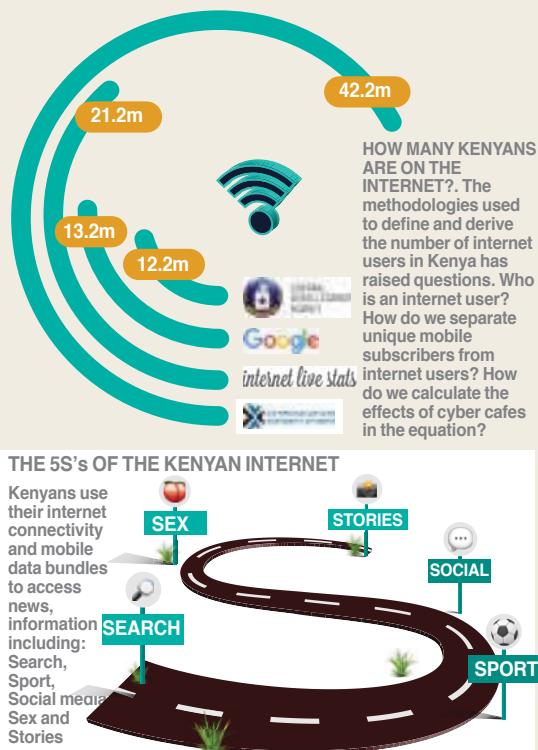
In terms of adult entertainment or pornographic content, two websites Xvideos and XNXX, feature in the top 10 at #6 and #8 respectively.

Interestingly, no other East African country has more sports betting or adult websites in its top 10 list of websites.

## Spiked searches

It is hard to determine the exact

## State of mobile data



## Top 10 Websites in Kenya

|  |              |  |                    |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------|
|  | Google.com   |  | BetPawa.co.ke      |
|  | Facebook.com |  | SportPesa.co.ke    |
|  | Youtube.com  |  | XNXX.com           |
|  | Betin.co.ke  |  | Googleweblight.com |
|  | XVideos.com  |  | Twitter.com        |

## Top 6 Apps of 2018, by Downloads

|  |                              |  |                                 |
|--|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
|  | WhatsApp Messaging           |  | Tala Lending & Finance          |
|  | Facebook Social Media        |  | Opera News News & Entertainment |
|  | Facebook Messenger Messaging |  | Branch Lending & Finance        |



Mark Kaigwa, founder of Nendo, a consultancy firm, which released a report on how Kenyans are using mobile data.

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number of Kenyans on the Internet despite the agreement that feature phones and smartphones have greatly increased the numbers. This is largely due to the use of different measurement parameters by those counting. The Communications Authority estimates internet users to be 42.2 million, based on the assumption that every fibre subscription is used by 100 people. But studies elsewhere put the estimation between 13m and 21m.

Regardless of the number, Kenyans online have been known to drive certain searches depending on the current socio-political situation.

It was interesting to note that during examination periods, and more specifically, Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examination, the word 'leakage' popped, something that Kaigwa attributes to Kenyans thronging the Internet to find the leakages, specifically in Biology.

Kaigwa notes that the cooling down of political temperature has seen a drop in fake news distribution.

"As of now, even in our very own WhatsApp group, the forward messages about our politicians have died down. You rarely get so much as a link because the election temperatures, which fueled a lot of the fake news, have since cooled down," he says, adding, "This then means that election years are fertile grounds for fake news as concluded from our research."

## Growing industry

Aside from one-off searches, Kenyans are using their phones to download social media and money lending applications, with WhatsApp, Facebook, Tala, Branch as the most popular downloads.

Kaigwa sees data bundles as currency. "It is what we need to browse the internet. Even WiFi connectivity has seen the adoption of the 'bundle' approach. Even with the advent of the internet and the strides we are making in accessing WiFi easily, a lot of Kenyans will still use their mobile phones to visit sites they cannot visit using a public network. Since WiFi is monitored, they cannot visit Sportpesa or Xvideos but can do so on their mobile phones," he said.

He says, devices continue to develop with increased computing and processing capabilities. Not only are they gaining larger or more effective battery sizes and standby time to allow them go for longer periods of time without frequent charging, they also come with decreasing costs thus greater affordability.

## Data platforms

Currently, the average smartphone owner uses approximately 10 MB per day, amounting to 300 MB per month in a country with about 200 different data plans across all the networks.

"Imagine the strain it causes a common mwananchi who does not know how to master all the short code services. They will hardly keep track of mobile data usage and thus, end up saying that a service provider is consuming their data," he said, adding that telecommunications company are now coming up with more affordable data plans for their users including free WhatsApp and Facebook.

Even so, the report notes, Kenyans are now aware of lite versions of their favourite applications, which they are turning onto in a bid to reduce data consumption.

Between 2010 and 2015, the most googled words were Kenya and Facebook but since 2016, Sportpesa has taken the lead

# The wavy path of Kenya's radio

*Evolution of what began as "wireless telegraphy" has withstood time to remain king in media*

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You can't talk about the evolution of radio in Kenya without putting the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) into the picture. KBC, which currently broadcasts in Kiswahili, English and several local languages such as Kimeru, Kikuyu and Ki-kamba through subsidiary stations, was started in 1927 when Kenya was still a British colony. It would take over 20 years for Africans to be included in the broadcasting service.

In the 1960s, the name was changed to Kenya Broadcasting Corporation and television service was introduced. When Kenya became an independent country in 1964, KBC was renamed Voice of Kenya (VoK). The national broadcaster was the dominant news outlet for over 24 years. According to veteran radio fan Peter Kibaba, radio back then was the only source of news and literally everything information and entertainment!

#### Listening parties

"When I was a boy, people used to flock to my father's house to listen to the Gossage Cup via his big wood transistor radio," he says of the football tournament that featured Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar. Kibaba still listens to radio stations such as Milele FM, but only in the morning because of the nature of his job.

KBC is credited with birth-

ing and nurturing many radio personalities, especially before the liberalisation of airwaves in early '90s. Notable among them was Leonard Mambo Mbotala (famous for Je, Huu ni Unguana programme) on KBC Idhaa ya Kiswahili.

His reputation grew tremendously, especially following the August 1, 1982 coup attempt on Moi's regime. On that fateful early Sunday morning, Mambo was commanded by a splinter group of Kenya Air Force soldiers to hit the studio along Harry Thuku Road in Nairobi to broadcast the news about the coup.

Other popular radio personalities included late Job Isaac Mwamto, Amina Fakhii, Ishmail Mohammed, late Jacob William Maunda, Khadija Ali and late Stephen Kikumu. The journalists who pioneered the English service included Hassan Mazoa and Sammy Lui, followed later by Peter Njoroge, Elizabeth Omolo, George Opiyo and Kazungu Katana.

In the '80s and better part of '90s, names such as Khamisi Themor, Ali Salim Manga, Daniel Gatei, Billy Omala, Ngulamu Mwaviro, Enacted Araba, John Karani, Charles Omuga Kabisa, Martin Nyongesa King'asia and Fred Obachi Machoka were also heard. Ali Salim Manga was especially famous for his impeccable Kiswahili football commentaries with Jack Oyoo Silvester.

All along, the broadcasts were available on Medium Wave and Short Wave, until the Amplitude Modulation

Now you can listen to radio on phone or computer, thanks to Internet

#### RADIO AT A GLANCE

Guigielmo Marconi sent the first ever radio transmission in 1896, so he's considered 'the father of radio'.

KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania was the world's first commercial radio station in 1920.

Frequency Modulation (FM) radio made its first appearance in 1939.

(AM) checked in. Soon, the AM wavelength also became obsolete when the finer and broad Frequency Modulation (FM) was discovered. This led to the birthing of Capital FM (in 1996) and later Metro FM.

#### FM talents

Capital FM mostly appealed, or still does, to urban and peri-urban audience. The two stations helped in discovering more radio talents such as Zain Verjee, Njambi Koikai, Maina Kageni, Tony Msalame, Caroline Mutoko, Muthoni Bwika, Julie Gichuru, Fareed Khimani and Pinky Ghelani. Unfortunately, Metro FM, which had transitioned to be the country's only reggae station, was shut in 2012.

Over time, 'untrained' talented celebrities have found their way into radio stations. These days, someone's ability to pull crowds can easily earn them a job at a radio station. Mbusi's (real name Gitinji Mwangi) impeccable Sheng on Radio Jambo keeps youthful people tuned. Comedian Daniel 'Churchill' Ndambuki, who co-presents the *Maina and King'ang'i In The Morning* show at Classic 105 with Maina Kageni, has also cut a niche for himself.

The transition didn't stop there. Due to the airwaves liberalisation, many radio sta-



Milele FM news presenter Maureen Mukhobe (left). Women of the Radio Listening Clubs in Seke, Zimbabwe, receive transistor radios in 1990s. PHOTO: TABITHA MBATIA / COURTESY

tions continued to pop up, including vernacular ones. First up was Kameme FM, followed by a stream of others, among them Egesa, Mulembe, Coro, Muga, Mayian, Emoo, Meru and Inooro.

According to Kameme FM deputy head of news George Waweru, vernacular radio stations have changed the way people think about many things, including bringing

communities together because people can air their grievances. He says they have created a lot of jobs for Kenyans and opened doors for advertisers and musicians.

#### Vernacular influence

"We help bring the Kikuyu community together through helping recover lost children, connect people to jobs and inspire the listeners through

our gospel shows. We cover the whole country, even international through our online radio," says Waweru.

According to Maureen Mukhobe, a news presenter at Milele FM for nine years, radio has changed a lot over time. "The way we broadcast today is different from the '90s. Now you can listen to radio on phone or computer, thanks to Internet."

## How World Radio Day came to being and its influence

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The annual World Radio Day is observed on February 13. It was proclaimed on November 3, 2011 by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) 36th General Conference. The 2019 theme is 'Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace'.

Its objectives are to raise greater awareness among the public and the media of the importance of radio; to encourage decision makers to establish and provide access to information through radio; as well as to enhance networking and international cooperation



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.  
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among broadcasters.

According to UN Secretary

General Antonio Guterres, even in today's world of digital communications, radio reaches more people than any other media platform.

"Radio is a powerful tool. And it is a personal, interactive platform where people can air their views, concerns, and grievances. Radio can create a community."

For the United Nations, especially our peacekeeping operations, radio is a vital way of informing, reuniting and empowering people affected by war.

On this World Radio Day, let us recognise the power of radio to promote dialogue, tolerance and peace," he says.

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# May: I can reach Brexit deal that parliament could back

■ London, Tuesday

Prime Minister Theresa May said Tuesday she believed she could reach a Brexit deal that parliament could support, allowing Britain to leave the European Union on March 29.

In a statement to parliament to update lawmakers on her negotiations with the EU to secure changes to the Brexit deal, May said again she did not see a customs union as proposed by the opposition Labour Party as the way to secure agreement.

"The talks are at a crucial stage

and we now all need to hold our nerve to get the changes this House requires and deliver Brexit on time," she said. "By getting the changes we need to the backstop; by protecting and enhancing workers' rights and environmental protections and by enhancing the role of parliament in the next phase of negotiations, I believe we can reach a deal that this House can support."

May is seeking changes to the deal she agreed with the bloc last year, after lawmakers rejected it largely due to concerns over an insurance policy aimed at avoiding the return of border controls on the island of Ireland.



Critics say the border control policy could leave Britain subject to EU rules for years or even indefinitely after leaving the bloc.

## Border controls

The EU says the backstop is vital to avoiding the return of border controls in Ireland and has refused to reopen the Brexit divorce deal, though May (pictured) insists she can get legally binding changes to replace the most contentious parts of the backstop.

European Union Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier said on Monday the bloc would agree to tweak the political

declaration on EU-UK ties after Brexit that forms part of the package, to reflect a plan for a closer future relationship that could obviate the need for the contentious backstop.

"It's clear from our side that we are not going to reopen the withdrawal agreement but we will continue our discussion in the coming days," Barnier said. The leader of the House of Commons, Andrea Leadsom, said lawmakers would back May's deal if there were assurances the backstop was time-limited ally, suggesting the deal itself did not need to be renegotiated.

- Reuters



## Catalan separatists trial begins

■ Madrid, Tuesday

A dozen leaders of Catalonia's failed 2017 independence bid have gone on trial in Madrid, facing charges including rebellion and sedition.

If convicted, some could face up to 25 years in prison.

The semi-autonomous region of Catalonia held an independence referendum on October 1, 2017, and declared its independence from Spain weeks later.

But Spanish authorities declared the vote illegal, and the national government imposed direct rule.

The Catalonia crisis is considered the most serious to hit Spain since the era of fascist dictator Francisco Franco, who died in 1975.

Nine of the defendants have spent months in pre-trial detention, and arrived at the court on Tuesday morning under guard. The remaining three had been free on bail.

The most high-profile of the Catalan leaders on trial is former Vice-President Oriol Junqueras. His superior—former President of Catalonia Carles Puigdemont—fled abroad and remains in exile.

Our staff are going to be working feverishly to put all the particulars together -Shelby



■ The Hague, Tuesday

The widow of a Nigerian activist suing oil giant Shell over the execution of her husband says his death left her "traumatised" and "poverty-stricken".

Esther Kiobel is testifying in The Hague, demanding compensation from the Netherlands-based firm.



## Nigerian widow testifies against Shell

■ The Hague, Tuesday

She is among four women who accuse Shell of being complicit in the hanging of their husbands by Nigeria's military in 1995. Shell denies the allegation.

The activists led mass protests against oil pollution in Nigeria's Ogoniland.

The protests were seen as a major threat to then-military ruler Gen Sani

Abacha, and Shell. They were led by author Ken Saro-Wiwa, who was among nine activists hanged by the military regime.

Their executions caused global outrage, and led to Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth for more than three years. Two of the widows were in court, but two others were denied visas to attend.

- BBC



## SHUTDOWN TRIGGER

On January 25, President Trump agreed to a three-week spending deal to end the shutdown and allow Congress to reach an agreement.

**The shutdown was triggered by the Democrats' refusal to approve funds for his promised wall on the border with Mexico.**

slats, instead of the concrete wall that Trump had demanded.

There was also an agreement to reduce the number of beds in detention centres to 40,250 from the current 49,057, reports say.

The talks had reached an im-

US president Donald Trump.  
PHOTO: Agency

passer earlier with Republicans strongly rejecting Democrats' demands for a limit to the number of undocumented migrants already in the US who could be detained by immigration authorities. The deal was struck in a closed-door meeting in Washington on Monday evening after several hours of talks.

