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MPs to vote on gender bill, again

by Mercy Mwai
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Members of the National Assembly are on Wednesday scheduled to vote on the elusive Constitution of Kenya Amendment Bill, 2018, that seeks to implement the two-thirds gender rule.

National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi urged legislators to avail themselves for the vote even as he directed the Committee on implementation of the Constitution (CIOC), chaired by Ndaragwa MP Jeremiah Kioni, to table a report on representation of various marginalised groups such as Women, youth and persons living with disabilities.

He said: "It is important for the House to heed to the provisions of the Constitution, mobilise yourselves on Wednesday to express yourselves."

Mobilise MPs

Muturi made the remarks after Assembly Leader of Majority Aden Duale said the House Business Committee (HBC) had set Wednesday afternoon as the voting day on the bill.

Duale said House leadership had directed Majority Whip Benjamin Washiali, his deputy Cecily Mbarire and Minority Whip Junet Mohammed and his deputy Chris Wamalwa to mobilise legislators to ensure the bill is passed.

The two-third gender rule has been defeated three times in both houses of Parliament and for it to pass this time to the third reading stage, it requires two-thirds majority or at least 233 of the MPs to support it. The National Assembly currently has 76 female members—21.77 per cent of total members.

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Ouko queries misuse of CDF by legislators

Auditor General slams MPs for failing to account for funds meant for projects and bursaries in constituencies

Some MPs issued bouncing cheques while in other cases they budgeted for non-existent projects -Ouko

by Mercy Mwai
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Members of Parliament are once again on the spot after Auditor General Edward Ouko revealed that millions of shillings meant for development projects and bursaries for needy students under the National Government Constituency Development Funds (NG-CDF) have been misused.

In a report tabled in the National Assembly last Thursday by Leader of Majority Aden Duale, Ouko slammed the legislators for failing to account for the money given to them to improve the lives of their constituents.

Stale cheques

According to an analysis of the report on 12 constituencies, Ouko exposed how some of MPs issued bouncing cheques while in other cases, they budgeted for non-existent projects.

Ouko said MPs had diverted the funds available for projects while in other constituencies the projects have failed to kick off, stalled or



ISSUES RAISED

Auditor General Edward Ouko has queried unsupported bursary awards and disbursements worth Sh16.7m in Nyeri Town constituency.

In Mumias West, Ouko has raised concerns as projects worth Sh9.1m have stalled.

He says there was no value for money on renovations of various projects in Bumula, Lushanya and Lybo Primary School.

Auditor General Edward Ouko.
PHOTO: FILE

have been abandoned.

The queries, which differ from constituency to constituency, also show how the NG-CDF officers benefited from imprests without surrendering previous ones.

The most affected constituencies include Ndaragwa (Jeremiah

Kioni), Nyeri Town (Ngunjiri Wambugu), Mandera East (Abdulaziz Fara), Bomet East (Beatrice Kones), Juja (Ferdinand Munyuwa), Bondo (Gideon Ochanda) and Dagoretti South (John Kiarie).

Bomet East reportedly issued stale cheques worth Sh1.3 million and has outstanding imprests worth Sh795,640 while Juja constituency is on the spot over idle security staff houses in Abba Sala Administration Police Post that were constructed at Sh2 million.

No register

Mandera East constituency is accused of irregular procurement of schools projects worth Sh6.2 million, including construction of classrooms, staff houses and laboratory blocks, yet there were no tender notices and documents and unsupported environmental projects totalling to Sh2.5 million.

In Samburu North, Ouko has raised concern as to whether bursaries totalling to Sh48.2 million were awarded as there was no bursary application register that was maintained to show the names of the beneficiaries.

Others mentioned are Samburu West (Alloys Lentoimaga), Gatanga (Ndutu Ngugi), Kikuyu (Kimani Ichung'wa), Mwala (Vincent Muonyaka) and Johnson Naicca's Mumias West.

Gun holders vetting stalls 'over corruption'

by Kinyuru Munuhe and Wangui Gacheche
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The ongoing vetting of licenced civilian firearm holders has been thrown into disarray after a tiff between the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) and Mathari hospital medical staff.

Hospital superintendent Joseph Jumba suspended evaluation of licenced gun holders, who have been undergoing psychiatric tests.

On Friday, EACC detectives undertook an operation to bust a suspected

corruption syndicate at Mathari hospital, where some medical officers were allegedly demanding bribes from the gun holders undergoing mandatory mental tests.

Suspects escaped

One medic was arrested and taken to Integrity Center to record a statement but was later released.

"You are hereby informed that the above exercise has been suspended until further notice. Apologies for any inconveniences caused," Jumba (*pictured*) said via an internal memo.



EACC officials termed the raid a "botched operation", saying the key suspects escaped after being tipped-off.

The sleuths visited the facility after complaints of bribery demands from licensed gun holders, being vetted by the Firearm Licensing Board.

After clearance the board, those eligible will be issued with a smart card license detailing their biometrics.

Authorised civilian firearm holders were given up to March 18 to acquire special identification cards introduced by the Interior ministry.



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Stop 2022 talk or leave Jubilee, Ruto allies told

Mt Kenya leaders ask Tanga Tanga colleagues to respect Uhuru's call to end early campaigns

by Wangari Njuguna
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A group of Mt Kenya politicians yesterday launched fresh attacks against politicians from the region who are campaigning for Deputy President William Ruto's election in 2022.

The leaders, who call themselves Mt Kenya and Diaspora Leaders Forum, accused Ruto's allies, popularly known as the Tanga Tanga team, of defying President Uhuru Kenyatta's call for an end to early election campaigns.

MPs Maina Kamanda (Nominated), Ngunjiri Wambugu (Nyeri Town), Paul Koinange (Kiambaa), Muturi Kigano (Kangema), Naomi Shaban (Taveta) and several Nyeri and Muranga MCAs said the leaders should heed the President's call or leave Jubilee.

Saying elected Tanga Tanga team leaders owed their victory in the 2017 election to Uhuru, the politicians demanded that they respect the President.

Former Dagoretti South MP Dennis Waweru said Tanga Tanga politi-

cians had forgotten "too fast how they hung on the President's coat tails to be elected".

"Jubilee politicians' support the President is not negotiable and we will go to all counties in the Mt Kenya region calling out those who don't," he said.

Shaban said every region had its kingpin and asked Mt Kenya region leaders to respect Uhuru.

The leaders also expressed their concern that rampant corruption might cripple the economy and called for a thorough audit of Cabinet secretaries and governors.

They also proposed stiffer penalties for those found engaging in corruption.

Kickbacks

Kamanda cited claims of Cabinet secretaries alleged to have solicited bribes from foreign contractors to award tenders.

He asked the Directorate of Criminal Investigation to act swiftly and have all the suspects arrested and charged.

The former Starehe MP, however, accused the Judiciary of frustrating national efforts to fight corruption.

"Unless we see the Judiciary acting on these corruption cases, the feeling will always be that there is nothing much being done to stem the vice," he said.



2022 PUSH AND PULL

Politicians who want Deputy President William Ruto to succeed President Uhuru Kenyatta in 2022 have been criss-crossing the country drumming up support for him.

The President has discouraged early campaigns saying politicians should concentrate on delivering the Big Four agenda.

Ruto's candidature has split Mt Kenya region politicians into two camps with one opposed to it while the Tanga Tanga team is firmly supporting him.

(From left) Nominated MP Maina Kamanda, former Dagoretti South MP Dennis Waweru, Kiambaa MP Paul Koinange and Nyeri Town MP Ngunjiri Wambugu when they addressed a meeting in Kangema, Murang'a at the weekend.

PHOTO: WANGARI NJUGUNA

Koinange proposed the death penalty for corruption convicts to deter others from the crime.

"Other countries execute people found culpable of corruption and the same should be done here," he said.

We'll back people-centred referendum, say MPs

by Philip Yego and DPPS
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Several Jubilee Party MPs yesterday said they would support a referendum to amend the Constitution as long as it aims at improving the lives of Kenyans.

The legislators, who were addressing a function attended by Deputy President William Ruto, said the Constitution should only be amended to benefit a majority of Kenyans, not a few individuals.

Speaking at Kaporet in Bureti,

Kericho county yesterday during a church service and thanksgiving event for Kericho Women Rep Florence Bore, the leaders said they were focused on activities aimed at transforming the lives of Kenyans.

Not scared

The MPs included Kimani Ichungwua (Kikuyu), Kimani Ngunjiri (Bathati), Didmus Barasa (Kimilili), Purity Ngirici (Kirinyaga), Catherine Waruguru (Laikipia), Halima Mucheke (Nominated), Faith Gitau (Nyandarua), Tecla Tum (Nandi), Joyce Kameme (Macha-



DP William Ruto chats with an elderly woman after attending a church service in Bureti, Kericho county.

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kos), Hillary Kosgei (Kipkelion West), Joseph Limo (Kipkelion East), Japeth Mutai (Bureti), Kipsengeret Koros (Soin/Sigowet) and Nelson Koeh (Belgut).

Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony was also present.

"We want to make it clear that we are not scared of a referendum to amend the Constitution so long as we are told how it will help Kenyans," said Ichungwua.

Ruto urged leaders to avoid politics and focus on activities that can transform the lives of Kenyans.

Senators to visit Solai dam disaster victims



by Hillary Mageka
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A Senate team will today visit Patel Farm and Solai dam tragedy victims as part of a fact-finding mission on the implementation status of a House committee report on the May 2018 disaster.

The Senators include those from the Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights, the National Security and Foreign Relations and the National Cohesion, Equal Opportunity and Regional Integration committees.

Eight months after the tragedy that killed 48 people, several questions re-

main unanswered on its cause.

An ad hoc committee formed by the Senate accused top government officials failing to deliver justice to victims and their families.

Yesterday, Senators questioned why recommendations made by the

It's a classic conspiracy between the elite against the people—Mutula Junior

House have not been acted upon.

"The restoration order is still in the shelves as the residents suffer. It's a classic conspiracy between the elite against the people," said Makueni Senator Mutula Kilonzo Junior (*pictured*), who chaired the ad hoc committee.

Nakuru senator Susan Kihika accused implementing agencies of refusing to implement the report.

"I am also disappointed for inaction by the government to implement the Solai report. For the first time, individuals and authorities were held culpable," Kihika, who is also the Majority Whip said.