"We got an agreement on all of it," Republican Senator Richard Shelby said. "Our staff are going to be working feverishly to put all the particulars together. We believe that if this becomes law, it'll keep open the government."

- BBC

## Australia in historic vote loss

■ Canberra, Tuesday

Australian MPs have passed a landmark bill with an opposition amendment making it easier for sick refugees held offshore to be treated in the country.

This is the first time in decades a government has lost a vote on its own legislation in the lower house.

The move is a blow for PM Scott Morrison's minority government's highly controversial immigration policy.

Since 2013, Australia has sent asylum seekers arriving by boat to detention centres on Nauru and Papua New Guinea.

## Detainees welfare

Critics say it has harmed the welfare of detainees, including children.

Doctors have long warned of inadequate medical facilities on the islands, while the UN has previously described the camp conditions as "inhumane".

The bill passed in the House of Representatives by one vote after the Labor opposition and cross-bench MPs agreed on last-minute amendments.

## Maduro condemns Trump

■ Caracas, Tuesday

Venezuela's embattled President Nicolás Maduro has called Donald Trump's government a "gang of extremists" and blamed the US for his country's crisis.

In an interview with the BBC, Maduro said he would not allow humanitarian aid into Venezuela as it was a way for the US to justify an intervention.

"They are warmongering in order to take over Venezuela," he said.

The US and most Western governments have recognised opposition leader Juan Guaidó as interim president.

Guaidó has called for new anti-government protests push Maduro and have him allow humanitarian aid into the country.

- BBC

## Briefing



### Millenials rank NGOs as the best employer

**WORKPLACE:** Good pay, job security and proximity to home are among the three top traits valued by millennials in a firm. BrighterMonday Kenya report "Millennials and the Digital Marketplace", reveals that an overwhelming 47 per cent of millennials think that non-governmental organisations have the best working conditions, followed by financial institutions at 15 per cent and Information Technology at 14 per cent. "Millennials are fast becoming the teeming populace of the workforce not only in Kenya but the world as well and most employers are grappling with the challenge of ensuring they are productive at the workplace," said BrighterMonday chief executive Emmanuel Mutuma (*pictured*).

—MUTWIRI MURIITHI



### Oppo's new Dubai hub to deepen technology

**DISTRIBUTION:** Smartphone maker Oppo has tapped the United Arab Emirates as second regional hub making Dubai the new operations centre for the Middle East and Africa (MEA). The move banks on Dubai's unique position as a regional nexus for business and technology innovation, meaning the phone maker now has a presence in the Kenya, UAE, Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria and Nigeria. The new hub will be Oppo's base for Middle East's regional sales and will serve as a point from which Oppo will deepen technology partnership.

—FRED AMINGA

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## Horticulture to dwarf tea earnings, predicts FPEAK

*Ministry confident that EU market realignment will not affect fresh produce sector*

■ by Zachary Ochuodho and Nicholas Waitathu  
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Earnings from fresh produce exports are expected to surpass those of tea in 2019 by almost Sh20 billion, Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK) said yesterday.

The association said the prevailing environment, which drove export earnings up from Sh115.6 billion in 2017 to Sh153.7 billion last year will be the reason for better earnings.

The prediction comes even as its major export market – the EU – is set to suffer realignments next month when the UK officially exits the bloc.

FPEAK chief executive Hosea Machuki said the sector has remained resilient amid various challenges, both fiscal and operational.

#### Foreign exchange

Machuki said the organisation expects horticultural export to surpass the tea export earnings in 2019 to hit Sh160 billion given that in 2018, tea export fetched Kenya Sh140 billion in foreign exchange.

"The sector has seen marked resilience and continued growth and huge potential which has enabled it to weather various challenges such as the Brexit shock and fertiliser shortages which the sector faced," he said.

Trade principal secretary Chris Kiptoo yesterday assured that the total share of horticulture exports that goes to the UK will not be interrupted.



From left, Kenya Flower Council chief executive Clement Tulezi, Fresh Produce Consortium of Kenya Consortium (FPC Kenya) CEO Okisegere Ojepat, Trade principal secretary Chris Kiptoo, and Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya CEO Hosea Machuki unveil the 2018 performance report for the Horticultural sector.

PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

"UK will continue enjoying the trade regime it had before Brexit until December 2020. Kenya exports to the UK will continue enjoying the same tariffs," said Dr Kiptoo.

He made the remarks during the release of the 2018 Horticultural Sector Performance.

But to tackle unlikely emerging sce-

nario in the market, Kiptoo said, the government and value chain players are sourcing new markets.

"As part of implementing the national export strategy launched mid last year, we are out scouting for new markets in Europe, Asia, USA and Africa," he assured.

#### New markets

He added, "The government is exploring new markets like China to complement the traditional EU market. Already a delegation from China will be in the country soon to evaluate the avocado market and we are optimistic that soon, our farmers will start exports to the Chinese market. US market is also crucial for us, following the commissioning of the direct flight

between Kenya and the US."

Flower exports contributed Sh13.16 billion up from Sh82.24 billion earned in 2017, representing 37.8 per cent growth.

Fruits and vegetables earned Sh12.83 billion and Sh27.68 billion in 2018 up from Sh9 billion and Sh24.06 billion earned in 2017, respectively.

The cut-flower export still remains the largest earner, contributing 74 per cent of the total fresh produce annual earnings, fruits at eight per cent and vegetables at 18 per cent.

In 2018, the horticulture industry was hit hard by an acute shortage of soluble fertiliser resulting from stringent and lengthy clearance process by the Kenya Bureau of Standard at the port of entry.

**Sh140b**  
**Amount tea exports fetched Kenya last year in foreign exchange with horticulture expected to surpass that mark**



## Banks to increase lending to private sector, says CBK

■ by Zachary Ochuodho  
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Inflation expectations will for the next two months fall within the government's target range, Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) January Market Perception Survey says.

According to the survey commercial banks will this year increase credit to the private sector compared to last year, especially to small

and medium enterprises (SMEs).

The report indicates that respondents expected an increase in demand for credit in January and February relative to November and December 2018, due to the lower interest rates, consumer loans growth to fund education-related needs, optimism by SMEs about investing in Big Four-related projects and expected de-

mand for loans by farmers in February to prepare for the planting season.

The respondents also indicated that most borrowers were still in the planning stage of their business goals, with execution expected to be in the second quarter and that lower loan approval rates by banks had slightly dampened the demand for credit with some clients resorting to mobile loans.

## Liquor manufacturers call for investigations

■ by Zachary Ochuodho  
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The association of Kenya's leading manufacturers and distributors of alcoholic beverages has urged the government to investigate players in the industry beyond the membership in order to streamline operations in the sector.

Alcohol Beverages Association of Kenya (Abak) chairman Gordon Mutugi said they have

agreed to co-operate with the authorities to facilitate the ongoing investigation on illicit alcohol trade.

Mutugi urged players in the business to embrace collective responsibility and accountability in order to root out illicit alcohol trade in the country.

"In connection to this, Abak is calling for further investigations beyond the membership," said Mutugi.

# Valentine's Day: Agony of former Karuturi workers

*As the lovers' day nears, families that once worked on flower farm are living in squalor*

by Rose Muthoni  
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As couples across the globe prepare to exchange roses to mark Valentine's Day—the day of love—only memories of fresh roses remain for former Karuturi Flower Farm workers struggling to make ends meet.

Had it been a few years back, days leading to February 14, would have seen a beehive of activities in this farm as workers got ready to warm the hearts of millions of lovebirds worldwide.

That is why it was once considered the gold standard of flower exportation, as Karuturi Ltd could fly out more than a million stems a day with refrigerated trucks leaving for Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) daily, as over 3,000 workers enjoyed a life of good financial tidings.

Compared to its competitors, Karuturi offered good salary and overtime bonuses to its workers. Fresh jobseekers thronged the farm for jobs daily.

But things went south, turning the farm, once decorated by rows of beautiful roses, into an eyesore.

Gone are the lush green fields and greenhouses that adorned the farm and instead metal frames, stripped of their vinyl plastic shading, and overgrown rose bushes and weeds have taken their place.

But perhaps, the ones to suffer the

most after the giant fell, were former workers who up to now are demanding their salary arrears, amounting to more than Sh200 million.

A former employee Thomas Komo says the farm was doing well while under its original owners, Gerrit and Peter Barnhoorn of Sher Agencies. The rains, however, started beating them when Karuturi Global Ltd took over, renaming the farm Sher Karuturi.

"But once it was put under receivership, hardships worsened. We would work for months on end without any payment. Then one day, our jobs were no more," he adds. The flower farm was put under receivership and as if to add salt to injury, the worker's savings and credit co-operative society, Sheracco, went down with their savings.

## Cash crunch

Our sacco had fraudsters who stole our money and ran away with our savings," says Martin Odoyo who worked at Karuturi for 14 years. All the businesses which leveraged the presence of Karuturi farm are struggling due to a biting cash crunch. As it now stands, the region has very few customers while even the remaining ones buy goods and services on credit due to shortage of cash.

"The business centre has cash flow challenges because former Karuturi workers have no money. They are busy hustling and the little they get is used to buy food," says Odoyo, whose food kiosk, which he set up after losing his job, sees little or no business.

Some of Karuturi camps' inhabitants have taken to fish poaching in Lake Naivasha with scores returning home with injuries after unfortunate encounters with hippos. Odoyo claims that 75 per cent of fish poach-



## WILTING OF A ROSE

Karuturi Ltd, once one of the world's top growers of roses, exporting over one million stems annually, was put under receivership in 2014 after failing to service a Sh383 million loan from CFC Stanbic.

The management of the flower farm Karuturi Ltd in March 2018 announced it had secured an investor to inject funds into the business.

# 3,000

**Number of workers, who together with their families, treated the vast Naivasha-based flower farm as home**

ers are former Karuturi employees.

Drusilla Kenyanya, after losing her job, ventured into the shores of the lake to sell fish. Fish here are sold

cheaply with a medium sized Tilapia that retails for Sh500 in Nairobi, going for Sh100. "The money I get for this venture is only enough to feed my family. The competition here is stiff, forcing us to sell our fish at throw-away prices," she says

In its heyday, Karuturi built a hospital and mortuary for its workers, to ensure that together with their dependants, they could access the best healthcare possible. But now, the doors to Karuturi hospital and mortuary are closed, leaving the sick to fend for themselves even in times when most former workers have no means of paying for healthcare.

## Small cubicle

*People Daily* took a tour of Naivasha to experience first-hand what life has dished Karuturi's former employees. Musa Migwi has a blank look in his eyes as he welcomes us into his small cubicle which he shares with his wife Faith Wanjira.

At the time, the elderly Wanjira is out selling firewood to put a meal on the table. Migwi nurses the dying em-



Part of the ecosystem of Kenya's once biggest flower farm and a significant player in the global flower export market.

PHOTO: BERNARD NYANGWESO

bers of a jiko fire which he relies on to keep the leg pain he has had for years at bay. His legs are swollen.

He was pricked by a metal shard while working at the flower farm. He sought medical care at the company's expense at Karuturi Hospital but the injury eventually rendered him incapable of doing any manual jobs.

The hospital, however, managed his condition at no expense thanks to the fact that he was injured while at work and because Wanjira still held a job at the farm. However, after the hospital's closure, which happened immediately after Karuturi Flower Farm was closed, Migwi has no means of accessing medical care.

"My wife's meagre earnings from the firewood business cannot foot medical expenses. It is only enough to feed us," says Migwi whose communication has also been impaired by old age. The same fate befell his neighbour, Milka Chideli, who has suffered a myriad of illnesses in the past three years. Since Karuturi's gates were closed, she had no means to manage her Asthma.

"I do not have money to go to the hospital. Whenever things take a turn for the worst, I rely on loans from neighbours to access medical care," she says.



James Ngomeli

## How firms can ensure merger and acquisition success

**“The communication should be well thought of as part of the strategy.”**

merger, employees will be distressed with many wondering whether their positions will survive or remain at the same level. The thought of losing out in livelihood, change of job and lifestyle is a major distraction.

Hence the need to support this exercise with clear-cut information, consistency and transparency from the beginning is crucial. The development of an internal communication and marketing strategy is key in outlining the reasons of the merger or acquisition.

With clear emphasis on the employees as a beneficiary and winner in the whole process. The need for employees of both entities

understanding that they are part of the process and the power of inclusivity cannot be underrated. The communication should be well-thought of as part of the strategy going forward.

More often people and culture issues are left with the human resource division to deal with. This is always the wrong approach as it is a supporting role. The most influential person is

The business environment is now engulfed in stories of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) as companies try to reposition themselves to meet the ever-changing economic landscape.

Decision to drive strategic growth through mergers and acquisition can certainly be alluring with the number driving a strong argument.

Cultural and psychological sides of M&A are overshadowed by the financial argument coming in as the most significant land mines in the arrangement. The need for internal marketing and communication strategy within the organisation is critical to the success of the M&A.

With the announcement of the

inspiration and centre of excellence across the business and to the eyes of the staff.

In most instances, brand champions from the two firms must be trained together to deliver similar and consistent information at the same time and in similar fashion. Even though the cultures and norms are different this is where they start merging and developing one communication across the two businesses. The businesses are able to pick up any challenges in such forums and address them early.

The feedback mechanism is critical and employee surveys are important element throughout the merger and acquisition discussions. Hence it is critical to keep your eyes on the ball both as the external and internal factors play out.

**The writer is Culture Change Consultant and former Chair CLM East Africa**

## Social Responsibility



**Lotto Foundation Representative Wavinya Mugofwa (left) and Racheal Njiru, head teacher of Methodist Church in Kenya (MCK) Njia Special School in Meru county during the commissioning of the school's water project comprising two tanks with a capacity of 165,000 litres and 1.8 kilometre pipeline funded by the foundation. The programme also benefits neighbouring schools, a dispensary and community at large.** PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

# State in new plan to fight counterfeits

*...Says properties bought with dirty money to be seized to stop crooked businessmen*

by Martin Mwita  
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The government is targeting proceeds of counterfeit trade mainly property, in a renewed effort to nab perpetrators and curb sale of fake products in the country.

Anti-Counterfeit Authority (ACA), now an authority, yesterday said it is closing in on individuals who have benefited from proceeds of counterfeit businesses, in a move that will see palatial homes, high end vehicles, land and other investments recovered.

Though the authority has not revealed names of the targets, a source familiar with the magnitude of counterfeit business told *People Daily* that top businessmen, politicians and high-net-worth individuals are among the biggest perpetrators who could cross swords with the authority.

ACA is moving with haste on the back of the Anti-Counterfeit (Miscellaneous amendment Act) 2018 which came into place in December last year. The Act gives the authority more power with backing from other government agencies in the anti-counterfeit war. Proceeds of

## ANNUAL LOSS

The latest inter-governmental crackdown on illicit trade was on Thika-based Africa Spirits Ltd, where government officials intercepted smuggled ethanol, 312,000 litres of illicit liquor and 21 million fake KRA stamps.

**It is estimated that Kenya loses about Sh200 billion in taxes annually through counterfeit products, besides threatening lives of consumers.**

counterfeit are linked to funding of terrorism and organised crime globally, a trend that has put the government on high alert as it continues to remain committed to the fight against terrorism.

Executive director Elema Halake said ACA is working closely with Assets Recovery Agency and Directorate of Criminal Investigations to nab culprits.

"We are going big on this. Apart from other measures being put in place to fight counterfeits, we are going after what someone has gained as a result of trade in counterfeits," he told *People Daily* on the sidelines of a media sensitisation forum in Nairobi yesterday.

The latest developments come amid a heightened war against counterfeiters and illicit trade in the country where the government has made inroads through a multi-agency task force commissioned by President Uhuru Kenyatta in April last year.



## NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

| COMMODITY            | KG  | Nairobi | Mombasa | Kisumu | Nakuru | Eldoret |
|----------------------|-----|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Dry Maize            | 90  | 2100    | 2340    | 2600   | 1500   | 1800    |
| Green Maize          | 115 | 2200    | 3950    | 2200   | 1800   | 1600    |
| Finger Millet        | 90  | 7450    | 6750    | 8000   | 5400   | 7200    |
| Sorghum              | 90  | 3400    | 2520    | 3000   | 3500   | 4500    |
| Wheat                | 90  |         |         |        |        | 3000    |
| Beans Canadian       | 90  | 5500    | 6000    | 8000   | 5000   |         |
| Beans Rosedco        | 90  | 5800    | 6500    | 8000   | 5000   | 8100    |
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| Mwezi Moja           | 90  | 5500    |         |        |        | 3500    |
| Dolichos (Njahi)     | 90  | 5800    | 6120    |        | 5400   | 10000   |
| Green Gram           | 90  | 7600    | 7200    | 8800   | 5400   | 12000   |
| Cowpeas              | 90  | 3500    | 4050    | 8000   | 8100   | 9000    |
| Fresh Peas           | 51  | 3000    | 2500    | 2500   | 3000   | 2550    |
| Groundnuts           | 110 | 11300   | 13750   | 10000  | 11000  | 11700   |
| Red Irish Potatoes   | 50  | 2100    | 1700    | 1400   |        | 1300    |
| White Irish Potatoes | 50  | 2000    | 1700    | 1400   | 2000   | 1100    |
| Cassava Fresh        | 99  | 2200    | 2300    |        |        | 3000    |
| Sweet Potatoes       | 98  | 3100    | 2700    | 3000   | 3000   | 3600    |
| Cabbages             | 126 | 1450    | 2835    | 1500   | 1200   | 1200    |
| Cooking Bananas      | 22  | 550     | 500     | 250    | 250    | 1000    |
| Ripe Bananas         | 14  | 600     | 500     | 250    | 750    | 650     |
| Carrots              | 138 | 3370    | 5700    | 2500   | 4200   | 3200    |
| Tomatoes             | 64  | 4300    | 7000    | 7000   | 4500   | 6500    |
| Onions Dry           | 13  | 650     | 800     | 910    | 750    | 910     |
| Spring Onions        | 142 | 2700    | 4400    | 2500   | 3000   | 1400    |
| Chillies             | 38  | 2280    | 3270    | 1500   | 3000   | 1500    |
| Cucumber             | 50  | 2200    | 2000    |        |        |         |
| Capsicums            | 50  | 2600    | 2500    | 2400   | 3000   | 1500    |
| Brinjals             | 44  | 2200    | 1320    | 1500   | 2500   |         |
| Cauliflower          | 39  | 2340    | 1950    |        |        |         |
| Lettuce              | 51  | 3000    | 2200    |        |        |         |
| Passion Fruits       | 57  | 3900    | 4500    | 3000   | 5000   | 6850    |
| Oranges              | 93  | 2400    | 2800    | 3000   | 5400   | 3000    |
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| Limes                | 13  | 1040    | 1500    | 650    |        |         |
| Pineapples           | 13  | 975     | 720     |        | 600    | 1080    |
| Pawpaw               | 54  | 2800    | 1000    | 1200   | 3000   | 3150    |
| Avocado              | 90  | 3000    | 4000    | 1800   | 3000   | 3400    |
| Kales                | 50  | 1250    | 1500    | 1500   | 1200   | 1500    |
| Eggs                 | 250 | 280     | 260     | 280    | 280    | 280     |

## MARKET WATCH

## COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (12/2/2019)

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| Mangoes Local        | 126 | 2000    | 2000    | 2400   | 3000   | 2400    |
| Mangoes Ngowe        | 25  | 1100    | 1150    | 1800   |        | 700     |
| Limes                | 13  | 1040    | 1500    | 650    |        |         |
| Pineapples           | 13  | 975     | 720     |        | 600    | 1080    |
| Pawpaw               | 54  | 2800    | 1000    | 1200   | 3000   | 3150    |
| Avocado              | 90  | 3000    | 4000    | 1800   | 3000   | 3400    |
| Kales                | 50  | 1250    | 1500    | 1500   | 1200   | 1500    |
| Eggs                 | 250 | 280     | 260     | 280    | 280    | 280     |

## COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 12/2/2019

| CURRENCY         | MEAN     | BUY      | SELL     |
|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| US DOLLAR        | 100.5289 | 100.4289 | 100.6289 |
| SW KRONE         | 10.8464  | 10.8333  | 10.8959  |
| STG POUND        | 129.6481 | 129.4967 | 129.7994 |
| SINGAPORE DOLLAR | 73.9890  | 73.9100  | 74.0681  |
| SAUDI RIAL       | 26.8059  | 26.7789  | 26.8329  |
| SAR RAND         | 7.3193   | 7.3098   | 7.3288   |
| S FRANC          | 100.1434 | 100.0288 | 100.2579 |
| NOR KRONER       | 11.5798  | 11.5650  | 11.5947  |
| KES / USHS       | 36.4958  | 36.3948  | 36.5967  |
| KES / TSHS       | 23.1278  | 23.0550  | 23.2005  |
| KES / RWF        | 8.9260   | 8.9145   | 8.9405   |
| KES / BIF        | 17.8885  | 17.8624  | 17.9147  |
| JPY (100)        | 91.0712  | 90.9682  | 91.1741  |
| IND RUPEE        | 1.4141   | 1.4124   | 1.4159   |
| HONGKONG DOLLAR  | 12.8098  | 12.7971  | 12.8226  |
| EURO             | 113.7061 | 113.5778 | 113.8344 |
| DAN KRONER       | 15.2340  | 15.2181  | 15.2498  |
| CHINESE YUAN     | 14.8073  | 14.7907  | 14.8239  |
| CAN \$           | 75.7109  | 75.6242  | 75.7976  |
| AUSTRALIAN \$    | 71.1091  | 71.0334  | 71.1849  |
| AED DIRHAM       | 27.3701  | 27.3425  | 27.3977  |

**NSE ALL SHARE INDEX:** UP 0.25 points to close at 160.28

**NSE 20-SHARE INDEX:** DOWN 3.96 points to close at 3063.96

**NSE 25-SHARE INDEX:** DOWN 7.40 points to close at 4078.80

**49pc Rise in serviced apartments supply from about 2,320 units in 2013 to about 4,582 units last year.**

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in serviced apartments.

The report entitled "Investing in Nairobi", reveals that there has been a 49 per cent increase in serviced apartments supply from about 2,320 units in 2013 to about 4,582 units last year, with the most preferred extended stay unit being the two-bedroom unit with a 42 per cent space share in the market.

The real estate sector remains positive as it continues to attract both local and international retailers driven by a conducive macroeconomic environment with an average gross domestic product (GDP)

growth of above five per cent over the last five years," said Prit Shah, sales manager at VAAL Real Estate.

He added that VAAL has so far invested in over 503 units in upscale areas across Nairobi and that they are looking to increase the units.

Nairobi has for a quite a while emerged as the target market for developers looking to put up structures because of its strategic position.

Furthermore, the increase in demand of serviced apartments has shot up because they are the customers preferred taste.

# GRAMMY GLAMOUR



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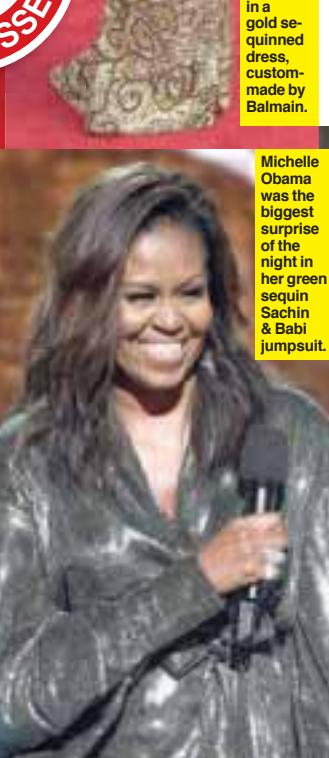
The biggest night in world music calendar, the Grammy Awards, hosted its 61<sup>st</sup> edition at Staples Centre in Los Angeles on Sunday. All eyes were on the couture display on the red carpet. **Alfayo Onyango** samples the best and worst



Jada-Pinkett Smith slays in her Roberto Cavalli gown.



Kylie Jenner chose a dripping pink Balmain.



Michelle Obama was the biggest surprise of the night in her green sequin Sachin & Babi jumpsuit.



Newlyweds Miguel and Nazanin Mandi were simply stunning in their red carpet looks.



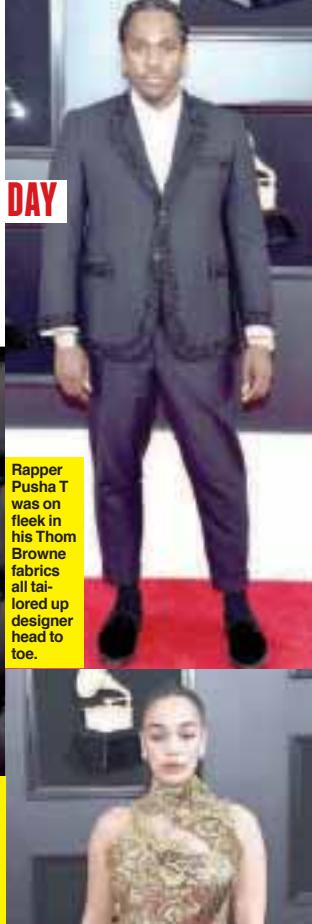
Hostess Alicia Keys kept it extra prolific in her Armani dress.

# spice

FLAVOUR YOUR DAY



Dua Lipa was simply elegant in her custom-made Atelier Versace crystal mesh column gown.



Rapper Pusha T was on fleek in his Thom Browne fabrics all tailored up designer head to toe.



British singer Jorja Smith in a gold sequinned dress, custom-made by Balmain.



Cardi B stepped out in a pink duchess and satin velvet over a bluish embellished bodysuit. It was hard to define her look.



Janelle Monae in her Jean Paul Gaultier wasn't that appealing.



Singer Bebe Rexha tried to pull a 'princess look' in a plunging dress with tulle by Monsoori.



Katy Perry wore a dramatic silver and pink creation by Balmain Couture.



Qatar Ambassador to Kenya Jabr Bin Ali Al-Dosari, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka and Sports and Heritage Chief Administrative secretary Hassan Noor Hassan.



Prof Mohammed Hussein and Ali Mohammed.



UN Office on Drugs and Crime representative for East Africa Amado Philip De Andres with Hamid Miznazi.

## CELEBRATING THE BEST

The Qatar Embassy in Kenya hosted hundreds of guests to a dinner party at Laico Regency Hotel in Nairobi on Friday to celebrate the recent triumph by the Qatari national football team in the just-concluded AFC Asian Cup. The 2022 World Cup hosts produced the most famous moment in its sporting history when the Felix Sanchez's charges defeated Japan 3-1 in the final of the competition held in the United Arab Emirates on February 1. Held once every four years, the winning team becomes the champion of Asia and qualifies for the FIFA Confederations Cup. Besides the host Ambassador Jabr Bin Ali Al-Dosari, other guests were Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka, UN Office on Drugs and Crime representative for East Africa Amado Philip De Andres, Palestine Ambassador to Kenya Hazem Al-Shabait and Sports and Heritage Chief Administrative Secretary Hassan Noor Hassan, among others.

**TEXT: ELLY GITAU  
PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG**



Ebtihal Altungi and Bodor Kaitua.



Arab League Ambassador to Kenya Abdel Mabrouk with Palestine Ambassador Hazem Al-Shabait.

Reham Elroby with Radha Hafsi.

## NETWORKING FORUM

National Bank of Kenya (NBK) held its first Almasi Ladies Networking Forum at the Boma Inn Hotel in Nairobi on Saturday. The event's main objective was to bring like-minded women together with an aim of empowering them.

The Almasi Lady product keeps to the Shariah Compliant business culture to provide women with a viable alternative to address all their banking needs. NBK director of Islamic banking Musa Adan said the financial institution had invested heavily in extending its integrated financial services to its female customers.

**TEXT AND PHOTOS: PHILIP KAMAKYA**



Some of the participants at the Almasi Ladies Networking Forum.



A section of guests at the Networking Forum.



National Bank brand and events manager Angela Gichuki with media personality Sheila Mwanyigha.



National Bank marketing, corporate communication and customer experience director Bernadette Ngara, Islamic Banking regional manager Rahma Sood and Sheila Mwanyigha.



National Bank Islamic Banking sales head Salat Mohammed.

# ten

## 1. 254 Kaa Rada

Catch Socratess aka Tessy Aura having fun and cracking herself up weekly on *254 Kaa Rada* as she delves into Africa's socio-political issues. The podcast intends to keep listeners alert on matters affecting Africa in three segments: *African Gem*, *Poli-sosh* and *Shauri Yako*. African Gem lauds exemplary individuals making Africa a better place, while Poli-sosh shines a spotlight on socio-political issues and current affairs. The last segment is where Tessy dishes out advice to her listeners' questions.