Court to rule on Karume wealth suit

by Anthony Mwangi
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The High Court is tomorrow expected to rule in a case in which the children of former Cabinet minister Njenga Karume have sued trustees over the management of their late father's property.

Karume's children have been engaged in a protracted dispute over the management of the vast empire by trustees appointed by the wealthy businessman who died in 2012.

In 2015, Albert Kigera Karume, Samuel Karume and Lucy Karume, moved to court to have the trustees replaced, claiming that their father's will was not being honoured to the letter.

The trustees, George Ngugi Warieri, Kung'u Gatabaki and Margaret Nduta Kamithi, were required to ensure that all the financial needs of the beneficiaries, who included his widow, children and grandchildren, were catered for.

Terror suspect freed for lack of evidence

by Sophie Njoka
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A terror suspect, who police claimed was found in possession of video clips of Al-Shabaab warning of an attack in the country, was on Friday acquitted for lack of evidence.

Yasir Azam Abdulakhan was discharged of ten terrorism-related charges after the court found that there was no sufficient evidence linking him to any terror group.

Mombasa Senior Principal Magistrate Henry Nyakweba termed the prosecution evidence "fatally insufficient" to sustain the charges.

"I find that the evidence adduced is not sufficient to sustain a conviction. Accordingly, I dismiss all the counts facing the accused person, acquit him and order that he be set at liberty forthwith," he ruled.

Magistrate withdraws from case

by Sophie Njoka
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A magistrate has recused himself from hearing a case in which a Turkish national has been charged with defiling three girls in Kikambala, Kilifi.

Shanzu Resident Magistrate David Odhiambo withdrew from the case in which Elsek Osman has been charged with eight counts of defilement after the prosecution made an application to have the matter moved to Malindi Law Courts, citing influence by judicial officers stationed at the court.

The magistrate said the court would not proceed with the hearing of the matter since the suspect had a personal relationship with one of the prosecutors stationed there and had invested millions in the construction work of the court building.

Court restrains trader access to his billions

Billionaire blocked from accessing money from three firms accused of tax evasion

by Nancy Gitonga
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Billionaire Humphrey Kariuki's troubles seemed to deepen after the High Court on Friday issued preservation orders restraining him from withdrawing or transferring monies held in his 11 banks accounts believed to be in excess of Sh10 billion.

The multi-billionaire has been restrained from accessing the money that proceeds from three of his companies.

Justice John Onyiego issued orders after Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) filed an application seeking orders to preserve funds in the bank accounts under the names of Vow Beverages Limited, Wines of The World Limited and African Spirits Lim-

ited as they complete investigations over the alleged Sh3 billion tax evasion.

"An order is hereby issued preserving funds and prohibiting the transfer, withdrawal or disposal of or other dealing involving the funds pending hearing and determination," ordered the judge.

KRA obtained preservation orders restraining and prohibiting the transfer of funds in the seven bank accounts including The World and African Spirits Limited (ASL) which is one of the largest alcohol manufacturing plants in East Africa.

Other companies which the court has preserved their funds are Vow Beverages Limited, Wines pending the hearing and

6 An order is hereby issued prohibiting funds transfer -Justice Onyiego

determination of the application.

The court preserved the monies which are held at National, Family, Equity, Credit and KCB banks.

According to documents filed in court, the companies have been supplying excisable goods with counterfeit exercise stamps hence evading payments of taxes.

Tax evasion

The taxman said the companies have in the cause of carrying out its business fraudulently denied the agency collection of colossal amounts of taxes which they intends to demand.

They claim that preliminary investigations conducted so far indicate Kariuki through the companies has evaded tax of up to Sh3 billion.

KRA says they are still investigating the companies as they believe their affairs are still ongoing and they could unearthed more information with regard to evasion of taxes by Kariuki.



Humphrey Kariuki has been restrained from withdrawing or transferring monies held in his 11 banks accounts.

PHOTO: FILE

Fire razes houses at Nairobi West Prison

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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At least 10 staff quarters and a welfare canteen were razed by an inferno at Nairobi West Prison over the weekend.

Although the cause of the fire is yet to be established, preliminary findings showed it was sparked by a leaking cooking gas cylinder.

No casualties were reported during the Saturday night incident. "We have lost property. The affected families have been accommodated by colleagues," one of the prison Warden said.

The fire reportedly originated from the welfare can-

teen within the compound before spreading to adjacent houses.

Efforts to reach Prisons Commissioner General Isaiah Osgoo over the matter were futile.



Response to wildlife crime low, says lobby

by Bernard Gitau
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An organisation dealing with justice for wildlife has indicted the Kenyan Judiciary for only succeeding in convicting low-level wildlife offenders.

The Wildlife Direct in their report dubbed 'On the Right Path? An analysis of Kenya's law enforcement response to wildlife' revealed the conviction rate was at 95 per cent.

Analysing wildlife crime data in 121 local courts in Kenya between 2016 and 2017, over 1,950 people were arrested and charged with 2,610 wildlife crimes related offences in 957 cases.

Conviction rate

"We found a high conviction rate of 95 per cent by the prosecution pointing to better prosecutions—in the past many cases were dismissed and suspects acquitted," part of the report read.

But the organisation expressed concern that the success is mainly limited to low-level wildlife crime offenders possessing wildlife trophies, bush meat or perpetrating illegal entry into protected areas with livestock.

KRA closes distilling firm over tax evasion

by Mathew Ndung'u
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Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) has closed the premises of Platinum Distillers Ltd along Eastern Bypass in Ruai, Nairobi.

The company has consequently been put under investigation after it emerged that the management concealed two containers of ethanol as a raw material for making packaging products.

KRA head of tax evasion investigation Edward Karanja said the authority in the pro-

cess lost Sh13,618,000 in tax evasion.

"They had paid Sh382,000 because the product they declared was concealed as a raw material for making packaging materials where the duty is low while ethanol, the duty is very high," he said.

Speaking after conducting an impromptu visit at the facility on Sunday, Karanja said KRA acted on tip-off that some ethanol had been imported illegally with the importers evading requisite tax payments.

Sossion decries high taxation, seeks review

by Philip Yegon
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Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) has raised concerns over what it terms as heavy taxation imposed on Kenyans and investors and urged the government to review it.

Knut secretary general Wilson Sossion said if the matter is not addressed immediately, the heavy taxation will spell doom for the country's economy.

He said taxation in the country is one of the worst world over because almost everything is taxed.

Grave concern

Speaking on Saturday at Liteni Secondary School in Kericho county during the Knut Bureti branch by-elections, Sossion said this is a matter of grave concern and must be relooked into urgently, arguing that even the government's Big Four agenda may not succeed because of bad economy.

"If there's heavy taxation, foreign investors will shy away resulting to bad economy," said Sossion.

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EACC probes its officers over Weston, SGR

Anti-graft agency boss orders pending files on NLC investigations forwarded to his office for processing

by Irene Githinji
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The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has moved to identify its officers allegedly colluding with National Land Commission (NLC) to compromise cases.

EACC chief executive officer Twalib Mbarak has consequently ordered that all pending files on NLC investigations be forwarded to his office for processing and to determine the way forward.

Mbarak has also opened investigations into an NLC decision on Weston Hotel, associated with Deputy President William Ruto.

Last week, NLC ruled that the hotel owners compensate the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority (KCAA) to the tune of Sh350 million for having purchased it from a firm that irregularly acquired it.

It is emerging that EACC is in the process of investigating some of its senior staff following concerns that some have been sitting on files after reportedly colluding with NLC officials, particularly during compensation and valuation.

Sources said Mbarak wants the files acted on expeditiously as they were part of perceived corruption cases that have remained pending for long.

"There have been claims that some files are being sat on or hidden by staff and that is

what forced the CEO to order that they be taken to his office," said an insider aware of the progress.

"Mbarak has ordered all pending files on NLC investigations be forwarded to his office for processing. This was after it was brought to his attention that some of those files, as old as five years, are yet to be forwarded for prosecution despite investigations being completed," our source stated.

Some of the files at the centre of controversy include that of Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) Phase One compensation, which caused uproar from victims.

In 2016, residents affected by the SGR Phase One staged a protest demanding compensation after it emerged that billions had been paid to undeserving individuals and companies.

During compensation, it emerged that some individuals were compensated, with the help of NLC officials and some lawyers yet it was public land.

Billions lost

There were also reports of payments to non-existent companies, which Mbarak is determined to follow through to ensure they get to the office of Director of Public Prosecutions for further action.

Earlier this month, EACC also wrote to NLC, inviting ten individuals for interview and recording of statement over the issue.

EACC Deputy Director of Investigations, Humphrey Mahiva, in a letter dated February 13 urged the Acting Secretary to facilitate the ten individuals to appear at Integrity House for the interview.

They were named as Christine Muiruri, Khadija Mohamed, Isabel Njeru, Jacob Lemasika, Lilian Keverenge, Peter Juma Kaunda, Dennis Kariuki, James Karago, Dorcah Buyaki and Head of Valuation Joash Oindo.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

EACC has opened investigations into an NLC decision on Weston Hotel, associated with Deputy President William Ruto.

Anti-corruption body has moved to identify its officers allegedly colluding with National Land Commission to compromise some land cases.

Last June the then, NLC Chairman Muhammad Swazuri and other top government officials were arrested to face charges over what was described as fraudulent Sh2.8 compensation for SGR.

The government is said to have lost billions while acquiring land through irregular compensation and overpayment in some cases.

Others cases on the radar include that of the EACC building. It emerged last year that a company that owned EACC headquarters building was to receive a payment of over Sh1.5 billion.

This was after NLC approved compulsory acquisition of Integrity Centre, which was reportedly valued at approximately Sh400 million about five years ago.

A notice contained in the *Kenya Gazette* dated September 14, said the building housing the anti-corruption agency would be taken over by government after compulsory acquisition from Tegus Ltd.

The land, measuring 0.4867 hectares was listed as LRN0.209/1069. EACC had been paying a Sh5 million rent monthly.

The EACC has been housed at the premises since 1997.

EACC chief executive officer Twalib Mbarak orders pending files to his office. PHOTO: FILE

Similarly, last July, NLC approved compulsory acquisition of the building after an inquiry in February on the transfer of the land.