## 2. Otherwise?

Brenda Wambui has been informing listeners on mental health, reproductive health, politics of gender, music, social media, social vices and political structures on governance, among others, through her podcast known as *Otherwise?* Since August 2016, her show has been giving voice to women who come on board as guest experts from various fields. Wambui uses this podcast as a tool of informational storytelling,

# Interesting Kenyan podcasts to listen to

breaking down even the most difficult topics to make it easier for her audience to understand.

## 3. The Spread

In a country where sex talk is shied away from, *The Spread* is just what we need to lift the veil off this precious topic. Karen Lucas aka Kaz is defying the odds by providing space for unreserved discussions on sexual health and the human sexuality spectrum. It spurs conversations about sex in a positive light and

has garnered a great following. In the beginning, listeners welcomed the podcast with gasps, but as time went by, they are getting used to it and taking away so much from it.

## 4. Omenerds Podcast

Like a stack of cards, *Omenerds Podcast* sifts through various themes. They look into music, film, concerts, books, pop culture and everything else that is interesting.

Podcasts are a by-product of radio. Local broadcasters are delving into the intricacies of stories that make up the continent, daring to go where others haven't. As we mark World Radio Day, **Cynthia Mukanzi** lists a few local podcasts worth listening to

With guests on the podcast, the hosts take their audience through each episode with a tinge of laughter and seriousness whenever it's needed.

## 5. The Benchwarmerz

See the world of sports through the eyes of Lavin and Jazz as they bring you the ins-and-out of the pitch fever. It is a rib-cracker that lays on the table an entertaining twist to sports talk. *The Benchwarmerz* comprehensively covers the happenings in football, rugby, motorsport, golf, tennis, among others, and shares their take with listeners.

## 6. The Blaze Podcast

*The Blaze Podcast* is new on the block. Buddha Blaze spearheads weekly conversations on urban African music, culture and entertainment. Blaze brings on guests on each episode to take a deep look at the state of the music and entertainment sphere today while celebrating creatives in the industry.

## 7. 2 Girls & A Pod

If you love reading, then Beverly Ochieng' and Nyambura Mutanyi know how to cater for you in *2 Girls & A Pod*. This literary podcast brings you the best of Africa's storytellers and more from across the globe as they turn pages of written stories and poetry. They take time with each literary work keeping you glued to every word.

## 8. Caffé Mocha

*Caffé Mocha* is Jack Rooster's way of spreading the gospel of house music. The house music deejay's growth has been greatly aided by the podcast. Jack Rooster converts his radio shows and performances into podcast playlists and shares them on various audio apps. *Caffé Mocha* has existed since 2010 and has attracted a legion of listeners.

## 9. For the Culture

*For the Culture* goes into the underground music and gives audience to its creators. Featured musicians tell their stories and what it takes to be in their shoes. They speak of their journey to appeal to listeners and gain support. A selection of deejay mixes are also played. In short, it's a platform that uplifts artistes who may not always get their content featured on mainstream media channels.

## 10. Nipe Story

There are a lot of ways to consume African literature and *Nipe Story* is at the forefront of promoting that. The podcast explores short fiction stories through narration by Kevin Mwachiro. Each episode brings to life stories by different authors. If you are a fan of audio books, or have no time for reading, then this is a podcast to listen to on the go.



# take off



## School rekindles hope for West Pokot teen mothers

For many girls, pregnancy signifies the end to their education, but this girls' school in West Pokot County is reviving hope for dropouts

■ by Evelyn Makena

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 Chelangit Mkong, 20, clasps her hands nervously and takes a deep breath. "The pregnancy was not meant to happen," she says. This statement and its variations resonate among several of Mkong's schoolmates at Mtelo Girls High School in West Pokot County.

In this school, atop the steep Sekerr ranges, a majority of the students are married, teenage mothers or both.

A Form Four student, Mkong is a married mother of a six-year-old. She has left her child under the care of her mother-in-law so as to go back to school. Yet, like many other girls who have children or are married, Mkong did not choose this path; she was pushed by circumstances.

Completing primary school education for Mkong was a struggle. She depended solely on the meagre earn-

ings her father derived from working as a casual labourer in the gold mines in Central Pokot Sub-county.

"My mother had gradually lost her eyesight as I was growing up, thus she could not work," says Mkong.

A bright and inquisitive student, Mkong beat the odds to score 260 marks out of 500 in KCPE in 2012. "I was one of the best students in my school and got admitted to a secondary school nearby," she says. However, like many girls in the community, hope of advancing her education was shrouded in uncertainty.

"Many girls drop out of school as they are subjected to female genital mutilation, early marriages and child labour in the gold mines. Others drop out due to pregnancy and poverty," says Charles Chepusiren, the assistant chief, Chepkundol Sub-location, Sekerr Location.

Mkong's father could not afford school fees and instead, hinted at plans to marry her off for dowry, usually between 15 and 30 cows.

Determined to continue with her education, Mkong started working in



**Chelangit Mkong at Mtelo Girls' High School.** INSET: Moses Chepkonga, the child protection and education manager at World Vision. PHOTOS: ALICE MBURU

numerous factors that stifle their ambitions and growth. Mtelo, the first girls secondary school in Sekerr Location, has created a safe space for girls to escape challenges that befall them at home.

"Parents leave home early to go to the gold

the gold mines and gradually saved enough money for school fees. She was devastated to find out that she was pregnant following a brief relationship with her boyfriend. When her father's demand to marry her off persisted, she chose to get married to her child's father.

"Since I was going to get married off anyway, it was better for me to settle with a man I knew," she says. At 14, she was a mother, a wife and out of school.

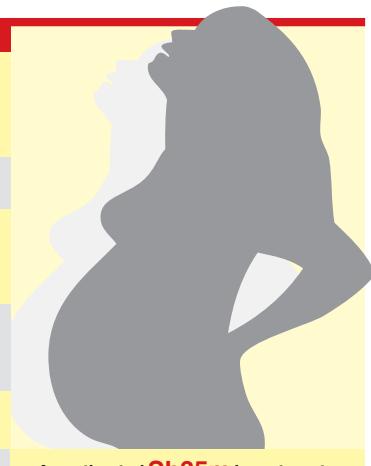
In 2014, Mkong joined Mtelo Girls High School through funds raised by a local church. Since 2015, she has been one of the beneficiaries of a scholarship programme by World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organisation that's keeping vulnerable girls in school.

Mercymila Lemwato, the school principal, says that they are dedicated to giving girls and young mothers in the area a chance to escape the

### QUICK FIGURES

According to the Ministry of Health fact sheet on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in West Pokot County (published 2017):

- 3 in every 10 girls aged 15-19 have begun childbearing,
- Fertility rate for girls aged 15-19 is 133 per 1000 births compared to the national average of 96
- Only 1 in 5 children in the official secondary school-going age range are enrolled in secondary school
- 7 in every 10 girls in West Pokot have undergone FGM
- Only 8% of married girls aged 15-19 use modern contraceptives to the national rate of 37%



An estimated Sh35m investment was made by World Vision in Mtelo Girls High School

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mines and come back late at night, thus most have neglected their parental responsibilities. Young girls are forced to work in the gold mines to supplement family incomes. As they leave the mines late in the night, they interact with men and risk getting pregnant," says Lemwato.

The elite of the community founded the boarding school in 2014 to curb the high dropout rate among girls in the area. When the school started, 90 per cent of the 60 girls enrolled were teen mothers. Currently, 60 per cent of the 300 students are teen mothers and 30 per cent married with children.

The efforts by Mtelo elites to protect girls from various human rights violations by keeping them in school have been galvanised by World Vision, through construction of vital facilities and by offering scholarships to needy girls. The school, which started off with four classrooms that turned to dormitories at night, now has a dormitory, toilets, water tank, two laboratories, administration block and a teacher's quarter, thanks to the organisation.

"The efforts are geared towards ensuring that the school provides favourable environment for girls to learn. We also offer girls life skills training to help them make informed choices," says Moses Chepkonga, the child protection and education manager at World Vision.

Mkong, who aspires to become a doctor, considers herself very fortunate to be accorded a second chance to pursue her education. Being in school has rekindled hope for a better future for her and the family. The father of her child is currently undertaking a teaching course at Kitui Teachers College.

## New research uncovers why suicide is so hard to predict

IN BRIEF

The difficulty faced by health professionals in trying to identify patients who will turn to suicide has been laid bare by new research, which shows just how hard it is to foresee.

Eighty per cent of people who take their own lives deny having suicidal thoughts when asked by their doctors in the months leading up to their deaths. Yet, just 1.7 per cent of people who admit to thinking about taking their lives carry it through.

The findings cast doubt on current clinical methods for identifying the patients most at risk and raises questions about rationing stretched

psychiatric services based on suicidal thoughts.

The new research, which reviewed 70 major studies of suicidal thoughts, found 80 per cent of people who were not undergoing psychiatric treatment and who died by suicide had not admitted to thinking about suicide when asked by their GP.

Of those who were under psychiatric care, 60 per cent of patients who went on to commit suicide had denied thinking about killing themselves.

Research co-author Matthew Large, a clinical psychiatrist and conjoint professor from the University of

NSW, said the findings should offer some relief from the guilt and stigma experienced by those left behind when a loved one takes their own life.

"Professionals can't elicit this information, so how in the hell can relatives," he said, adding "If you had suicidal ideation and you didn't want the relative to act any differently and you weren't wanting to alarm them you probably would keep pretty quiet about it."

"One of the reasons people don't tell their doctors is because they are afraid they will be classified as a suicidal patient, that they will be stigma-

tised and, worse maybe, that they will even be hospitalised. I think the over-concern about suicidal ideation that exists has caused a lot of problems."

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"But what isn't a prophecy: there are much stronger statistical tests of whether someone will suicide than whether you have suicidal ideation. The most obvious being whether you have recently been discharged from a psychiatric hospital which confers a risk of suicide about 100 times (higher)

than suicidal ideation," he said, adding, "Every patient who you come across, who you are worried about feeling suicidal deserves respectful, thorough, individual assessment and a follow up plan."

Professor Large added that the suicide rate was substantially lower among women and young people; however, young women were the most likely section of the community to think about and attempt suicide. Older men, people living in country areas and indigenous people are more likely to actually take their own lives.

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# Family FUSION

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an about kin and kith

## Valentine's connection!



by Harriet James

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**C**hristine Wangare and Dennis Muriithi met in a *matatu* on their way home. The traffic was horrible and so to kill the boredom, Dennis struck a conversation with her seatmate. At least, the long and unbearable journey became more interesting. Afterwards, they exchanged contacts and one thing led to another. They tied the knot on February 14, 2016.

"We wanted Valentine's Day to have a special meaning to us and that's why we did it to celebrate our love," Christine explains.

For Christine and Dennis, marriage life has been good for the past three years and the fact that Valentine's Day is also their anniversary makes them kill two birds with one stone.

"Everyday should be Valentine's to you and your spouse. But on this

**Love is in the air. For some, being engaged or even getting married on lover's day is the most romantic way possible to take a relationship to the next level. We spoke to two couples who exchanged rings on this day**

day, you should celebrate each other more. If you can tie it with something that makes meaning, such as a proposal or marriage, the better because love is more than what is done in one day," advises Christine.

For Hon Daisy Nyongesa, Valentine's

Day evokes nostalgic memories of her engagement to the love of her life, Nabii Nabwera Daraja. It was a pleasant surprise as Nabwire got down on one knee six years ago. "I was in school then. He sent me some money and told me to buy for myself a pair of nice shoes and a cute evening dress. I was to meet him in Eldoret, so he sent his driver to pick me up. Within no time, we arrived at a hotel and I was given a rose flower at the gate. Nabwire then came for me and took me to a garden that had a pathway full of candles. I immediately knew, something was up. My birthday, too, is on February and he had prom-

ised a surprise. But I didn't expect that he would be proposing to me on that day," recalls Daisy.

"All of a sudden, his friends, my friends and colleagues started singing a happy birthday song. I turned only to see him on his bended knee holding a ring. He went something like, 'Will you marry me...' I didn't know what to do. I shed tears. I was confused. I was in my final year of my studies in the university," she says.

According to her husband, he settled to propose on this day to show love and appreciation to his now wife, Daisy. "I wanted to prove that I was serious about her and that I wanted things to move to the next level. Valentine's Day provided an opportunity to revitalise the life phenomenon; the spike of love, the truism of social connection and liberty of choice. It is a day I turned reflection into reality and turned a page of commitment to longevity," says Nabwera.

To Nabwera and Daisy, everyday is Valentine's. Now that they are married, each day gets sweeter. They share love and cherish one another daily. However, on this lover's day, they make it more special by going on vacation. For instance, this Valentine's, to celebrate her 30th birthday,

the couple is planning to go for a vacation in Mombasa.

"Mombasa is our favourite destination. Valentine's offers the ambience required to demonstrate love. I want her to feel my love for her," he says.

Celebrated on the 14th of February across the world, Valentine's has been famed as the day of love. There is no other time of the year when there is more focus on the romance in a personal and intimate relationship than that of Valentine's Day.

According to marriage counselor, Stephen Nzusa, Valentine's Day can be a fun excuse to celebrate love with your partner or it can be the day that causes tension and stress if expectations are not well managed.

"Like most potential relationship matters, the impact this day has is determined by the couple involved. While there isn't any pressure to go over the top or spend a lot of money, social media makes it harder as people just want to show off or do it for the gram. In addition, no one wants to be seen they are left behind in the whole affair," he says.



Daddy's diary  
With JUSTUS NJOROGE

## The dilemma of toiling for my family, yet I have no time for them

Last week was tough for me at work. I had to drop my children to school, which meant that I would be at work by around 7am. We were also having back-to-back meetings and following up on different actions and actors and before I knew it, it would be 8pm. This went on for the whole week. By Thursday, I was damn exhausted. I remember one day getting home tired, sat on the couch and even before I could have my dinner, I dozed in the couch in an embarrassing pose, especially since my children were still awake as it was almost 9pm. I wondered why I had to rise every morning, break my back whole day then come home exhausted with no chance to have time with my family whom I was toiling for. Is it worth it?

I want my children to achieve the goals they would want in life. If it means taking them to the best schools I can afford, I will try my best. I will try my best to give them the best exposure that I can give to them and take them in as many outings as I can afford. But when will the cycle end?

The previous week, I had a chat with one of the top shots in one of the IT companies and he was telling me that his 17-year-old son rarely wants to spend time with him. They all want to be with the mother, because in the past years their dad was swamped with work and had no time for them. Mainly due to frequent and long international travels.