The EACC boss also wants to be brought up to speed over valuation of properties affected in SGR phase II.

Authenticity of owners

The compensation took a new twist last September after landowners in Kajiado accused valuers of including non-existent features on targeted plots.

The landowners claimed that the move was meant to inflate land prices and fleece the public.

NLC acting chairperson Abigail Mbagaya said there were 1,093 parcels of land earmarked for compensation between Syokimau and Ngong, but it had been difficult to move the families without paying them.

Mbagaya said land acquisition for this section of the SGR had faced multiple challenges from valuation to authenticity of owners.

The protracted compensation standoff had forced Chinese contractors working on the project to skip the Ongata Rongai-Ngong stretch of the railway line pending resolution of the issues.

Mbarak is also seeking information on controversial land acquisition for dams as well as determination of the ownership of Weston Hotel land.

Clinical officers vow to go on strike

by Kinyuru Munuhe and Harrison Kivisu
@PeopleDailyKe

The Kenya Union of Clinical Officers (Kuco) Nairobi branch has issued a strike notice set to start on Thursday over welfare concerns of their members.

Union branch Tom Nyakaba called on members to down tools in what they accuse Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko's administration of not confirming clinical officers serving on probation basis and failure to appraise their members.

"Having ensured that this strike is protected, I therefore call upon clinical officers to assemble daily at City Hall till all our demands are met. We advise members of the public to seek alternative health services as from Thursday night," said Nyakaba.

In their eight points demands, the union wants their members and other health workers promoted to the appropriate job groups and their allowances backdated and those who have specialised in specific areas be redesignated.

The union blamed Sonko of using the Salary and Remuneration Commission as a scapegoat since employment issues are handled by the human resource department.

Contrary to law

Last week, the Kenya National Union of Nurses (Knun) called off protracted countrywide industrial action after vicious engagement between the union and national and county governments.

Secretary General Seth Panyako directed the nurses to report to work in compliance with a court order suspending the strike for 60 days to allow negotiations.

Meanwhile, hundreds of nurses in Mombasa have threatened to go back to the streets if Mombasa county government will make salary deductions in its plan to recover new allowances already paid to nurses 'illegally'. This follows a directive by Office of the Controller of Budget Agnes Odhiambo directed to the Mombasa county government to recover all the enhanced allowances already paid to nurses saying the payments were done contrary to the law.



Amina defends move to hike university fees

by Douglas Dindi
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Education Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed (pictured) yesterday defended the proposed fee hike in public universities saying it would be done in phases.

Admitting that public universities are operating under financial difficulties, and more government rebate is not guaranteed, the CS said a fee hike would go a long way in addressing some of the challenges.

"As we speak, there are ongoing consultations among stakeholders. The fees increase is one of the solu-

tions but universities must also device long-term intervention measures to mitigate their budget deficits," the CS said.

The universities have proposed at least Sh60,000 as annual tuition fees for government sponsored student programme up from the current Sh26,500, which represents 110 per cent increase that would subsequently hand public universities an extra Sh33,000 from every student.

Cumulatively, it is envisaged that about Sh4.5 billion will be collected annually to fund operations and development expenditures.

The CS made the remarks when she opened a Sh4 million tuition-block

at Kakamega township secondary school yesterday adding that a proposal from public universities on the matter was under consideration by stakeholders in the university education sector.

Loan scheme

Reports of the impending fees hike by universities hit the news headlines again last week albeit due to reported delays in the disbursement of tuition funds to the institutions by the Higher Education Loans Board (Helb).

Parliament received the proposal in December last year.

Last week, Higher Education Princi-

pal Secretary Colleta Suda said institutions of higher learning cannot be run without not only resources but also infrastructure and human resources.

She admitted that resources these institutions receive are not commensurate with the recent expansion in the sector saying intervention measures must be urgently put in place.

Meanwhile, the CS has challenged Helb loan defaulters to pay up to enable the board finance others.

The CS said productive Kenyans who benefitted from the loan scheme owe it billions of shillings and should hence shape up, stop the excuses and pay.



Four family members perish in road crash

■ by Kirera Mwiti
■ @PeopleDailyKe

Four family members died on the spot after a car they were travelling in collided head-on with a bus along the Nairobi-Nakuru highway on Sunday morning.

The family was travelling from a funeral in western Kenya when their vehicle was involved in the accident on Marula farm 10km from Naivasha town.

A passenger said the driver of the personal vehicle miscalculated his move while overtaking, ramming into their bus.

"The personal car was in very high speed and our driver tried avoiding a head-on collision but it was too late," he said.

Naivasha OCPD Samuel Waweru said the driver of the bus had recorded a statement with police as part of their investigations. The senior officer said initial investigations pointed to speeding adding that the wreckage had been towed to Naivasha Police Station.

"We received reports of the accident involving a bus and personal car and investigations show the cause was speed," he said, adding that six other people were injured when the bus that was been towed to the police station hit another car.

The accident caused a major traffic snarl-up.

DCI to grill lawmakers in 'libellous remarks'

■ by Hillary Mageka
■ @hillarymageka

At least four MPs have been summoned by Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to record statements over an alleged case of defamation lodged by their colleague.

Anan Keynan (Eldas), Abdihamid Osman (Fafi), Isiolo Women Representative Rehema Jaldesa and her Kirinyaga counterpart Purity Ngirichi are wanted in connection to a video that was widely circulated on social media showing their colleague engaging in a sexual act.

Although the DCI has not revealed the complainant, sources have told *People Daily* it is Wajir Women Representative Fatuma Gedi, who wants the four investigated, for fabricating a video that showed her in a compromising state.

"The DCI is investigating an alleged case of defamation vide DCI/serious crime unit inquiry file. Whereby the above listed have been adversely mentioned," reads part of the letter addressed to National Assembly Clerk Michael Silai by DCI

Done Deal



UN Habitat regional director for Africa, Naison Maangiza Mutizwa, (2nd left) and Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia after signing a Sh1.8 billion Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will see towns in the county get facelifts and benefit from solid waste management projects. Looking on is deputy Governor Cecilia Mbuthia. The MoU was signed on Friday in Ol Kalou town. PHOTO: DAVID MACHARIA

Search for missing city nurse intensifies

■ by James Magayi
■ @PeopleDailyKe

A 30-year-old nurse at Amref Kenya disappeared from her house in Tena estate, Nairobi last Thursday leaving her family and friends agonised.

Prior to her disappearance, Margaret Kilelu (*pictured*) had been hospitalised at Kenyatta National Hospital for a depression-related illness but was discharged on Sunday last week when doctors gave her a clean bill of health.

The mother of two, who lost her husband Stephen Omollo in unclear circumstances in November last year, was last seen near Bee Centre roundabout on Thursday.

Her family's efforts to trace her have borne no fruit after her mobile phone went unanswered and subsequent searches in hospitals and mortuaries unsuccessful.

Omollo, also a medic who run a clinic on Ngong Road bequeathed the premise which had accrued rent arrears to his wife months before his death.

Kilelu's family says financial pressures may have led their daughter to depression after the clinic was auctioned.

Her sister, Mercy, said on the day she disappeared, Kilelu left the house and said she would be back shortly, only for her not to show up by end of the day.

"We were at her house in Tena with my mother and a sister-in-law. My mother had travelled from Voi to see her because she had been discharged from hospital just a few days earlier," said Mercy.

The family has reported the matter at Buru Buru Police Station.



Kenyan family stuck in Dubai appeals for help

Passports have been confiscated over Sh1.5 million rent arrears

■ by People Reporter
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I pleaded guilty and prayed to be released against my passport so that I could look for a job

Members of a Kenyan family being held in Dubai are seeking government's intervention to have their passports released after they were confiscated over Sh1.5 million rent arrears.

Mwaura Muteria's family has been trying to plead for leniency from Dubai authorities but their request has fallen on deaf ears.

The family, that hails from Murang'a county, has been in Dubai for 11 years.

Muteria told *People Daily* yesterday that trouble started in 2016 when an organisation he was working with as a project manager terminated his contract.

He, however, stayed in Dubai with the hope of getting another job. Owing to financial challenges,

THE HIGHLIGHTS

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Muteria has been unable to pay rent accruing to Sh1.5 million.

Trouble started in 2016 when he lost his job.

the family defaulted on their rent in 2017 and checks issued to the landlord bounced back.

The landlord filed a criminal case against Muteria while he was in Kenya and upon his return, he was arrested.

"I pleaded guilty and prayed to be released against my passport so that I could look for a job and start paying the money owed to the landlord. However, I have not been fortunate to get a job in the

last three years," he said.

However, in February, last year he got an offer letter with Oxfam International as a regional safety security advisor, but this was short-lived.

But after several attempts, he last month received an offer letter in another organisation and is supposed to relocate to Yemen.

He is supposed to report to work this Friday but is worried that he might lose it again.

"Though we had paid part of our rent in cash, the landlord told me that all legal fees and the returned cheques must be paid in full before he withdraws the case and travel ban on my name. They are claiming about Sh1.5 million (AED55,000). I have no ability to raise this amount and we are seeking assistance to offset the bill," he added.

Muteria said their residence visas are expiring this week, which means they might be forced to pay immigration overstays fines of up to Sh2,000 unless they exit the country within seven days.

Kalonzo rallies community for national unity

■ by PD Correspondent
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Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka has warned against tribalism and urged Kenyans to unite for the sake of development.

Speaking at ACK Giachuki Church in Kariara ward, Gatanga, Murang'a county, during funds drive, he praised President Uhuru Kenyatta for his desire to ensure inclusivity in the leadership of the nation, saying exclusion was a serious problem bedeviling the country.

During the event, nine legislators who accompanied Kalonzo, most of them from his Wiper party, supported

his 2022 top seat bid, saying he was the ideal candidate who would unite the country and ensure peace and harmony.

Host MP Nduati Ngugi praised Kalonzo as a dependable leader.

Other leaders who accompanied Kalonzo included Kitui Senator Enoch Wambua, Deputy Minority Leader in the National Assembly Robert Mbui, as well as MPs Joshua Mwalyo (Masinga), Paul Nzengi (Mwingi North), Thuddeus Nzambia (Kilome), Dan Maanzo (Makueni), Kitui Woman Rep Irene Kasalu and Nominated Senator Sylvia Kasanga.