Although he saved enough for their university education in the US, he would wish he had a chance to spend more time with them. But where do you draw the line? Most of the things you want to achieve for your family costs money. To get this money you would need to work your back off to get a decent and honest wage. Eventually, you will be gone and be buried never to be remembered. But even with this reality we all get caught up in this vicious cycle wondering when the right time is to pull the plug and take your chances elsewhere. Its all vanity of vanity.

## MomInTheMix

With FANNE MWAMBI

In the rush to make ends meet, most families exhaust all their time and resources. As a writer, I find myself up till about 3am on bad days, catching up with deadlines, so that I am available to attend to my office duties later on. This unfortunately means that between attending to my one year old daughter, with whom we co-sleep and my husband, someone either lacks enough attention.

Most of the time I give too much to work and forget the reason I do it, so this day could not have come at a better time.

### It never happened

St Valentine's must have been going through what we are now when this day was set apart. Setting a day aside to focus on the love of my life is perhaps what we all need right now. I'll be honest with you, last year,

I perhaps wrote against Valentine's Day and brushed it aside, claiming that I would express love to my husband everyday. This never happened because as life unfolded, we found ourselves in a situation where we almost greet each other around the house like colleagues in a large office.

### Rekindle the fire

Our plans for tomorrow are not

big, no. We won't even dress in red! All we want is to make up for the many days we stay apart; to remind each other that despite it all, we still rule on each other's heart. We will spend time together and enjoy the feeling that brought us together, the bond we now share and then make plans for the future.

Now, here's the kick to it. As real as it gets, we will extend this day

to Friday. This means we have to make it good! See, in today's life, few mediums support marriage and monogamy, so to stay true, my husband and I look for ways to keep the fire on. We know that this is important, not only to us, but our children too. If we don't show them the best, how much less will they expect from their partners in future?



## Parenting 101

WITH SANDRA WEKESA

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Having been born without lower limbs, Ruth Wairimu strove to lead a normal life. But now she is worried about her two sons, born with deformed legs

Ruth Wairimu relaxes on the couch as she watches her last-born who is lost in his own world, playing with his toys. She warmly calls his name—the mother's voice brings the toddler back to reality. She sends him to get a cup in the kitchen and he quickly comes back to the living room crawling, holding it between his front teeth.

At a glance, the two appear to be full of happiness. To them no hope is lost despite not having lower limbs. In as much as it is a big deal to other people, they have embraced life and nothing seems impossible.

Ruth was born physically challenged; without her lower limbs. In 1993, a doctor advised her to use prosthetic legs. "I learnt to walk using prosthetic legs when I was eight. It was the only way I could move from one place to another without anyone's help," recalls the 33-year-old.

Despite it not being a comfortable move, Ruth was glad as she wouldn't feel left out anytime she spent time with her eight siblings. "Being the fourth and only child with this condition was hard. I felt bad anytime I was among my siblings and unable to walk. At times, they made fun of me and teased me, but I got used to it," she says.

As years passed, she accepted her condition. She eventually got

# Mother, sons struggle to walk over life hurdles

married to Charles Mwangi in 2004; a man she describes to be the love of her life. Theirs was love brewed in Umoja because despite her condition, he still decided to be with her.

When Ruth got pregnant with their first child 14 years ago, she wasn't sure she would have the strength to carry the pregnancy to full term. But she remained hopeful. But the nine months were over even before she knew it and she delivered a son. But as fate would have it, her first child turned out to have a birth defect, where his tibia didn't develop, resulting to a shrunken and deformed extremity. "I didn't know what to do; I even thought my husband would

leave me. I just crossed my fingers and hoped that Charles would understand," says Ruth.

It turned out she had no reason to worry. Her husband remained supportive throughout. They decided to try for a second child. Their baby girl was born just fine. Ruth couldn't hide her joy and thanked God for having blessed her with a healthy daughter.

However, on the third attempt of getting a child two years ago, she delivered a baby boy who was physically challenged. He also had more than five fingers, some webbed. This seemed to be the most hopeless point of her life. She couldn't seem to comprehend why her sons turned out to have congenital conditions.

After the birth of their lastborn, their life changed. Her husband lost his job. Her child needed several surgeries; one of



**Ruth Wairimu and Charles Mwangi's two sons suffer from meromelia, a congenital condition characterised by the lack of a part; in this case, they lack tibia. They also have webbed fingers. The young one has undergone surgery to create a stump for prosthetic fittings. The couple's second born is, however, a healthy baby girl with no birth defects. PHOTO: COURTESY**

BABY ZONE  
WITH BETTY MUINDI

## Your baby can also be your Valentine's

**T**omorrow is Valentine's Day, and along with sweet treats and red roses, the day brings expectations of material gestures of love towards the people we care about most. Flowers, however, might not mean as much to your child as making the day about the heart-to-heart expressions that build intimacy and connection. Here are ways you can show your child love;

### A letter of appreciation.

The best gift is a simple letter to your little one detailing how grateful you are to have him or her in your life. Children feel loved when we notice who they are and what they contribute to us, our fam-

ily, and the world. If your child can read, he will reread your letter and save it for the rest of their lives. Another way would be to do something together. This can be as simple as 15 minutes with red construction paper, scissors, and markers to construct paper hearts with a deeply felt message detailing something you appreciate about each other.

### Dress your baby like a Valentine's

Your baby may be particular, but she probably is not a diva about her wardrobe yet. This opens the perfect opportunity for you to dress her as a Valentine. There are many possibilities ranging from cupid costumes to hearts. You can

create a custom bodysuit with a special personal message to your love from you or your baby herself. Or you can buy bows, hats, headbands, ties, shirts with adorable sayings and bibs from the nearest baby shop or supermarket to dress your baby like a Valentine's.

### Make a Valentine's using your baby's hand and footprints

You can easily use your baby's precious hands and feet to create a beautiful Valentine's card or framed artwork for your love. Dip your baby's hands and feet into red paint and print them on paper or canvas. Get creative with your printing. You can make a butterfly's

wings using hand and foot prints, a love tree or shape your baby's fingers into a heart. This keepsake Valentine's will be treasured for years to come.

### Do a Valentine's photo shoot with your baby

Valentine's Day is an ideal time to take some professional or amateur baby photos. Using fun props such as hearts, roses, balloons, teddy bears, baskets, banners and anything else you desire, you can create a fabulous backdrop for your baby photos. If you are taking the photos yourself, solicit some help as setting up shots with an infant can be quite difficult, especially if you expect smiles.



# Time out

PICK of the day

## SWEETEST LOVE

20.05 pm



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| 5.00  | Dw feed          | 16.30 | Team raha           |
| 5.30  | Tizi             | 17.00 | Beatbox             |
| 6.00  | Switch mix       | 18.00 | Madhubala           |
| 7.00  | K24 alfajiri     | 19.00 | K24 saa moja        |
| 9.00  | River of passion | 19.30 | Rush                |
| 10.00 | Daily Brief      | 20.05 | Sweetest Love       |
| 12.30 | Inside Business  | 21.00 | K24 Evening edition |
| 13.00 | News Cut         | 22.00 | Lotto live          |
| 13.30 | Sports Hub       | 22.20 | Kenyan movie        |
| 15.00 | Dw documentary   | 23.00 | Beatbox             |
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KAMEME TV

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| 5.00  | BBC                | 14.30 | Parliament Live    |
| 5.30  | Gear Up            | 17.30 | Club 1             |
| 6.00  | Good Morning Kenya | 18.30 | The Great Debaters |
| 9.00  | Lay Back           | 19.00 | Taarifa Express    |
| 9.30  | Parliament Live    | 19.30 | Bold Conversations |
| 11.00 | Hypochondri ach RR | 20.00 | First Lady         |
| 12.00 | Top Mashariki Rpt  | 21.00 | Channel 1 News     |
| 13.00 | Lunch Time         | 23.00 | CCTV               |
| 13.30 | Business Defined   | 23.30 | Lay'd Back         |
| 14.00 | Business Africa    |       |                    |



KTN

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| 5.00  | Club 700           | 18.00 | The Better Half                |
| 5.30  | Praise and Worship | 19.00 | KTN Leo                        |
| 6.00  | Morning            | 19.30 | Real House helps of Kawangware |
| 7.00  | Life n Style       | 20.00 | King David                     |
| 8.30  | The Enterprise     | 21.00 | KTN Prime                      |
| 9.00  | Afriscreen         | 21.25 | LOTTO Live!                    |
| 11.00 | Dolce Amore        | 21.45 | Movie                          |
| 12.00 | Tujaribu           |       |                                |
| 1.00  | News Desk          |       |                                |
| 13.30 | Kick Off           |       |                                |
| 14.00 | Afri Screen        |       |                                |
| 16.00 | Mtlu ya KTN        |       |                                |
| 16.30 | World of Winx      |       |                                |
| 17.00 | Maisha Mzuga       |       |                                |



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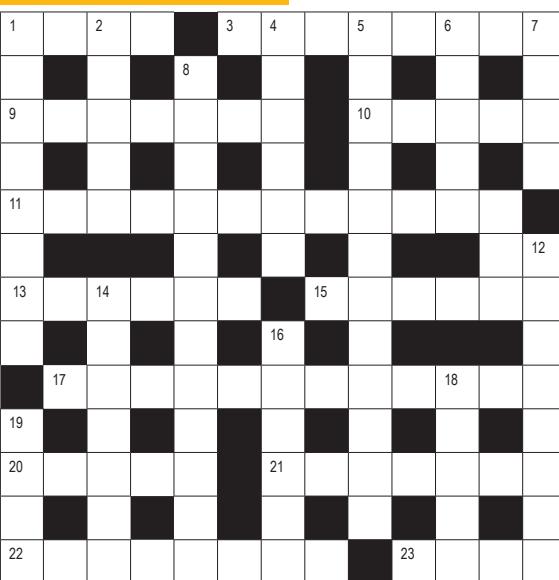
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| 8.00  | Better Living         | 7.30  | Mchungaji                |
| 8.00  | Wild Skin             | 8.00  | Wild Skin                |
| 10.00 | Wild Skin             | 10.00 | The Hostel               |
| 11.00 | NTV Today             | 9.00  | NTV Tonight              |
| 1.00  | NTV at 1              | 10.00 | Road to Russia Series    |
| 1.30  | NTV Sasa              | 10.15 | China Wings              |
| 3.00  | China D's Kids Club   | 10.45 | Movie                    |
| 3.30  | Maisha Mzuga          | 01.00 | The Beat                 |
| 4.00  | NTV at 4              | 12.30 | CNN                      |
| 4.15  | Road to Russia Series |       |                          |
| 5.00  | The Beat              |       |                          |

## SUDOKU

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

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## CROSSWORD



IN THEATRES NOW:

CENTURY CINEMAX IMAX GARDEN CITY: 22:00: ESCAPE ROOM (2019)

NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA : 11:20, 14:00, 16:20, 21:10: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD (2019)

CENTURY CINEMAX JUNCTION :10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45: HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON: THE HIDDEN WORLD (2019)

ANGA MEGA KISUMU : 18:20, 20:40  
: ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL (2019)

## ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)

Just be yourself. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues.

## TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)

The great outdoors will allow you to teach youngsters some of the things you learned when growing up.

## GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Try to get out and socialise. Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangements. You may find that your family responsibilities are piling up.

## CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Compromise may be necessary. Pleasure trips will induce exciting and passionate encounters with those of foreign extraction.

## LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

Don't push your mate if you want to keep this union going. You need to get out and be an observer.

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

You need to fulfil your needs and present your talents. Involve yourself in group endeavours.

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

Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Don't let your partner get away with spending too much of your money.

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

You will be able to make financial gains. Romantic opportunities are evident if you get involved in large groups or organisations.

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

Be sure to pay attention to your financial status. You could pick up valuable knowledge through conversations with experienced individuals.

## CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)

You may find yourself in an uncomfortable situation if you have overloaded your plate unintentionally.

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

Either way, you're up for a passionate encounter with someone special. It may not be the best day to confront employers or to present your ideas.

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

You will enjoy getting together with friends. You can help them with difficult projects. Put your money into a safe place that will ensure a profit if you let it sit long enough.

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

## ACROSS

- 1. Fragments (4)
- 3. Walking quickly (8)
- 9. Restlessness; state of worry (7)
- 10. Cuts slightly (5)
- 11. Formal announcements (12)
- 13. Attack with severe criticism (6)
- 15. Dinner jacket (6)
- 17. Body of followers (12)
- 20. Sceptic (5)
- 21. Rank in the forces (7)
- 22. Make information known (8)
- 23. Join textiles (4)

## DOWN

- 1. Wave or flourish a weapon (8)
- 2. Poisonous (5)
- 4. Regardless (12)
- 5. Endlessly (12)
- 6. Fragrant compound (7)
- 7. Current of air (4)
- 8. Highly abstract (12)
- 12. Speaking many languages (8)
- 14. Quantities (7)
- 16. Travelling show with clowns (6)
- 18. Silk dress fabric (5)
- 19. Bitter tasting substance (4)

## DOWN

- 7. Pass the Buck
- 8. Playing card
- 14. Subvert
- 15. Sirloin
- 17. Hand el
- 19. Umbra
- 20. Basic

**KAMEME FM**  
TURAKUREHERA...

# MUGITHI WA GUTHINGITHIA NYERI

21ST FEB  
Karatina > Mathaithi > Ichamara >  
Mukuruwe-ini > Gakindu > Othaya > Kindu  
> Wamagana > Giakanja > Nyeri town  
Muiga > Chaka > Narumoru > Nanyuki

22ND FEB

23RD FEB OPEN DAY KAMUKUNJI STADIUM

## MUGITHI NIGHT

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A detailed notice for a public auction by Icon Auctioneers. The notice includes the auctioneer's logo, contact information, auction details, and legal disclaimers. It also features sections for motor vehicle sales and a condition of sale clause.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)**

**CHANGE OF USER**

The registered owner of parcel NO. RUIRU/RUIRU EAST BLOCK 2/26289, located in Juja Sub County, proposes to change the user from agricultural to multi-dwelling units (flat), subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with any comments and/or objections to the proposal, should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:

**THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT  
KIAMBU COUNTY  
P.O. BOX 2344  
KIAMBU**

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

The registered owner of plot Number L.R.  
**NAIROBI/BLOCK 115/249**, located off  
Eastern Bypass, Utawala Nairobi County,  
intends to change the use from **Single**  
**Dwelling** to **Multi-dwelling** plots,  
subject to approval by Nairobi City County.  
Individuals, institutions or organizations with  
objection to the proposal to forward it within  
fourteen (14) days of this notice stating the  
grounds of objection:

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

**GARAM INVESTMENTS AUCTIONEERS**  
Western Heights, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Karuna Road-Westlands Nairobi, Wireless  
020 25929490, 0727215838 / 0786318663, P.O Box 63279-00619 Nairobi  
e-mail: garam@afriacoline.co.ke, website: [www.garam.co.ke](http://www.garam.co.ke)

**PUBLIC AUCTION TO BE HELD AT WOOD AVENUE 2ND FLOOR (IN SITU) ON 20.02.2019  
AT 11.00 A.M. (A) LANDLORD VS. FEW GEM INDUSTRY (K) CO. LIMITED (TENANT)**

**PUBLIC AUCTION AT AUTO GALLERY YARD LOCATED ALONG WAYAKI WAY, OPP.  
LION PLACE-WESTLANDS NAIROBI ON 27.02.2019 AT 11.00 A.M. (B) LANDLORD VS.  
ANNE KARIUKI (C) HORIZON LIMITED (TENANTS)**

(A) Assorted 3 seater synthetic leather seats, puvs, assorted glass top coffee tables, assorted metallic stand glass top tables, assorted wooden ant metallic stools, 6 burner cooker, 40kg gas cylinder and 6 kg meko, arm chairs, 6 hisense 52" TVs, reception desk, Qanon audio speakers, sound craft machine, lighting controller, cupboard, antenna, Assorted tables, LED control box, 4 port DVI splitter, Amplifier deck, assorted screens, sanyo air fan, hik vision CCTV cameras with DVR machine, bench, metal detectors, towel warmer, 2 & 3 part metal stoves, assorted chillers, weighing scale, bench, chips cutter, layered shelves, assorted chairs, OS monitor, OS mouse, keyboard, shelves, stainless steel cutlery and crockery, metallic stand, plates, mugs, assorted wine, spirit, beers, sodas and water, LCD screens, disco lights and spot lights, wall decorations, dummy alcohols

(B) 6 seater sofa set (3 pieces), glass top coffee table, floor carpet, LG fridge, curtains, 6 burner cooker

(C) LG fridge, LG microwave, sanyo water dispenser, assorted office chairs, pedestal desk, wooden trolley, reception counter, computers, printers, metallic filling shelves.

**NB: Pictures of the aforementioned goods can be viewed on our website [www.garam.co.ke](http://www.garam.co.ke)**

**CONDITIONS OF SALE:**

1. Viewing is on the same day at 9.00 a.m. 2. Payment terms will be **Cash** at the fall of the hammer. 3. Sale will be subject to reserve price.

## DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

A black and white portrait photograph of a man with short hair, wearing a dark shirt. The photo is framed by a thin black border.

The Late Joseph Manyuru Iwouni  
Sunrise: 1942 Sunset: 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019

It is with humble acceptance of God's will that we announce the demise of **Joseph Manyuru Iwouni**.

Son of the late Iwouni and late Sabina Nabalayo.

Beloved husband of Roseline Namulanda and Resper Mutongo

Father of late Mary Naliaka, Peter Manyuru, John Manyuru, Moses Manyuru, Sabina Manyuru, late Knight Manyuru, Robert Manyuru, late Patricia Manyuru, late Daniel Manyuru, Kennedy Manyuru, Everlyne Manyuru and Mildred Manyuru.

Brother of late Raphael Ondeto, Willimina Barasa, Viginia Nekesa, Erneyo Kwoba, late Orukan, late Samwel Khasindu, late Lazarus Ogema, late Patrick Omondo, late Michael Odhiambo, Ernest Ondugu, Anthony Ogema, Simon Nyongesa, Zanah Nekesa and Rophina Makio.

Friends and relatives are meeting for funeral arrangements. All are invited for a fund-raising to offset hospital bill at his home Okisimo village, Amukura East Ward.

The cortège will leave Rescourse Hospital mortuary, Eldoret on Thursday 14-02-2019. Funeral service and burial will be held at his home Okisimo village, Amukura East Ward, Teso South Sub-County, Busia County on Saturday 16-02-2019.

**SPORTS BRIEFS****Nyamweya calls for probe into FKF OB van purchase**

**FOOTBALL:** Former Football Kenya Federation boss Sam Nyamweya has called on world football governing body FIFA, in conjunction with Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI), to investigate the federation and any other parties involved for possible criminal liability following the purchase of an Outside Broadcasting van at a cost of Sh135 million. In a communiqué to the media yesterday, Nyamweya says the probe should seek to establish where the van is, how it has benefited Kenyan football and whether the supplier has repossessed the van due to lack of payment. He also wants the investigators to probe whether FKF involved a third party in the purchase and how the figure of Sh135 million was arrived at among other issues. The van is said to have been acquired from South Africa-based Multichoice whose two OB vans were still in the country after terminating their agreement with the Kenya Premier League (KPL) in 2017. A fully-equipped average brand new OB van is estimated to cost Sh250 million. -LYNETTE MATHEKA

**Western suspend clubs over financial rules****FOOTBALL:**

Football Kenya Federation (FKF) Western branch has suspended some Division Two League Zone A and B clubs for failing to meet financial requirements as agreed by both parties before the league kicked off last year. Bungoma All Stars and Kona Rangers from Zone A alongside Zone B counterparts Karima FC, The Blitz, Chewoyet, Southern Force, Transmillan FC and Namatu FC are the affected teams.

During pre-season, FKF western branch fixtures secretary Kelvin Mwangi had said clubs that are taking part in the league will each pay Sh25,000 as participation fee, Sh9,500 for players and the master cards respectively with an addition Sh5,000 affiliation fee for new clubs. However, despite the timelines, the aforementioned clubs failed to oblige, leading to their suspension. "We understand the tough financial situations our clubs are experiencing but as a federation, we have remained lenient and given them enough time but they have not responded hence the need to suspend them," said Mwangi.

-FRED LIKUYANI

**Uasin Gishu to use trials for tourism boost**

**ATHLETICS:** Uasin Gishu County want to use next weekend's National Cross-Country Trials to promote tourism. Eldoret Sports Club will be the place to be on February 23 when athletes light up the track in a bid to earn places to Team Kenya for the World Cross-Country Championships set to take place in Aarhus Denmark next month. The Local Organising Committee led by Athletics Kenya Central Rift chairman Abraham Mutai said it is good to devolve such events and hope it will spread to different counties in future as a way of boosting sports tourism in the country. "This will be sports tourism in the sense that in the morning, we will have different communities presenting their cultural entertainment. Sports bring people together and we need to tell them that this is our country and we need to take good care of it. That is why we are inviting different cultural groups for entertainment sessions," said Mutai. -EMMANUEL MASINDE



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

**PEOPLE**

**FOOTBALL:** Gor Mahia face uphill task in Angola minus injured Oliech and suspended Tuyisenge - Pg31

**The one-stop sports shop...**

**SPORT****Leader Rai to skip KNRC second round as preps intensify**

■ by Rodgers Ndegwa  
@PeopleSport11

Series leader Onkar Rai will miss out on the next round of the KCB Kenya National Rally Championship citing pressing commitments.

The three-time Nakuru Rally winner says he already had prior commitments and as such, cannot partake the Kenya Motor Sports Club (KMSC) round slated for Kajiado on the first weekend of March.

But the Nakuru-based former KNRC Division Two champion promised to resume the hunt for the coveted title once he makes a comeback in the third leg in Eldoret.

Rai beat Carl 'Flash' Tundo by just four seconds in a flat out last stage shootout to seal a hat-trick of Nakuru wins in the season opening event which revolved around Mogotio and Gicheha Farm two weeks ago.

"I had a prior commitment and won't be pres-

ent for the second event. Depending on how it goes, we will be back in the third rally to resume our title aspirations," said Rai, who is yet to lay his hands on the KNRC main class title.

Rai leads the KNRC log with 25 points ahead of defending champion Tundo who is four points adrift with multiple winner Chager in third spot on 21 points.

His elder sibling Tejveer Rai, who incidentally was a road sweeper in Nakuru, is fourth with 15 points.

Tejveer is among the drivers affected by the scrapping of the B13 class which permitted crews the use of a bigger restrictor and a sequential gearbox.

Others are Chager and Tundo. With the B13 rule, the Mitsubishi Evolution Xs possessed the requisite ammunition to tackle the Skoda Fabia R5 make which swept the ground with all and sundry in Nakuru.

"The top boys are really fast so it will be quite



Onkar Rai powers his Skoda Fabia at Kapchemutwo Forest in Elgeyo Marakwet County during last year's rally. He will miss the second leg of this season's event in Kajiado. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

difficult to chase them," Tejveer said. Chager weighed in: "The larger 34mm restrictor and sequential boxes had added a little zest last year making the cars a little faster and fun to drive. So to keep up with the R5 category cars, I guess we just have to try even harder this year." Ian Duncan driving a Nissan pickup and navigated by Anthony Nielsen was the biggest casualty in Nakuru.

**Safari project crumbling?**

**Return of famous rally to WRC calendar in doubt as cash crunch threatens to scupper Kenya's bid**

■ Nairobi, Tuesday  
@PeopleSports11

The return of East Africa's Safari Rally to the World Rally Championship (WRC) still occupies the mind of FIA (International Automobile Federation) president Jean Todt who wants "a global championship" by staging rounds in continents that are not on the calendar.

"I want rallies in Europe where the history of rallying started but I want to go to every part of the world. Latin America, Asia,

I want to go back to Africa and we're working on that and the Middle East."

That's what we want to achieve," Todt was recently quoted saying by 'Motorsport News.'

But Todt says the WRC "cannot host 20 rallies, we need to find criteria." His proposal is for more cross-border rallies as a way of easing the WRC calendar congestion.

Established rounds are coming under threat from events like the Safari and Rally Japan, both of which are expected to join the WRC next year at the expense of European events.



Nick Mason in action during the 2017 Classic Rally in Mombasa. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

The first two rounds of the season are currently shared, between Monte Carlo and France on round one and Sweden and Norway on round two.

"What I wish does not always happen, but I feel we should have some sort of creativity with rallies covering more than one country."

This could help settle this question of European calendar," added Todt.

Kenya and Japan will both run "candidate" rallies this season and are expected to be

included if they go successfully. Kenya's "candidate" event will be this year's Safari Rally which will take place on July 4-6 and work on the organisation is going on, albeit with difficulties, mainly funding.

Kenya's bid to have the Safari Rally back on the WRC is on an off-and-on hype and with no less than the country's President Uhuru Kenyatta engaging Todt and Kenyans and assuring both that it is a "national project" to, among other, publicise the country boosting tourism

and trade relations with the rest of the world.'

But government financial guarantee remains just a promise. All aspects of the "candidate" event preparations and the whole WRC Safari Rally Project are severely hampered by lack of promised state funds and equipment at the project headquarters that Todt commissioned last year.

At the time, Todt was convinced that with President Kenyatta's support and that of chiefs in the corporate world

that he met, Kenya was capable of putting up a rally organisation that would meet WRC approval.

However, with no money forthcoming from any source at the moment, the Safari Rally Project headquarters is barely managing to prepare a rally course for the forthcoming "candidate" event as well as long time preparations of the a 2020 WRC Safari Rally event should the country be successful in its bid.

-VOICE OF SPORT

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RUGBY

## Ex-international Owiro throws hat in for KRU chairmanship



by Amos Abuga  
@PeopleSports11

Former Kenya rugby player Asiko Owiro, has entered the race to succeed Richard Omwela at the helm of the Kenya Rugby Union (KRU).

Announcing his candidature on February 12 polls, the former Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) chairman said KRU has been on the news for wrong reasons with lack of liability the biggest challenge.

"We should be honest with each other, the main reason as to why sponsors and friends of Rugby are turning their back on the sport is essentially due to lack of accountability. I want to promise that I will work hard to earn that trust back for the

love of the game," the 54-year-old said.

"The rugby union yearns for a time when the rule of law will be adhered to in matters of appointments and job positions which must be rightfully advertised for all Kenyans to stand a chance of applying for the said vacancies," says the former Watemezi team.

On the diminishing level of the sport on the pitch and boardroom in the country, was optimistic his love for the sport will turn things around.

Owiro wants established academies in regional set ups and in all age groups if the game is to improve.

"I know the game very well, with come I come with the skills and experience to turn things around, it should not be for-

gotten that I developed KCB from zero to champions," Owiro said.

"It should also be noted that I was in charge of over Sh10 billion a year while in charge of procurement at the government owned bank, I can report that there was no scandal or misappropriation linked to me. I have a clean slate," said the former winger.

He will face former KRU vice chairman Sasha Mutai, current KRU secretary general Oduor Gangla and director Ezekiel Owuor for the post that will be vacated by Omwela who will not be seeking re-election.

"Let everyone prove what they will bring to the table that is what we shall be judged on," said Owiro

Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) chairmanship candidate James Asiko (left) with former vice chairman Fred Odhiambo in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: RODGERS NDEGWA

**First Lady invites contemporaries for Beyond Zero race**



First Lady Margaret Kenyatta, DP William Ruto's wife Rachel (centre), ODM leader Raila Odinga's spouse Ida (right) at the launch of the Beyond Zero Marathon. PHOTO: PSCU

■ Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
@PeopleSport11

First Lady Margaret Kenyatta has invited fellow African First Ladies to participate in the forthcoming Beyond Zero Marathon in Nairobi.

The Kenyan First Lady expressed optimism that resources raised through this year's Beyond Zero Marathon will help scale up the provision of health services to vulnerable women, children and the youth in Kenya.

She thanked the private and public sectors as well as ordinary Kenyans for supporting her work through the Marathons, saying it has helped in the provision of much needed modern medical equipment and services.

"This work is done through direct support from partners in the public and private sectors and also support from ordinary citizens who mobilise resources by running with me in the Beyond Zero Marathons," she said.

The First Lady was speaking in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, during the 22nd Ordinary General Assembly of the Organisation of African First Ladies Against HIV/Aids (OAFLA), which she co-chaired in her capacity as vice president of OAFLA, with First Lady Adjoavi Sika Kabore of Burkina Faso who is the President of the organisation.

First Lady Kenyatta invited her fellow First Ladies to Kenya to participate in the 4th edition of the Marathon slated for March 10. She observed that Kenya is currently at full-scale implementation of the Point of Care Technology for early infant HIV diagnosis.

"This has accelerated the diagnosis to less than 24 hours, leading to early initiation of treatment and improved follow-up for mothers and their children," she said.

During the meeting, the name of the First Ladies' organisation was officially changed from the Organisation of African First Ladies Against HIV/Aids to a more broad based Organisation of African First Ladies.

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## Ugandan leads try chase

**Wakorach on top of the try scorers' log with Kenyan internationals dominating the placings after nine weeks**

■ by Alex Njue

@PeopleSport11

Kabras Sugar's Philip Wakorach leads the run scorers' after nine rounds of this season's Kenya Cup.

The Ugandan ace has so far scored 11 tries and converted 15 times and a penalty with a total haul of 88 points.

Kenyan international Collins Injera of Mwamba is placed second on the table in the scorers' log with seven tries for a total haul of 35 points.

Brian Tanga of Black Blad and Arachaeus Khwesa of Kabras have an identical 30 points as Steve Odhiambo of Nondescripts complete the top-five with 25 points from five tries.

In the team competition front, runners-up and current league leaders Kabras Sugar structures were exposed by a solid Harlequins side in the round nine fixture won by the Sugar millers off three converted tries.

Wakorach crossed over the chalk twice for the man of the match tag while Kenyan International George Wambua shovved the third try in the first clash of the season where Kabras failed to score four tries for the winning bonus.

As Kabras failed to collect a winning bonus for their current 44 points lead,

rivals and defending champs KCB slit relegation threatened Leos 53-8 off nine tries and four conversions to reduce their trail gap to four points.

Harlequins matched up Kabras in the major departments but it was the visitors who managed to absorb the pressure without conceding a try whilst punishing the hosts ball handling errors.

Kenya Cup sides will be looking forward to gain lessons from Harlequins resilience, lessons which could be additional to Homeboyz and KCB being the next sides to take the new role of crushing the nine-match unbeaten run.

Harlequins' loss did little damage in the current standings, remained third with 31 points while rivals Nondies beat Nakuru 33-32 away for the first time in four seasons to consolidate their fourth place on the log.

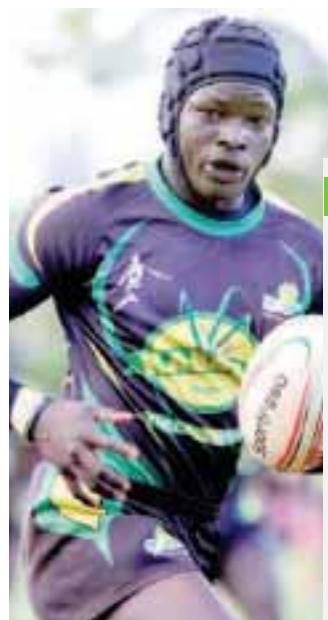
Kabras will be hosting rivals Menengai Cream Homeboyz in their next fixture as KCB host Impala before rivalry between last season finalists is renewed on February 23 in the 11th round.

It was Nondies sixth win of the season while on the other hand, the sixth loss for Nakuru.

Menengai Oilers joined their neighbour Nakuru in bagging a losing bonus off a 22-24 loss to visiting Impala Saracens.

Meanwhile, Stanbic Mwamba savoured sevens speedster' Collins Injera's hat-trick in their 26-13 bonus over Blak Blad as Homeboyz launched a comeback against Mean Machine at UoN grounds to return to winning ways off a 22-13 bonus win.

Mwamba led 12-3 at the break to



Kabras Sugar full back Philip Wakorach in action against KCB during the 2017/18 Kenya Cup finals at the KCB Sports Club. KCB won 29-24. PHOTO: ALEXNJUE

leave Blad playing catch up as a bonus hunt in the second half was successful when Injera sealed the match with another individual brilliance try.

Homeboyz shrugged off round eight loss with a bonus win over Machine to return to winning ways. Machine led

### RESULTS AND TABLE:

#### Kenya Cup round 9

|            |       |              |
|------------|-------|--------------|
| Mwamba     | 26-13 | Blak Blad    |
| Harlequins | 3-21  | Kabras Sugar |
| Nakuru     | 32-33 | Nondies      |
| Machine    | 13-22 | Homeboyz     |
| Oilers     | 22-24 | Impala       |
| Strathmore | 8-53  | KCB          |

#### Kenya Cup standings

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| 1. Kabras        | 44 |
| 2. KCB           | 40 |
| 3. Harlequins    | 31 |
| 4. Nondescript   | 28 |
| 5. Mwamba        | 27 |
| 6. Homeboyz      | 25 |
| 7. Impala        | 24 |
| 8. Nakuru        | 17 |
| 9. Oilers        | 14 |
| 10. Blak Blad    | 11 |
| 11. Strathmore   | 11 |
| 12. Mean Machine | 5  |

10-5 at the break but lost control of the match when defensive errors and a third sinbin for the hosts finally saw Homeboyz regain the lead with two quick tries and the bonus try off an interception by Evin Asena to score under the posts.



Kenya's quartet of Florence Wasike, Mary Maina, Caroline Awuor and Charity Wandia celebrating at the podium for winning the relay race in the Africa Masters Athletics Championship in Rades, Tunisia. PHOTO: COURTESY

## Kenyan female athletes dominate events in African Masters' events

■ by Rodgers Ndegwa  
@PeopleSport11

Kenyan female runners dominated the Africa Masters Athletics Championship as Kenya ruled the continent at the Nationale de Athletisme Olympic Stadium in Rades, Tunisia.

Team Kenya captain the 2009 Africa heptathlon silver medallist Florence Wasike led the Kenyan trio of Caroline Awuor, Charity Wandia and Mary Mains as the individual athletes that scooped the most medals.

The four each secured four gold medals as Kenya as Kenya coached by the 1982 Junior 800m gold medallist Sammy "Skylab" Ruto ruled the roost with 41 medals which included 31 gold, nine silver and one bronze medal.

Wasike led from the front by winning gold in 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, 4x400m and 4x100m relays.

Maina won gold in 100m, 200m (M35), 4x100m and 4x400m relay as Wandia won in both relays together with 800m and 400m (M35) while Awuor replicated the same feat in the

relays, 400m and 200m (M40) for the golden afternoon. Geoffrey Terer won three gold medals in 10km and 21km road races before anchoring the men's 4x400m relay team to victory.

Patrick Muneria also made it three gold medals in 200m, 400m (M40) and in the men's 4x400m team relay.

The 2009 All African Games 4x400m relay team gold medallist Vincent Mumo won two gold medals in 200m and 400m. World Masters 5,000m and 10,000m champion Stephen Kamande secured two gold medals in 10km and

21km races same as two times Commonwealth Games 5,000m bronze medallist Innes Cheronge in the women's category.

The 2016 World bronze medallist Joshua Pondo settled for two gold medals in shotput and discus as Rebecca Kerubo was best in women's hammer and discus.

Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) officer Mornica Lagat crowned the event with two gold medals in discus and javelin (M40) while Susan Nyakeriga was the winner in 800m and 1,500m.

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| 3. 16/02/2019  | 18:00 | Gillingham vs Scunthorpe          | 2.47 | 3.33 | 2.90 |
| 4. 16/02/2019  | 18:00 | Carlisle vs MK Dons               | 2.62 | 3.37 | 2.62 |
| 5. 16/02/2019  | 18:00 | Cambridge Utd vs Tranmere         | 2.40 | 3.36 | 2.88 |
| 6. 16/02/2019  | 20:30 | Hertha BSC vs Werder Bremen       | 2.42 | 3.44 | 2.91 |
| 7. 16/02/2019  | 22:00 | Angers vs Nice                    | 2.47 | 3.06 | 3.17 |
| 8. 16/02/2019  | 22:30 | Korona Kielce vs Lechia Gdansk    | 2.70 | 3.12 | 2.64 |
| 9. 17/02/2019  | 15:15 | Motherwell vs Hearts              | 2.91 | 3.13 | 2.59 |
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| 11. 17/02/2019 | 16:00 | Blackburn vs Middlesbrough        | 3.07 | 3.12 | 2.48 |
| 12. 17/02/2019 | 16:30 | Brugge vs Racing Genk             | 2.53 | 3.61 | 2.64 |
| 13. 17/02/2019 | 17:00 | Empoli vs Sassuolo                | 2.58 | 3.39 | 2.74 |
| 14. 17/02/2019 | 19:00 | Viktoria Plzen vs Slavia Prague   | 2.57 | 3.15 | 2.83 |
| 15. 17/02/2019 | 19:00 | Reims vs Rennes                   | 2.44 | 3.14 | 3.14 |
| 16. 17/02/2019 | 19:00 | Swansea vs Brentford              | 2.45 | 3.30 | 2.87 |
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Sarri's future to  
be decided in  
next two weeks

LONDON: Maurizio Sarri is running out of time to convince the Chelsea hierarchy to stick with him, just seven months after being appointed. The Telegraph reports that the Italian's future will be decided in the next fortnight, as the club target Champions League qualification ahead of success in any domestic cups – with the Carabao Cup final coming up at the end of the month. The Blues are in a dogfight with Manchester United and Arsenal for the Premier League's fourth Champions League spot, all separated by just a single point and with one goal on goal difference between all three. A humiliating 6-0 defeat at Manchester City leaves the west London side at the bottom of that particular pile, with the club now looking hard at the Europa League as a potential alternative route into Europe's premier competition for next season. The Sun report that Blues players took time to have a frank conversation between themselves when they arrived for training on Monday – although given the rumours of 'player power' in the club's most recent managerial departures, that conversation may or may not comfort Sarri.

FOTMOB



Emiliano Sala's death: Police arrest two Southampton fans

CARDIFF: Spanish Tabloid, Marca is reporting that Police have arrested two Southampton fans for mocking the Cardiff City about the death of their striker, Emiliano Sala last Saturday. Reports say that during the minute of silence observed prior to kick off in memory of Emiliano Sala prior to Southampton and Cardiff City clash, two Southampton fans mocked the death of the player. As the memorial took place, two fans of the Saints made airplane gestures towards the visiting fans interpreted to mean mocking of the visiting fans. As a result, they have been detained by police. Police have questioned the detained fan and reports suggest Southampton is planning to announce that the fans will ban them for the disgusting behaviour. Cardiff City scored a last minute winner to snatch all 3 points and at the end of the game tribute were still paid to Sala with Cardiff manager Neil Warnock dedicating the win to the record signing who never played for the club but died as a very popular figure in Wales.

FOTMOB

# Bring it on

**Sancho looking forward to Wembley 'Homecoming' to face Spurs in UCL last 16**

**Dortmund, Tuesday**  
 @PeopleSport11

Borussia Dortmund winger Jadon Sancho (pictured) is relishing the prospect of facing Tottenham at Wembley, saying it will be a 'nice feeling' to star in front of his friends and family in his home town.

The 18-year-old swapped Manchester City for the Bundesliga in 2017 in order to increase his chances of first-team football, and after establishing himself as a first-team regular with the German league leaders, he now faces the prospect of lining up at Wembley in the last 16 of the Champions League.

While he concedes it will be tough, however, he is excited about the showdown.

"Going back to Wembley will just be a nice feeling because that is the home stadium of England and playing there in front of my family and my friends, they are just going to be so amazed and so proud of me I think," he told the Mail.

"I never really felt pressure when I used to play in England. That is home

for me. I would love to play in front of my hometown. "Last time we lost against Tottenham at Wembley but I think we are improved this season. It could be a little bit harder for them this time. Some good players are missing out, we try to take advantage of that."

Since arriving on the scene at Dortmund, Sancho has established himself as one of the world's hottest prospects, and a goal and two assists against Hoffenheim at the weekend have done little to harm his burgeoning reputation.

"I try to do my best and do my skills, combine that with my team mates. We are all working hard for the team," he added.

"This is a crazy year for me and I am thankful for the team around me. Dortmund is a very big club for me and for my family. Sometimes they cannot believe I am playing here."



### CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FIXTURES:

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Tottenham vs Borussia Dortmund 11pm  
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## Ushuru hopeful as 10 NSL matches are lined up

■ by Barry Silah

National Super League title challengers Ushuru are hoping to put their house in order when they travel to face St Joseph's Youth today at Afraha Stadium in Nakuru.

The taxmen, currently second on the log with 30 points, are firm favourites against the Saints but cannot afford to underrate their opponents.

Last season, Ushuru struggled for points against the 15th-placed Nakuru side and going by their recent stuttering form, the taxmen could easily fizzle.

In the last two matches, the former Premiership outfit dropped five points.

"We need to avoid lapses and focus fully for 90 minutes. Nobody will be out to give free points so we must improve overall," Coach Ken

Kenyatta told *People Sport* ahead of the duel. Leaders Wazito on their part have a simpler fixture away at Bukhungu Stadium against lowly Green Commandos.

They will be still bubbling from recent good form which saw them pick six straight points. Green Commandos, who are sitting dangerously in the relegation spot, has only two wins in the campaign against Wazito's 10 are expected to struggle and coach Mohamed Mchulla will be going all out for a win.

"We need the points and if we get opportunities, we will certainly utilise them," said Mchulla who has the rampaging Kennedy Ayako, Teddy Osok and David Orem on call.

Meanwhile, the chasing pack of FC Talanta, Nairobi Stima and Kisumu Allstars will be out to reduce the gap at the top following a weekend beset by draws.

## ■ NSL MIDWEEK FIXTURES:

- 11am-Kibera Black Stars vs Thika United (Camp Toyoyo)
- 1pm-Kenya Police vs Eldoret Youth (Kanuturi Grounds)
- 1pm-Modern Coast Rangers vs Bidco United (Serani Sports Ground)
- 2pm-Nairobi City Stars vs FC Talanta (Camp Toyoyo)
- 3pm-Green Commandos vs Wazito (Bukhungu Stadium)
- 3pm-St.Joseph's Youth vs Ushuru (Afraha Stadium)
- 3pm-Coast Stima vs Kisumu Allstars (Mbaraki Sports Club)
- 3pm-Migori Youth vs Administration Police (Awendo Green Stadium)
- 3pm-Fortune Sacco vs Shabana (Thika Stadium)
- 4.15pm-Kangerni Allstars vs Nairobi Stima (Camp Toyoyo)

# Missing in action

### Gor face Petro Atletico in Confed Cup without Oliech, Tuyisenge and Otieno

■ by Charles Thuku and James Magayi  
@PeopleSports11

Celebrated Gor Mahia striker Dennis "The Manace" Oliech was conspicuously missing as the team flew out to Angola yesterday for the CAF Cup group D stage first leg match against Petro Atletico in Luanda today.

Gor Chief Executive Officer Ludwick Aduda said Oliech who is grappling with an injury which he sustained in training failed to pass a late fitness test, hence the decision by Head Coach Hassan Oktay to exclude him from the travelling party.