Political pundits are bound to read more than just an ordinary fundraiser

in yesterday's event, particularly in light of recent developments where Kalonzo has made statements that many have interpreted as seeking to endear him to the President and his core support base.

Good neighbours

Last November, during the burial of his father in Tseikuru, Kalonzo declared he would be the President's "Mtua wa Mkono" (errand boy).

Early this month, Kalonzo while addressing a leaders meeting at Koma in Machakos county appeared to suggest that he had no problem supporting the President's term limit beyond the end of his constitutional second term.

The Wiper leader, however, denied the claims during a TV interview, where he clarified that what he actually meant he was willing to support President Uhuru for the post of Prime Minister envisaged in the proposed constitutional amendments, with the expectations that the latter would reciprocate the gesture by supporting him for the Presidency.

Yesterday's function was used to mend fences between the Kambas and their Kikuyu neighbours, with the MPs stating that the era of animosity that had soured the long-standing friendship between the two communities had ended with the handshake.

NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



Modernisation of Rivatex almost complete, says PS

Industrialisation Principal secretary Betty Maina (pictured) has said the Sh4.5 billion modernisation of Rift Valley Textile (Rivatex), owned by Moi University, is more than 90 per cent complete. She spoke at Rivatex premises on Saturday while assessing the project ahead of the facility's official launch in June by President Uhuru Kenyatta. Maina said installation of ultramodern equipment, imported from India, was yet to be done. Maina said Rivatex has the capacity to purchase locally produced cotton at competitive prices and asked farmers to increase their land under cultivation of the crop. Maina was accompanied by Rivatex managing director Thomas Kipkurgut. - WINSTONE CHISEREMI



Kajiado hospitals lack drugs, House report reveals

Most public health facilities in Kajiado county lack essential drugs. This emerged in a report tabled and debated by the County Assembly Health Committee during a Bunge Mashinani session at Rombo ward in Kajiado South yesterday. The Assembly now wants to establish why the responsible department has failed to purchase equipment and drugs despite being allocated Sh138 million for the same in the financial year 2018/19. House Leader of Majority Julius Moipai (pictured) said they had received many complaints about the shortage of drugs in public facilities.

- CHRISTINE MUSA



Residents tipped on cage fishing in Lake Victoria

Busia residents have been urged to invest in cage fishing to curb shortage of fish in Lake Victoria. County Fisheries director Timothy Odeme said cage fishing would enhance multiplication of fish and prevent fishermen from catching undersized fish. Speaking during Busia public participation forum at Agricultural Training Centre (ATC), he said more than 10,000 fish would be harvested from cage fishing projects in the lake on March 1. Odeme said fish shortage on the Kenyan side forces fishermen to venture into Ugandan waters where they are arrested. -HENRY ANDANJE

Appreciating State Gift!



Charles Macharia with son Ayub Njuguna at a house they were gifted by the State yesterday through Rift Valley Regional Coordinator Mongo Chimwanga. The house was initially meant for Damaris Wambui, the mother of Dennis Ngaruvi, who made an outstanding performance before President Uhuru Kenyatta in Nakuru in 2014 to earn his family the promise of a "decent home". However, Wambui rejected the house last week because it was below her expectations. PHOTO: RAPHAEL MUNGE

Mwatha abortion claims 'false', family maintains

■ by Eric Juma
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The family of Dandora human rights activist Caroline Mwatha, whose body was found at Nairobi's City Mortuary, have insisted that the State introduced the abortion claims to cover up alleged murder.

Mwatha's father, Stanlus Mbai, claimed her daughter was not pregnant as claimed by the government pathologist and that an incision was made on her stomach and a foetus inserted.

Speaking on Saturday during the funeral ceremony at Asembo, Rarieda constituency, Mbai said he was with Mwatha a week before her disappearance and she was not pregnant.

The deceased's husband Joshua Ochieng urged the

My daughter was not pregnant as claimed by pathologist -Mbai

State to ensure those behind her death are jailed.

Mwatha was eulogised as a fearless human rights fighter.

Siaya leaders, led by Senator James Orengo, asked the State to tame extrajudicial killings that are on the rise in the country.

A recent statement from Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) claimed Mwatha may have died as a result of excessive bleeding caused by a botched abortion.

Dismiss corrupt CSs, Mudavadi tells Uhuru

ANC leader threatens mass action if President fails to act against ministers mentioned in mega corruption scandals

■ by Noah Cheploen and Winstone Chiseremi
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Amani National Congress (ANC) party leader Musalia Mudavadi on Saturday threatened to call for mass action if President Uhuru Kenyatta fails to dismiss Cabinet secretaries and other top government officials linked to multi-billion-shilling graft cases.

Mudavadi urged Uhuru to move with speed and crack the whip on suspects, saying the country was facing an economic meltdown because of corruption and overborrowing.

"The country is hoodwinked with a lot of rhetoric about a make-believe war against corruption. We want to see handcuffs and not hear about handshakes," he said as he poured cold water on the handshake between Uhuru and ODM leader Raila Odinga.

The country is facing an economic meltdown because of corruption -Mudavadi

Awarded tenders

Having previously raised the alarm over excessive borrowing, Mudavadi said his advice had fallen on deaf ears. "But just like pregnancy, you cannot conceal it for long. The Controller of Budget Agnes Odhiambo and Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich have publicly admitted that we're in the red," he said.

Speaking on Saturday at Musembe village, Lugari con-



CALL FOR ACTION

ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi on Saturday asked President Uhuru Kenyatta to crack the whip on Cabinet secretaries, whose dockets have been mentioned in graft cases.

Mudavadi was accompanied by Lugur MP Ayub Savula and Vihiga county MP Beatrice Adagala, among others.

stituency, during the burial of his former personal assistant Henry Maloba, Mudavadi cited the case of Italian company CMC di Rivanna, which filed for bankruptcy shortly after it was awarded contracts worth Sh100 billion to build three dams in Rift Valley.

The company, declared bankrupt in December, had been awarded tenders for Sh40 billion Itare Dam in Kuresoi, Kimwarer Multipurpose Dam and Aror Multipurpose Dam at Sh28 billion and Sh38 billion, respectively.

ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi addresses the press in Nakuru, yesterday. PHOTO: RAPHAEL MUNGE

"The stillborn Kimwarer and Aror dams sit on land that residents ought to have been compensated. They have not. The contractor has already been paid mobilisation fees! Could anything be more absurd?" he asked.

According to the ANC leader, the Italian contractor has already been paid Sh15 billion for the two dams yet work has not started.

Mudavadi now wants Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC), Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Auditor General to act on the matter.

"Is it a coincidence that one company was awarded three multi-billion-shilling contracts? Was there financial due diligence during procurement?" he asked.

ACK bishop decries gay rights push

■ by Mathew Ndung'u
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An Anglican bishop has condemned organisations pushing for decriminalisation of gayism and lesbianism.

Speaking at Green Cottage School in Murang'a, Nairobi Anglican diocese bishop Joel Waweru attributed the rot in the society to erosion of the moral fabric.

He said a team of judges cannot change the values of families as prescribed in Holy Scriptures.

The remarks come after the much-anticipated ruling on gay rights, which was to be delivered on Friday, was pushed to May 24 by judge Chacha Mwita, who claimed it was not ready as some judges had been busy.

Ward reps summoned over fight

■ by Dickens Wasonga
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Ten Kisumu MCAs, who fought at the Assembly last week, have been summoned by Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) as investigations into the incident began.

In a letter dated February 22 and signed by EACC Western region manager Ignatius Wekesa, the MCAs have been warned they risk arrest if they fail to honour the summons to appear at area EACC offices today morning.

Wekesa said the MCAs went against leadership and integrity principles of the Constitution.

The MCAs last Tuesday clashed over the replacement of the House Budget Committee chairman.

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“If we must talk about any handiwork now, it has to be the handiwork of handcuffs. Enough of Handshakes,” **Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi** on fight against corruption



Amina

“Universities must also devise long-term intervention measures to mitigate their budget deficits,” **Education CS Amina Mohamed** on proposals to increase fees



Sosson

“If the government wants to attract investors, it must change the level of taxation. Taxes are killing businesses,” **Knut secretary general Wilson Sosson** on taxation of sacoo dividends



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Editorial

Let sobriety guide fight on corruption

Amani National Congress party leader Musalia Mudavadi yesterday threatened to call for mass action if the government doesn't crack the whip on those implicated in high-level graft. In his words, time is over for political rhetoric and Kenyans want to see “handcuffs and not Handshakes”.

It all sounds very well put. Again, it is in order to pressure the government to act rightly, but we disagree on the *modus operandi* of helping to arrest corruption, with all its attendant consequences and effects on society, as proposed by Mudavadi.

First, it is inaccurate and insincere for Mudavadi to say “it is time the government started to crack down on purveyors of graft”. This war started years ago with several fairly high-level prosecutions, some of which are in progress involving suspects and beneficiaries of graft.

Further, both the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) have demonstrated gusto and alacrity in the pursuit of those reaping where they did not sow, and the results are fairly obvious in terms of arrests and prosecutions. It is not within our purview to hold brief for those two offices, or indeed for the government, but while not enough may have been done in bringing suspects to book, it is not right or even fair to say nothing has been done!

Legal and ethical means

We hold the view that in asking the government to do more, it should be in an atmosphere devoid of threats likely to incite the people against the government.

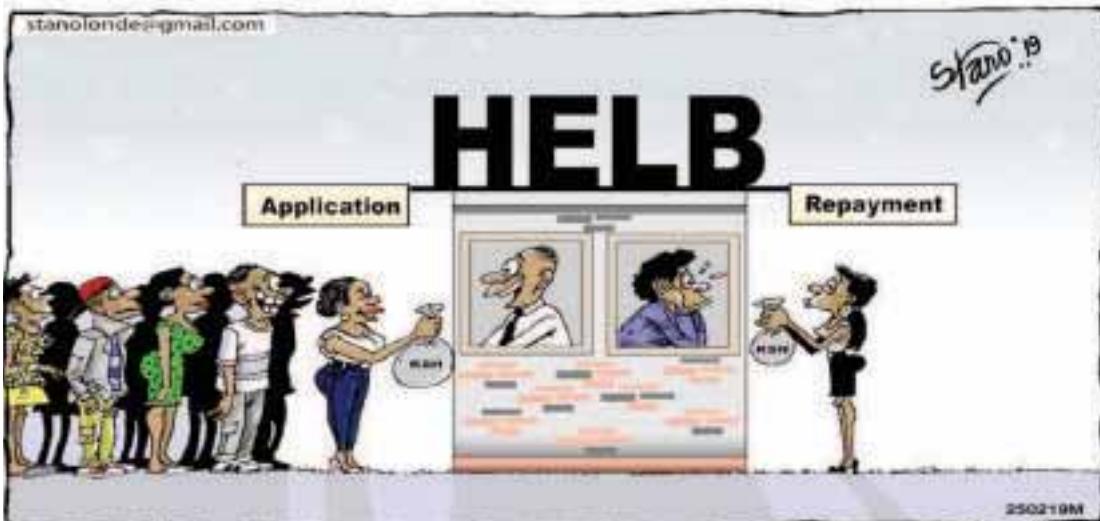
It is unfortunate for anyone to issue threats touching on the very security of the nation. We advocate a method of solving national challenges using legal and ethical means, and within the law.

Kenyans paid for the new Constitution with sweat and blood, and it would be a pity if we would choose the path of abrogating the law to suit political whims. That is not the way to go. Mudavadi is within his rights to speak his mind about matters of national concern, but it is another kettle of fish altogether to issue threats that could cause public disorder or acts of lawlessness.

How would this cause further arrests of graft suspects? Mass action is not a solution to our collective challenges! A sober debate devoid of politics and well-reasoned arguments should guide the anti-graft discourse among other national challenges.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion
— Muhammad Ali



Elnathan John

Why Nigeria elections won't change anything

Nigeria has come a long way from 1999 when the army handed over power to a democratically elected government, but the bar must rise from conducting free and fair elections and having scheduled transitions.

After being postponed for a week national elections were held on Saturday. President Muhammadu Buhari, 76, is seeking a second term in office on All Progressives Congress ticket. Buhari refashioned himself as a reformed democrat and won the presidency in 2015.

A conservative politician, he has few personal friends. But he has immense support among the impoverished masses across northern Nigeria, where he is perceived to be one of the least tainted politicians.

His supporters saw his reputation as a ruthless former military dictator as an asset that would enable him to take on the political elite and end corruption and defeat Boko Haram extremists. But Buhari hasn't succeeded in ending corruption, improving the economy or defeating Boko Haram.

His main challenger is Atiku Abubakar, a tycoon, who is vying on People's Democratic Party ticket. The capricious workings of the Nigerian political space makes it difficult to

make distinctions among the contenders and their political entities. Neither the ruling party nor the opposition parties are rooted in any discernible political ideology.

Almost every politician supporting the opposition candidate has at some point been a member of the governing party. In 2015 when Buhari took over as president, Nigeria had the third-largest number of extremely poor people. Last year, Nigeria overtook India to become the country with the largest number of the extreme poor.

Unemployment rates have also more than doubled. The stasis of the presidency was well illustrated by Buhari's taking six months to appoint government ministers and spending months away in London for medical treatment. His reluctance to address scandals in his government did not inspire confidence.

While not seen as personally corrupt, Buhari seems either powerless or unwilling to deal with corruption charges against some of his confidantes. Another failure of Buhari has been improving the rule of law. In his administration, police have been accused of extrajudicial killings.

It forces one to ask: Will the election change anything? In a system

sustained by patronage, corruption and disregard for the law, moving the country toward a more functional democracy will require much more than elections.

Corruption in Nigeria is not going anywhere anytime soon. All of the major players have either been seen to condone or directly participate in it. Many allies, supporters and funders of both leading presidential candidates are people with histories of crime and corruption.

This state of dysfunction discourages people from organising in non-partisan unpaid movements that challenge government impropriety or demand accountability or justice. This fear is weaponised by politicians and elections become a mere formality, putting a new coat of paint on the walls of corruption, disregard for rule of law and denial of human rights.

It might be a tall order to expect active engagement from people trying to survive, groaning under the weight of a dysfunctional, unsafe country. But there is no substitute for continuously demanding accountability, not just during elections but throughout the tenure of whoever wins. Because democracy is a continuous process and not an event.

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Gathu Kaara

LSK disregard for rules in JSC saga disgraceful

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) has been in turmoil in recent weeks over the election of its representative to the Judicial Service Commission (JSC), the body that prefects judges and magistrates.

This churning has centred around whether its incumbent male representative, Tom Ojienda, can run for re-election.

Now, here is the crux of the matter. The rules are very explicit on what a candidate needs to be nominated. Among the rules are that the applicant needs clearances from the Credit Reference Bureau, Kenya Revenue Authority, Higher Education Loans Board, Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission.

There is a reason why these requirements were put in place. The biggest problem in Kenya's public service today is the lack of integrity. Stringent requirements were, therefore, instituted to ensure that only those who pass the test of public probity are allowed to assume position of responsibility.

When the LSK called for applications, five people responded. They are Ojienda, Charles Ongoto, Alex Gatundu, Njeru Macharia, and Gathii Irungu. Ongoto, Macharia and Gatundu met all the requirements. Irungu submitted his application after the deadline and did not attach required clearances. Ojienda did not submit a KRA clearance certificate, since the taxman has been battling him in court demanding huge taxes.

The LSK instituted an independent

committee to evaluate these applications. This committee cleared Ongoto, Macharia and Gatundu. It did not clear Ojienda and Irungu. This was the correct position.

In a fit of pique, the LSK Council threw out the recommendations of their own vetting committee, and cleared all to vie! Apparently, Irungu had to be cleared otherwise it would have looked like blatant discrimination to only clear Ojienda.

Two issues arise here. First, what is the LSK council telling the candidates who spent time, effort and resources to meet the requirements? Indeed, these should be the first people to protest and seek nullification of Irungu and Ojienda's clearance. This is a clear case of the playing field not being level.

After all, if other lawyers had known that they could apply out of time, and that all those clearances really did not matter, there could probably have been an avalanche of applications.

Secondly, what the LSK Council is saying about the rules and regulations is that they don't matter. When they become inconvenient, trample them underfoot and move on. What is so special about the candidature of one person that anything that stands in his way must be crushed?

LSK has for years projected itself as the paragon of the rule of law, pontificating on the need for the country to stay on the straight and narrow.

The law cannot be a convenience to be applied only when it suits one. The JSC saga has badly damaged LSK's standing

in society. One can imagine politicians rubbing their hands in glee as LSK deconstructs itself. Lawyers have been on the case of the politicians over blatant disregard for rules and regulations.

If LSK goes ahead with its controversial election and what looks like a determined effort to push an individual into office at all costs, the damage it will inflict on it will take a long time to repair. The lawyers body will have zero moral authority to point fingers.

What is even more shocking is the complacency with which LSK's legal warriors, those who pick fights with government at the slightest provocation, have adopted a see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil attitude.

Some senior lawyers are even saying these clearances do not matter. Really? Then let us do away with vetting. Allow all and sundry to apply for election or appointment for any position. Let's not bother with vetting of Cabinet secretaries, Principal secretaries *et al*.

Kenyans made a decision to ensure people are vetted for integrity, and the country cannot go back on this.

LSK Council still has time to correct this absurdity before it goes into the election. Lawyers must come out and demand that their organisation stands out as a beacon of rule of law in a country where all sectors of society seem to be in a race to the bottom. It would be real shame if LSK beats them to the tape.

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Morris Maina

Support children's efforts to protect school land

From February 17 to 21, the 2nd Children's Devolution Conference was held at Nairobi Primary School and the M-Pesa Foundation Academy in Thika. It brought together at least 400 children from all the 47 counties, of stages of learning from ECDE to secondary school, including children living with disabilities and those in juvenile and correctional centres.

The aim of the conference was to share children's experiences and their perspective on the implementation of the Big Four agenda within devolved functions.

Among the key issues that children raised was the issue of safety and protection from abuse. In a debate on the motion "The Society and Media has failed to Protect Children from Violence and Abuse" the children articulated clear examples of how the community had failed to ensure their safety at home and at school.

Children are among the strongest protectors of public-school land. It is because of the brave actions of the children of Lang'ata Road Primary School in January 2015 that the issue of grabbing of public school land became known as a national

issue affecting 70 per cent of the 32,000 public schools in Kenya. Their actions bore fruit when President Kenyatta issued a directive that all public school land be titled. Today, at least 9,000 public primary and secondary schools have title deeds.

We have also witnessed cases of children acting to protect school land in Naka Primary School in Nakuru, Mwamdu Primary in Kwale, Victoria Primary in Kisumu and Garissa High School in Garissa.

These protests by children provide a nationwide snapshot of how dire the situation is and show children's commitment to protect their learning spaces at all costs. It also shows the extent to which duty bearers have failed to act to protect public schools from land grabbing.

Research by the Shule Yangu Alliance Campaign in 2016 showed that 65 per cent of those culpable of grabbing school land are local communities, 18 per cent public institutions, 10 per cent religious institutions, 5 per cent politicians and 1 per cent Parent-Teachers Associations and NGOs.

These statistics confirms the criticism that society is not only not doing enough

to ensure children's learning spaces are secure but are actively engaged in stripping public land meant for schools.

The ministries of education and lands initiative in November 2018 to gazette a taskforce of 15 members to accelerate titling of public schools land could not have come at a better time.

Shule Yangu Alliance with its partners is organising alumni, corporates and citizens in a fencing campaign for public schools. The Inter-Ministerial Legal Working Group convened by the National Lands Commission was also set up in 2018 to deal with legal issues and disputes that keep public schools from being titled and fenced.

We should all support these efforts to ensure success. At the 2019 Children's Devolution Conference, children passed a verdict on government and society. Although they are appreciative of the efforts in ensuring their future is bright, there is also a lot of room for improvement.

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Gor Mahia aka Sirkal was meeting Hussein Dey of Algeria yesterday and KOT went gaga.

@IdahWaringa: Only plan today... Gor Mahia vs. Hussein Dey 4pm at Kasarani. I'm hype!

Twende stadi watu wangu #CAF-CC #Sirkal.