"Oliech is one of the team's key strikers but it was unfortunate that he did not recover in time for the continental duty though we have suitable replacements," explained Aduda.

Aduda said in Oliech's absence, Oktay has various options including Nicholas Kipkirui, Francis Mustafa and Erisa Sekisambu.

Besides Oliech, three other players including striker Jacques Tuyisenge, Ernest

Wendo and Philemon Otieno, both defenders were left in the country as they are ineligible to play due to accumulated yellow cards.

A contingent of 18 players, five technical staff, three club officials and one Federation representative hit the runway to Angola yesterday shortly after 11.00 am even as the team took a cautious approach ahead of the match.

Aduda said Petro Atletico should not be underrated especially given that they reached the semi finals of the same competition last year.

"Atletico is a strong team but it is beatable. We are looking beyond them and if we can post decent results in all the away fixture and get outright wins at home then Gor will be as god as having made it to the quarter-finals of the completion," said Aduda.

Gor Mahia lead Group D on three points same as NA Hussein Dey but K'Ogalo has a superior goal difference. Their hosts this evening are third in the group following opening game loss to Hussein Dey.

Petro Atletico will want to bounce back swiftly and the clash with



## ■ CAF CONFED CUP TIES

- Petro Atletico (Angola) vs Gor Mahia (Kenya) 7pm
- Zamalek (Egypt) vs NA Hussein Dey (Algeria) 11pm

**Gor striker Dennis Oliech warms up during a recent league match. He will miss today's CAF Confederation Cup tie against Petro Atletico of Angola. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLI**

Gor Mahia at home looks ideal for the Angolan giants.

Gor's coach Hassan Oktay orchestrated a tactical masterclass against Zamalek and is less worried about Petro Atletico.

"I did my homework well and watched three of their matches. They are a really good side despite losing the opening game. It was from two unlucky

## ■ GOR'S TRAVELING PARTY:

- Players:**  
Boniface Oluoch, Benard Ondiek, Shafik Batambuze, Joash Onyango, Shakavah Haron, Samuel Onyango, Lawrence Juma, Charles Momanyi, Kenneth Muguna, Dennis Oliech George Odhiambo, Frederick Odhiambo, Francis Kahata, Joachim Oluoch, Boniface Omondi, Nicholas Kipkirui, Erisa Sekisambu, Mustafa Francis

**Technical bench:** Hassan Oktay (Head Coach), Zedekiah Otieno (Deputy coach) Jolani Obondo (Manager), Willis Ochieng, Fredrick Otieno's

**Officials:** Ambrose Rachier, John Pesa, Gerphas Okuku

set pieces and the fact that they fought back to get a goal away from home also points at a strong mentality from them," Oktay said.

He added: "But I'm not worried at all. We know how fast they can be especially on the flanks. I have worked with my players on the tactical aspect of the game and I feel confident of getting a good result."

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| 16:30 | 1623    | Cuneo vs Robur Siena                        | 2.90 | 2.95 | 2.58 |
| 16:30 | 3849    | Viterbese vs Virtus Francavilla             | 1.86 | 3.34 | 4.30 |
| 16:30 | 4821    | Vibonese Calcio vs FC Rieti                 | 1.73 | 3.40 | 5.08 |
| 17:00 | 4617    | Nkana FC vs AL Hilal                        | 2.61 | 3.23 | 2.46 |
| 17:00 | 5574    | CR Belouizdad vs JS Kabylie                 | 2.63 | 2.78 | 2.94 |
| 17:00 | 5601    | Ain M'lila vs USM Alger                     | 3.41 | 2.83 | 2.31 |
| 18:15 | 2411    | Malaga C atco W vs Cdef Logrono W           | 2.26 | 3.44 | 2.72 |
| 19:00 | 2407    | Raja Casablanca vs AS Otoho                 | 1.48 | 3.73 | 6.38 |
| 19:00 | 2588    | Salitas FC vs ES Sahel                      | 3.40 | 3.25 | 2.01 |
| 19:00 | 2704    | Petro Luanda vs Gor Mahia                   | 2.01 | 3.04 | 3.66 |
| 19:00 | 5066    | ES Setif vs Ol. Medea                       | 2.05 | 3.10 | 3.73 |
| 19:00 | 5965    | Asante Kotoko vs Zesco United               | 1.84 | 3.12 | 4.24 |
| 20:00 | 1421    | Alessandria vs Olbia Calcio                 | 1.91 | 3.23 | 4.24 |
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| 20:30 | 3096    | Virtus Entella vs Pro Vercelli              | 2.17 | 3.13 | 3.45 |
| 20:30 | 4063    | Arzachena vs Lucchese                       | 2.91 | 3.07 | 2.49 |
| 20:30 | 4907    | Arezzo vs Juventus U23                      | 1.74 | 3.33 | 5.12 |
| 20:30 | 5763    | Pro Patria vs Novara                        | 2.52 | 3.00 | 2.94 |
| 20:45 | 3258    | FC Luzern vs FC Sion                        | 2.10 | 3.60 | 3.39 |
| 21:00 | 5210    | St. Etienne vs Strasbourg                   | 2.04 | 3.38 | 3.81 |
| 21:30 | 4569    | Tenerife Sur W vs Espanyol W                | 1.43 | 4.34 | 5.87 |
| 22:00 | 4163    | Fundacion Albacete W vs Rayo Vallecano W    | 2.15 | 3.43 | 2.92 |
| 22:00 | 4666    | RS Berkane vs Hassania Agadir               | 2.12 | 2.74 | 3.82 |
| 22:00 | 5196    | CS Steaua vs Enugu Rangers International FC | 1.39 | 4.22 | 6.95 |
| 22:00 | 5981    | El Zamalek vs NA Hussein Dey                | 1.43 | 3.93 | 6.89 |
| 22:30 | 1489    | Sicula Leonzio vs Bisceglie                 | 1.69 | 3.48 | 5.27 |
| 22:30 | 1667    | Macae RJ vs America RJ                      | 2.25 | 2.91 | 3.22 |
| 22:30 | 2030    | Nova Iguacu RJ vs Goytacaz                  | 2.00 | 2.92 | 3.89 |
| 22:30 | 3689    | Paganese vs AC Monopoli                     | 4.78 | 3.52 | 1.73 |
| 22:30 | 4272    | Trapani vs Catania                          | 2.48 | 3.11 | 2.90 |
| 22:30 | 5843    | Juve Stabia vs Catanzaro                    | 2.00 | 3.22 | 3.85 |
| 22:45 | 1090    | Wigan vs Stoke City                         | 2.75 | 3.18 | 2.69 |
| 22:45 | 1537    | Brentford vs Aston Villa                    | 2.15 | 3.59 | 3.27 |
| 22:45 | 1885    | Ipswich vs Derby                            | 4.40 | 3.44 | 1.88 |
| 22:45 | 2309    | Preston vs Norwich City                     | 2.52 | 3.38 | 2.79 |
| 22:45 | 4417    | Leeds vs Swansea                            | 1.77 | 3.81 | 4.50 |
| 22:45 | 4847    | Wingate and Finchley vs Tonbridge           | 3.43 | 3.58 | 1.89 |
| 22:45 | 5068    | Sheffield Utd vs Middlesbrough              | 2.04 | 3.28 | 3.92 |
| 23:00 | 1111    | Atletico Huila vs Club Cortulua             | 1.84 | 3.27 | 3.99 |
| 23:00 | 2895    | Llaneros FC vs Tigres FC (COL)              | 1.94 | 3.42 | 3.42 |
| 23:00 | 4248    | Reading vs Blackburn                        | 2.70 | 3.24 | 2.70 |
| 23:00 | 4945    | Tottenham vs Borussia Dortmund              | 2.32 | 3.45 | 3.07 |
| 23:00 | 5949    | Ajax vs Real Madrid                         | 3.78 | 3.94 | 1.89 |
| 23:30 | 2066    | Real Cartagena vs Barranquilla FC           | 1.79 | 3.42 | 4.03 |

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**Marcelo:**  
Bale still  
can't speak  
Spanish after  
six years at  
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**FOOTBALL:** Gareth Bale moved from Tottenham to Real Madrid in 2013, but apparently hasn't picked up much of the local language in the past six years. According to Marca, his Real Madrid teammate Marcelo claims that Bale still only speaks English. This news comes alongside growing concerns over Bale's future at the club, with the Welshman saying he is happy there despite unrest from some fans. After the departure of Cristiano Ronaldo and Kiko Casilla, Marcelo says he is now lonely in the dressing room. "Now I have no one by my side, I have Bale on the other side, but Bale does not speak, he only speaks English, we speak with gestures and say 'hi, hello and good wine.'" Gareth Bale recently scored his 100th goal for Real Madrid, however, his future is still uncertain as he has not yet filled Ronaldo's boots since the star left for Juventus. Recently, Sport claimed that Bale's introverted personality doesn't fit well with the rest of the group at the club.

-DAILYMAIL

**Kenya reaps big at 24th Asian Karate event in Mumbai**



**KARATE:** Kenya scooped 39 gold medals at the International WFSKO Karate Championship in Mumbai, India with most of them from Muranga and Kiambu counties. The event, which saw 11 countries participate, took place at the Priyadarshini Indira Gandhi Sports Complex last weekend with over 900 children between aged between 4-17 years involved. Out of the 32 Kenyan children who took part in the championship, 22 come from Murang'a while Kiambu had 10 representatives. "This is a big win for the two counties and also for Kenya. Given more facilities and equipment to accommodate more talent nurturing sessions, Kenya will scale the heights in this sport," said Elizabeth Rukwero, Kiambu County Karate coach. The represented countries were Kenya, India, Sri Lanka, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Nepal, Iran, England, Armenia, Mauritius and Bhutan. Kenya now qualifies for the world Karate Championship slated for England in November.

-MATHEW NDUNG'U



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## KISUMU ACADEMY RETAIN HANDBALL CROWN

Three-time Victoria Handball League men's champions Kisumu Academy needed a tie break to win the title for a fourth year running while high-flying Kanyamedha Ladies cruised to their maiden gong after amassing 30 points, 10 more than second-placed Kisumu Polytechnic. Kisumu Academy who have dominated the men's league since its inception, were pushed to the wire to retain their title by debutants Gusii Club. Both teams had tied on 28 points but the champion prevailed courtesy of a better goal difference. Gusii will now hope to avenge that defeat by stopping Kisumu Academy in the Super Cup, the post league season championship tournament, that will be held in June and July. Other men's teams in the Super Cup are Kisumu Saints, Maseno, Kanyamedha, Kisumu Polytechnic and debutants Rangala while Kisumu Polytechnic, JOUST, Maseno, Kiremba, Lakers, Kisumu Academy Ladies and champions Kanyamedha Ladies are the women's sides.

-GIBO ZACHARY



## PELE LEADS TRIBUTES TO FALLEN ENGLAND LEGEND

Pele yesterday paid tribute to Gordon Banks and his 1970 'save of the century' against Brazil. He said: "I am glad he saved my header because it was the start of a friendship that will always treasure." The former Stoke and Leicester City player, who was part of the famous England side who lifted the Jules Rimet trophy for the first and only time at Wembley 53 years ago this summer, has died aged 81 after a battle with kidney cancer. The 1966 World Cup winner is also remembered for the greatest save of all time when he tipped a header from Pele over the bar at full stretch in a match with Brazil at the 1970 World Cup in Mexico. Pele, who would later become Banks' best friend, famously yelled 'goal' and put his arms in the air after the ball left his forehead - but stood open-mouthed as Banks somehow reached the ball as it went past him and flicked it away for a corner. -DAILYMAIL



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Sofapaka players George Maelo, Jacobs Faina, Umar Kasumba and Titus Achesa celebrate a goal during their league match with Mathare United at Kasarani Stadium yesterday. Sofapaka won 4-1.  
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# Four-midable Sofapaka

**Batoto Ba Mungu warn up for Gor tie by hammering Mathare for fifth straight win as Bandari, Sharks stay in touch**

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Sofapaka warned up for this weekend's heavyweight clash with Gor Mahia by making their biggest statement yet when they thrashed leaders Mathare United 4-1 in a SportPesa Premier League match at Kasarani Stadium yesterday.

In what was their fifth straight league victory, Sofapaka defensive midfielder Ellis Asieche scored one of the fastest goals of the season in the second minute following a goalmouth confusion by Mathare defenders.

Asieche, who was with-

drawn in the second half after a head injury, dummied his way through unsuspecting Mathare defenders and then pulled the trigger from 10 yards out that beat goalkeeper Allan Owiny all the way.

In the 37th minute, a goal-bound Sofapaka forward John Avire was brought down outside the box which prompted referee Israel Mpaima to award a free-kick which Titus Achesa slotted in.

Sofapaka went further ahead in the 43rd minute when Owiny spilled the ball which fell in the path of Umaru Kasumba to net third goal.

Kevin Kimani reduced the arrears for Mathare from a

poin blank range in the 58th minute before Kasumba completed his brace in the 90th minute, his power-packed shot hitting the post before trickling into the net.

"This is a good motivation for the Gor match. We now go into that match at the weekend in the right frame of mind," said an elated Sofapaka coach John Baraza.

Mathare have now gone four matches without a win and while they are still leading the standings with 25 points, their rivals have closed in, Sofapaka now sitting third on the log just two points adrift.

In Mombasa, hosts Bandari stayed in touch with the leaders after a 2-0 victory over Vihiga United saw them amass 25 points, same as Mathare and still with a game in hand over the slum boys. The two goals were scored by David

King'atua (free-kick in the 20th minute) and Yema Mwana (76th minute).

Defeat sees Vihiga, who have failed to win their last six matches, slip to 16th on the 18-team table with 10 points from 13 matches.

In Kakamega, 10-man Kariobangi Sharks struck early to sink battling Kakamega Homeboyz 1-0 in an entertaining clash at Bukhungu Stadium.

Sharks, who are among the title contenders, started that match on the front foot with coach William Muluya opting for Erick Kapaito, Sidney Lokale and Shapan Oyugi upfront.

It was no surprise when Lokale teed up an unmarked Oyugi in the fourth minute to score the only goal of the contest. Reports by Charles Thuku, Fred Likuyani and Harrison Kivisu

### SPORTPESA PREMIER LEAGUE

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| Mathare United | 1-4 Sofapaka      |
| Bandari        | 2-0 Vihiga United |
| KK Homeboyz    | 0-1 K.Sharks      |
| Posta Rangers  | 2-0 Nzoia Sugar   |