@TomBwana: Just play Muguna, Wendo, Kahata and Sammy Onyango to supply Tuyisenge and Kipkirui. We'll get goals thru that

combination. #CAFCC #Sirkal.

@karis_gaz: I am behind Husseini Dey. Always supporting the underdogs so let's see how the #Algerians perform in a sub-standard pitch and scorching sun

over 33°C. #Sirkal my foot.

Roberto@KissyRoberto: Hii squad ya leo iko fine sana, flanks and striking force... We will score more than 3 goals and win this one today... #Sirkal.

STREET talk

Legislator robbed blind by assistant

An MP who brags that he does not carry cash because his assistants run his accounts is a troubled man. He is said to have suffered a rude shock when he found out that an assistant who has been withdrawing cash for him from ATMs had emptied the accounts of all contents. The MP had reportedly decided to go to the bank by himself when the trusted assistant was out of town, only to find no money in the account.

MPs gain notoriety for not paying debts

Still on MPs and money, two female MPs have reportedly formed a habit of borrowing from colleagues to settle bills when they are on foreign trips. The only problem is they never honour the promise to refund the money when they come back. Their behaviour has reportedly been exacerbated by the delay by Parliament to pay MPs travel allowances.

Top official doctors academic credentials

A senior government official has found himself in an awkward position after details leaked that he is yet to complete his PhD degree course despite having issued a memo directing all staff in his docket to cease addressing him as a "Mr" and instead call him "Dr". Word has it that the man is not only yet to graduate, he has yet to successfully defend his thesis at the university.

Governor, deputy live large in hotels

A governor of a Western Kenya county is on the spotlight after it was revealed he has been living in a hotel where he pays Sh150,000 every month as he waits for the completion of his Sh80 million mansion. His deputy has also followed suit and he is said to be spending Sh90,000 on hotel expenses per month.



TRUTH IS: To get into heaven, it is who you know that counts.



Patrick Wachira

Thinning hair to cost me some heavenly experiences

I have noted with grave concern that the hair on top of my head is thinning, which is giving me a bad hair day.

I know you think I should be a happier guy, knowing there will soon be less hair to bother my barber, but I have other worries right now. You see, I might have less hair to comb but I will wash a bigger face.

Of course, I have come a long way from the days my mother would put my head between her knees and sharpening a pair of scissors using the mouth of a bottle, she would proceed to shave off my hair, leaving patterns that made the head look like it was full of tattoos.

If you encountered kindly friends after that, they told you that your heads resembled a coffee plantation. If you had a rough skin like I had, figuratively that is, I countered with expletives that they remembered for the rest of their lives. And this being a family newspaper, we will not repeat them here.

Later when I went to high school and owned more than one pair of shoes, my mother ensured I graduated to being a regular visitor at the local barber's, where we queued for hours to get what we called an educated haircut.

Now, the estate barber operated from under a tree. From a low-lying branch hang a broken mirror, whose shape changed from one week to another, depending on when it fell last. Every time it fell, pieces of the edge were lost, and the shape changed further.

Near-death experience

That meant this week it was the roughly the shape of Africa, and the next week, almost the shape of Guatemala or Papua New Guinea. The week after that, it would resemble China. The geography lesson was unforgettable.

One day, it was my turn for a cut and the barber started working on my head as the manual machine went *kaka kaka kaka*. The bloke had just done the right side of my head when the estate wag came running. Apparently, the Kanjo guys had been sighted.

Since this was not a licensed business,



it meant that all of us flee as fast as the wind.

Unluckily for all of us, the dreaded council *askaris* arrived sooner than expected, and before we could make a quick exit. But my barber, who was well-fed was not one to leave his client behind. I hadn't paid, if you get the point.

He grabbed me by the neck from behind, in a Judo-like stranglehold and fled fast, as I flailed my hands and legs. Never have I felt so light in another man's grasp.

We ended up in a semi-complete building, from where he regained his breath as I recovered from the near-death experience of being in his arms. I almost choked.

I was not sure which would have been worse, the arrest by the *askaris* or being

semi-strangled as I smelt his armpits.

About half-an-hour later, we emerged from hiding after learning the evil ones had left.

Heavenly experience

We resumed our positions under the tree, and I was startled to learn I was still draped in the checked *shuka* that everyone thought was cool, keeping off the shaved hair from our clothes.

Many years later, my barber of choice is a far cry from the village character and operates from an air-conditioned facility, complete with lights that enhance what I hear is called ambience.

Of course, the shave itself is a short process, lasting barely 15 minutes but what follows is what costs the money I

part with.

I get to be treated to a facial scrub, which the female experts say is meant to remove dead skin.

The scalp gets massaged too, as I doze off. Where my head rests is topic for another day.

To complete this haircut, I get a neck and shoulder massage, which I can assure you is a heavenly experience, repeated every weekend.

Before I forget, does anyone cut their hair using scissors anymore? Sometimes we forget these things.

But I need a chat with my current barber. On account of the thinning hair, I must be entitled to a price cut. Don't you think so?

Have a hair-filled week, folks!



MCA Gwino

Attempts to make peace led me to Christ, trouble

A wag once said that whenever a couple argues, one of them is right and the other, the husband. I agree.

You probably know about the Valentine's Day fiasco. How I was misled into going along with Mama Hiro, to meet a potential temptress.

For a whole week after that unfortunate incident, my house was inhabitable. The looks my mother-in-law's daughter was giving me were worse than the stab of four daggers. Indeed, I had to sleep with one eye open just in case I had to flee at short notice. Don't ask about the nightmare I had the other day: It's one I would not wish even for my worst enemy.

Well, I decided enough was enough. I had to look for a way of making peace. You see, I had heard Mama Hiro talking to someone on phone about an evangelistic crusade. So I chose this as my line of attack.

"Mama Hiro where and when will that crusade be held?" I ventured. Suddenly, the scowl that had been resident on her face gave way to an angelic smile.

"Why? You want to go?" she asked in a

sweet voice.

"Yes," I said thoughtlessly.

"It is tomorrow at the stadium. We shall go."

For a moment, I regretted my approach to the peace-making attempts, but it was too late. I knew there was no way I could retract my word.

The following morning, we headed to the venue. We arrived to find the place packed with worshippers, most of them ladies. They were singing their hearts out. My greatest wish at that time was to be as inconspicuous as possible.

Prodigal son

However, to my horror, Mama Hiro led me right to the front, just next to the pulpit. The preacher looked at me and smiled knowingly. I forced a smile too. Soon it was time to welcome the guests.

"All our visitors, please stand up," announced one of the officials at the pulpit. I made as if to stand, but the preacher gestured at me to remain seated.

After all the people who had stood introduced themselves, the preacher rose and gave me another smile. My heart

skipped a beat.

"Saints," he began. "Praise the Lord."

"Amen," the congregants roared back.

"I am a happy man today. Why do I say so?" He then paused and re-smiled at me. "Bwana MCA, please come forward."

I stood and gingerly walked to the front. "There is joy when a sinner repents," he declared to a deafening 'Amen' from the crowd. "Our brother here has finally seen the light. He has realised it shall not profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul. What is an MCA's fat salary and hefty allowances compared to a ticket to heaven? Vanity!" Another thunderous 'Amen'.

He then held me by the shoulder and said, "Brother, I want to pray for you. Please kneel down."

I obeyed. He slammed his palm onto my head and the prayer began.

"Father, I present this child before you. Like the Prodigal Son, accept him. Forgive his many sins. We know the temptations that people in his position face. Forgive him for taking more than he is entitled to. May he, like Zacchaeus, re-

turn three times what he took."

At this point I almost stood and told him off, but the thought of engaging him in a shouting match frightened me. "Not just him, Lord. Forgive the governor too and the other MCAs. May they also repent. You know this county is about to be blacklisted for wastage of public funds. You also know the level of corruption here is scary!"

Another earsplitting 'Amen'. The man of cloth went on and on about the rot in our county, punctuating his utterances with repeated thumping of my head. My kneecaps were now getting sore.

When after what seemed like a whole day, the prayer ended, mercifully. He then announced the following week I would lead a fundraiser to buy new pews — although we had discussed nothing of the sort. I took my seat and from the look on Mama Hiro's face, I knew all my sins were forgiven. However, my greatest worry now is that the governor will get to hear what the preacher said, in my presence, about his government. Anyway, *nitapambana na hali yangu tu*.

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What is an MCA's fat salary and hefty allowances compared to a ticket to heaven?

Ekeza founder welcomes plan to sell off property

by Mathew Ndung'u

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The founder of Ekeza Sacco David Ngari has welcomed the proposal to have some of his assets sold off by a State agency to recover money he owes members.

Ngari alias Gakuyo said he is ready to sell his property to refund the members' money.

Property sale

Speaking two days after the release of the sacco's inquiry report by the State, Ngari, however, insists that the government must involve him in the sale of his property in order to ensure only those worth the money he has been charged is sold.

"I support the State in taking

I support the State to take over the sale but I must be part of the process - Ngari

over the sale but I must be part of the process. I have always been ready to sell my property in order to get the money to refund members," he said. Ngari added that he would not rest until all Ekeza Sacco members who are seeking refund get their money.

The inquiry report put the amount of money being demanded by members from the sacco at Sh602 million.

"I support the State in taking

Maraga committed no crime, say Kisii leaders

by Evans Nyakundi

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Leaders from the Kisii community have come to the defence of Chief Justice David Maraga from attacks by some senators for attending a presidential function.

Kisii Senator Sam Ongeri said Maraga had not committed any crime by attending the President's function held in his Kisii home backyard and dismissed those who were dragging his name into politics.

He particularly took issue with the Senate Minority Leader James Oringo and the Bungoma Senator Moses Wetang'ula, say-



ing they misinterpreted the CJ's presence at the event.

"I was there and at no time did Maraga talk politics when he was given a chance to greet his village people," said Ongeri (pictured).

He said claims by the senators that Maraga embarrassed the Judiciary were baseless because the CJ also has a right to interact with Kenyans irrespective of their social, economical and political status.

Parents keeping students home will be prosecuted'

by Reuben Mwambingu

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Mombasa County Commissioner Evans Achoki has embarked on a rigorous operation aimed at arresting parents and their children who are frustrating the 100 per cent transition to secondary school campaign.

Achoki warned the operation will target all parents who have allowed their children who are supposed to join Form One to continue staying at home despite calls for support of the campaign.



threatened to mobilise his constituents to take unspecified action if the government fails to take action over the matter.

Industrial pollution

He said if Tobiko does not reign in on Nema for failing on its mandate of ensuring industries do not pollute their environment, then he should resign.

MP pressures Tobiko, Nema to close Kibos Sugar Company over pollution

by Mercy Mwai

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Pressure continues to mount on Environment Cabinet secretary Keriako Tobiko and National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) to close down Kibos Sugar Company over pollution of River Kibos.

Muhoroni MP Onyango K'Oyoo (pictured) yesterday



Scouts from Norway and Denmark lay a wreath at the movement's founder Baden Powell's graveside at the Baden Powell Historical Garden in Nyeri during the founder's day, on Saturday. Powell was buried in Nyeri in 1941. PHOTO: JOSEPH KINGORI

Kiambu given two weeks to present anti-graft plan

EACC identifies numerous illegalities and irregularities in county policies, procedures

County needs to lay a firm foundation for corruption prevention - Lepichirit

by Clement Kamau

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Kiambu County government has less than two weeks to present a plan on how it intends to seal corruption loopholes to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC).

The ultimatum comes after a Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA) team from EACC handed over its findings into the systems, policies, procedures and practices of the county executive which established numerous illegalities and irregularities.

Assessment exercise of the county was carried out between December 5 and December 20, 2017 and found that the devolved unit does not have controlled revenue collection measures.

This was three months after former Governor William Kabogo handed over the county leadership to Ferdinand Waititu (pictured) with the report capturing Kabogo's tenure at length.

For instance, in the period be-

STALLED PROJECTS

The corruption risk assessment team noted numerous projects in Kiambu had either stalled or were incomplete which was a pointer to poor planning and prioritisation, lack of feasibility studies and diversion of funds.

In matters discipline, the team noted several breaches among staff such as theft, insubordination, intoxication, lateness, forgeries and neglect of duties.



tween July 1 and December 8, 2016, over Sh320 million was collected as compared to Sh185 million in the same period in the year 2017.

This shows there was a decline of revenue by Sh135 million which affected the county budget implementation.

Cash theft

The assessment gathered that revenue collection staff failed to remit millions of shillings.

In a letter reference number KCG/FEP/HRM/VOL1/17 dated January, 2017, a member of staff was disciplined for failing to remit Sh1 million which was collected from May 11 to June 30, 2016.

The team also noted variances in the county executive pay roll for successive months with the same lacking reconciliation to explain the variances which led to embezzlement of county funds.

Report was presented to Waititu by the EACC vice chair Sophia Lepuchirit who called upon the county government to lay a firm foundation for corruption prevention. The county was told to operationalise an independent corruption prevention committee and also establish corruption reporting channels.

Waititu warned his staff against corruption noting that those caught engaging in the vice would be held personally liable.

Addressing a news conference yesterday, K'Oyoo expressed concerns that the company is making the living conditions of his constituent unbearable.

"If Kibos Sugar wants to continue with its operations in the area it must adhere to the environmental requirements because if it cannot, then they will have to leave the area," he said.

DNA test ordered in incest case

A Narok court on Friday ordered a paternity test taken in a case in which a 40-year-old man is charged with defiling his two daughters and impregnating one of them.

Narok Senior principal magistrate Titus Gesora ordered that a DNA test be conducted on Jackson Aperi and the baby to ascertain the biological relationship between them.

In law, a criminal case of incest can only stand if there is a biological or blood relation-

ship between the accused and the victim.

Aperi was charged with defiling his 14-year-old visually impaired daughter on diverse dates between 2015 and November 3, 2016 at Eor-Ekule in Narok East and in the process impregnated her. He is also charged with defiling his other 13-year-old daughter.

The accused will remain in custody until March 6 when the two assault cases will be consolidated.

-KNA

DNA test be done on Aperi and the baby



Election kicks off in Senegal

Dakar, Sunday

Senegal went to the polls Sunday in an election that incumbent President Macky Sall is tipped to win after his main challengers were banned from running.

His two biggest rivals in the first-round vote in the West African nation—popular former Dakar mayor Khalifa Sall and Karim Wade, the son of the previous president—were disqualified after corruption convictions in trials questioned by rights groups.

People queued in large numbers as the polling station opened at Fatick in the centre of the country, where Sall was expected to vote, as well as at Thies in the west, AFP reporters said.

Voting delays

But at Grand-Yoff, the stronghold of Khalifa Sall, voting had yet to start just after 0800 GMT.

President Sall, a former geologist who first took the presidency in 2012 after beating his former political mentor Wade, campaigned for a second term pitching his "Emerging Senegal" infrastructure project to boost economic growth.

"Victory in the first round is indisputable," Sall told a recent Dakar campaign rally. - AFP

N Korea slams critics of Trump-Kim summit

Duo set for another meeting this week in Hanoi after their groundbreaking first forum in Singapore last June

Seoul, Sunday

The US administration must not forget last year's lesson when it plunged the bilateral negotiations into a stalemate -Agency

Pyongyang's State media on Sunday slammed US critics of the planned meeting between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un a day after the North Korean leader boarded an armoured train en route to the summit venue in Vietnam.

The two leaders are due to meet next week in Hanoi after their groundbreaking first summit in Singapore last June, which produced a vague statement on the "denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula".

Senior officials from Washington and Pyongyang are holding preparatory talks in Hanoi—which are expected to be largely focused on establishing the agenda for the summit.

Lack progress

Stephen Biegun, the US Special Representative on North Korea who is leading the American delegation, acknowledged last month that Pyongyang and Washington did not have a "shared agreement of what denuclearisation entails".

The lack of progress since the first summit has fuelled scepticism in Washington over the North's intentions, with Trump's own intelligence chief saying Pyongyang was unlikely to completely give up its weapons programme.

But in a sharply-worded commentary issued Sunday, the North's official Korean Central News Agency slammed US critics



ABOUT SUMMIT

The much anticipated second US-North Korea summit is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday in the Vietnamese capital.

It follows a historic first round of talks last year in Singapore. All eyes will be on what if any progress is made towards "denuclearisation".

and urged the Trump administration to seize "the rare historic opportunity".

"The US administration must not forget last year's lesson when it plunged the bilateral negotiations into a stalemate, being swayed by the opponent forces," it said.

North Korea leader Kim Jong-un begins train ride to Vietnam for summit with US president Donald Trump. PHOTO: AGENCY

"If the upcoming DPRK-US negotiations end without results as wished by the opponent forces, the US people will never be cleared of the security threats," it added.

Pyongyang is seeking relief from punishing UN sanctions and rejects demands for what it calls its "unilateral" disarmament.

Washington insists that the measures must stay in place until North Korea gives up its nuclear arsenal. -AFP

Opposition calls for ouster of Venezuela president Maduro

Caracas, Sunday

Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó has called on other nations to consider "all measures" to oust President Nicolas Maduro.

International pressure is building on Maduro after opposition-led efforts to bring aid into Venezuela descended into deadly violence on Saturday.

At least two people died in clashes between civilians and troops loyal to Maduro. The president has blocked aid from entering Venezuela.

Guaidó marshalled volunteers to collect and transport the aid from Brazil and Colombia but the efforts set off fierce border clashes with soldiers, who opened fire using live ammunition and rubber bullets.

US is prepared to take action on Venezuela leader -Pompeo

Interim leader

Guaidó, 35, last month declared himself interim president and has since been recognised as interim leader by more than 50 countries.

He has announced his intention to participate in a meeting of mostly Latin American countries in Bogota, Colombia on Monday, despite being under a travel ban imposed by Maduro. US Vice President Mike Pence will represent Washington at the meeting. -BBC

Nigerians await winner of presidential contest

Abuja, Sunday

Nigeria on Sunday awaited results from its presidential election as civil society groups warned that disorganisation and violence may have undermined the polls.

Results from 120,000 polling stations in 36 states where voting was held Saturday were expected to trickle in to the capital Abuja after being collated at the state and local levels.

The chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Mahmood Yakubu, will officially announce the outcome in the coming days.

Whoever becomes the next leader of Africa's most populous country and leading oil producer will face a daunting to-do list, from widespread insecurity and endemic corruption to an economy recovering from recession.

Voting stretched

While INEC said it was "generally satisfied" with the vote, polling stretched into Saturday evening in areas where equipment failed to function or arrive on time.

It also remained unclear what INEC would do about the 8,500 polling places where voting wasn't possible.

Toxic brew kills 130 in India

Assam, Sunday

At least 130 people have died and more than 200 are being treated in hospital after drinking toxic bootleg alcohol in north-eastern India, officials said.

Some 35 people were reported dead in the state of Assam on Sunday, days after about 100 people died in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

Ten people have been arrested over the bootleg drink, a police official said.

Inquiry ordered

There were many women among the victims, who all worked on tea plantations.

An inquiry has been ordered into the tragedy. The death toll is believed to be the highest since a 2011 case in West Bengal, where more than 170 people died after ingesting bootleg alcohol. -BBC

Tanzanian leader held for 'sedation'

Dar es Salaam, Sunday

The leader of the women's wing of Tanzania's main opposition has been arrested for "seditious" talk, colleagues from her Chadema party said Sunday.

Halima Mdee, 40, a member of parliament and a lawyer, was arrested on Saturday in Tanzania's Dar es Salaam after meetings with her constituents.

Mdee, an outspoken critic of President John Magufuli, was arrested several times in 2018, accused of insulting him.

Her party say her arrest is the latest example of a crackdown by the government against its critics. Magufuli's government, however denies the claims. -AFP

Saudi picks woman as envoy to US

Riyadh, Sunday

Saudi Arabia has announced that Princess Rima bint Bandar al-Saud will become its next ambassador to the US - the first woman ever to take on an envoy role for the kingdom.

Her appointment was made public in a royal decree on Saturday. Princess Rima spent part of her childhood living in Washington DC.

She assumes the role at a difficult time, as Saudi Arabia tries to quell an international outcry over journalist Jamal Khashoggi's death. Princess Rima will take over the role from the Crown Prince's younger brother, Prince Khalid bin Salman. -BBC

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Sh73b
Sum contractors
have pocketed from
stalled projects

Contractors paid Sh10b for stalled public works

In this third instalment of a seven-part series on abandoned government projects, Business Writer MARTIN MWITA turns focus on the Public Works department

As fresh details on stalled government projects emerge, the State Department for Public Works has stood out among those with a high number of unfinished projects with some remaining on hold for a decade.

A number of the works are reported to be 100 per cent complete but have been listed among those still in need of funds, raising transparency issues.

It is emerging that budget constraints have hit the department which is under the Transport, Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development ministry, leading to 44 key projects stalling across the country.

The revelation comes as the State moves to address the high number of white elephant projects amid contractors and corrupt government officials pocketing of billions, as embezzlement of public funds through project tendering remains a concern.

District headquarters

An audit conducted by the National Treasury reveals that projects worth Sh14.9 billion under the Public Works department are yet to be complete, despite contractors cashing in on Sh10.1 billion.

Construction works at 30 former district headquarters, now occupied by county commissioners and government officials, form the bulk of the stalled projects under the department.

TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

Kenya Industrial Training Institute in Nakuru and Kabarnet Medical Training Centre require Sh143.5 million and Sh149.6 million respectively for completion.

The two had budgets of Sh396.6 million and Sh267.1 million respectively where contractors have pocketed Sh253 million and Sh117.5 million correspondingly.

Sh14.9b

Value of projects under the Public Works department that have stalled despite contractors pocketing Sh10.1 billion

ment. According to the Stalled Capital Projects report tabled in Parliament, 31 of the 44 projects were initiated in 2010 while six started in 2012. The years 2009, 2016 and 2017 had two projects each.

Treasury, through Principal secretary Karmau Thugge, has mainly attributed the delays to "budget constraints and low-budget ceiling".

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

Kamukunji

Kamukunji leads the bunch on stalled district headquarters yet to be complete seven years into the devolved system of governance. The project was launched in March 2010 with a budget of Sh75.4 million. Cumulative expenditure on the project stands at Sh37.7 million though completion rate remains unknown.

Nyandarua

Nine years later, Nyandarua West headquarters, whose development was established in 2010 on a Sh74.2 million budget, is at 40 per cent complete with Sh30 million having already been spent. The government is supposed to pump Sh44.2 million into the its completion with a timeline of up to May next year.

Top

Kamukunji, Nyandarua, Nyeri South, Kipipiri and Githunguri close the top five list of the highest funded district headquarters which have stalled. Nyeri South, Kipipiri and Githunguri have budgets of Sh72 million, 67 million and Sh61 million with Sh42 million, 37 million and Sh23.7 million required for their completion respectively.

National Treasury issued a circular on August 31, 2018 requiring all ministries, departments and agencies to provide details of stalled capital projects for submission to the National Assembly.

This came after President Uhuru Kenyatta issued a directive in July last year freezing new mega projects until ongoing ones are up and operational.

"There will be no new projects embarked on until you complete those that are ongoing," the President told State officers who had convened at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre.

Treasury has disclosed a total 545 projects valued at Sh365.9 billion have stalled despite contractors pocketing more than Sh72.5 billion of taxpayers' money.

Construction of Kibish Police Station and General Service Unit base camp in Turkana County accounts for the largest amount of funds budgeted for development works under the Public Works department. The two projects, which were initiated in January 2010, had an allocation of Sh2.1 billion.

The second big project by allocation is Mithiani House Phase 5 with a budget of Sh1.6 billion. Initiated in May 2012, the project which is said to be 100 per cent complete but still re-

quires Sh334.5 million, leaving many questions unanswered. The project has already consumed Sh1.3 billion.

Development of the Migori District Headquarters Phase 2 is the third top project that is stuck. The development was launched in August 2017 with a Sh1.3 billion budget. As of June last year, Sh550 million had already gone into the project despite development being at five per cent complete.

According to Treasury documents, the project requires Sh700 million to complete, raising questions over its viability as 95 per cent of the work remains undone. It was scheduled for completion in January next year.

Housing project

Development of the Mathare Nyayo Hospital at Sh1.2 billion has also been listed among stalled projects. Initiated in August 2012, the development is 47 per cent complete having consumed Sh519.1 million. The contractor still requires Sh693.3 million with completion set for July 2020.

The Westpark Police Housing Project (Nairobi) is also stalled with a budget of Sh1.1 billion. Launched in September 2009, it which was meant to be complete by September last year but requires Sh40.7 million despite Treasury indicating it is 100

per cent complete.

Other notable high-value projects include construction of the Nyamira Divisional Police Phase II at Sh812.7 million, Kenya Institute of Business Training (Sh767.6 million); Voi Pool Housing (Sh747.3 million), Makueni District Headquarters Phase One (Sh740 million) and Migori District Headquarters Phase One (Sh719.7 million).

The five require Sh49.4 million, Sh113.7 million, Sh597.5 million, Sh490 million and Sh243.9 million respectively to complete construction works.

Also on the list is Kericho Ardhi House Phase Two with a budget of Sh699.6 million. The project which commenced in April 2012 is 92 per cent complete and requires Sh72.5 million to finalise even as Sh627.1 million has already been spent despite completion timeline of July 2018 has lapsed.

Nyanza Provincial Headquarters (under the defunct provincial administration) requires Sh23.1 million to complete works at the facility despite it being listed as 100 per cent complete. With a budget of Sh508.6 million, the development which was initiated in May 2010 has already consumed Sh485.5 million. It was meant to be complete by December last year.

Cane farmers throw weight behind mills privatisation

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The parallel task force team that was investigating the sugar crisis in the country is now calling for privatisation of sugar mills.

Consequently, the Kenya National Alliance of Sugar Cane Farmers also wants the industry to be completely

deregulated by deletion of sugarcane from the First Schedule of the Crops Act 2013.

According to the alliance, farmers are opposed to zoning as it will tie them to non-performing millers. They also want the long delayed draft Crops General Regulations discarded.

In a raft of recommendations, the farmers, led by the alliance chair Saulo

Busolo, said that privatisation of sugar mills will ensure there is active support for private investors.

Competition

Busolo argues that farmers want more factories opened to create competition for cane.

"Having met more than 500 sugar-cane farmers in all 16 sugar factory

zones, we would like to initiate an ongoing dialogue with the government task force. Some assistance may be required in this regard," he said.

Busolo regretted that farmers have suffered for too long from inefficiencies of government-owned mills and prefer dealing with the private sector.

Although he said that those dealing with private millers had issues, they

did not face significant payment delays like the government ones.

He, however, said that support is needed to clear legal issues around Miwani, Busia and Ramisi, and to have government organisations such as the Kenya Revenue Authority and Kenya Bureau of Standards take into consideration the plight of farmers before closing down factories.

Preventing milk spillage



From left, Co-operative Bank Head of co-op consultancy Nicholas Kamonye, the bank's director in charge of co-operatives banking Vincent Marangu and Brookside Dairy general manager milk procurement and extension services Emmanuel Kabaki on the sidelines of training for dairy co-operative leaders in Nairobi. Brookside Dairy has partnered with Co-op Consultancy on a nationwide training of dairy co-operatives managers on corporate governance. PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

Three heads together



Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya vice -Chairman Denish Osondo (left) with chairman Julius Mwatu (centre) and chief executive Edwin Makori during a briefing on the side-lines of the institute's 27th Economic Symposium in Nairobi. PHOTOS: ALICE MBURU

Warm-up for First Lady run



Co-operative Bank head of consumer banking Lena Yego (right) and head of agency operations Samson Sigu warm up in preparation for the upcoming First Lady's Half Marathon set for March 10. The bank is among corporates that will participate in the run dubbed Beyond Zero that will raise funds to curb maternal deaths and child mortality.

Bringing eCommerce closer home



Postal Corporation of Kenya (PCK) chief executive Dan Kagwe (left) and Seagate Holdings managing director Alex Karundu during the signing of an agreement between the firms in Nairobi. Seagate will connect the Kenyans to US-based ecommerce platforms such as Amazon, through PCK. PHOTO: GERALD ITHANA

Exploring young scientific minds

Vocational and Technical Education Principal secretary Kevit Desai (left) and Safaricom youth segments lead Angela Githuthu (centre) have a light moment as Lians Njambi explains her project during the launch of Young Scientist Kenya Boot Camp at Moi Girls High School, Nairobi.



Sponsoring long distance runners



Toyota Kenya managing director Arvinder Singh Reel presents a Sh3 million sponsorship dummy cheque for the National Cross Country and World Championships trials. Looking on is Athletics Kenya (AK) treasurer David Miano (second left), vice-president Paul Mutwii (centre), AK president Jack Tuwei and Barnaba Korir (right). PHOTO: CHARLES MAATHAI

Bringing water services near you

Nyeri Governor Mutahi Kahiga (right), Davis & Shirtliff general manager Margaret Kuchoi (second right), Nyeri branch manager Antony Ndung'u and chief executive David Gatende (left) during the official opening of the firm's Nyeri branch.



Do I tell my new girlfriend I'm a baby daddy?

Hi Achokis, I recently met a nice woman and we started going out together. I love her and I know she loves me too. However, I have a child with another woman. There was nothing really serious between us—we just got careless and she became pregnant with my child. I accepted responsibility and agreed to support her through the pregnancy. Now I'm afraid that if my new girlfriend knows about this, it might jeopardise our relationship. I don't want to lose her. What do I do?



Two in One

Where there's fear and secrets, there's no intimacy

In sharing your innermost feelings with your spouse, especially those things that hurt you—your failures and fears, do you feel safe or scared? Do you make your spouse feel safe or scared to share with you their innermost feelings? Do you know what your spouse's greatest fears are and why they struggle with them? Are the secrets your spouse knows about you reasons for shame, or reasons for drawing you closer?

And why do we struggle to share with our spouse our innermost feelings? The fear is we can know each other so intimately yet this great blessing can also be a greatest danger. Someone who knows us this intimately can either love us at depths we never imagined, or can wound us in ways we would never fully recover from. So often, it is our spouse who can hurt us so badly until we resolve within us never to share with them our struggles or stresses.

We fear they will reject us or look at us differently because of what we shared with them. We even fear that what we share with

them at our most vulnerable state might be used against us at a later stage.

Sometimes those fears have nothing to do with our spouse, but everything to do with our past. Probably your best friend, brother or sister or even parent betrayed you, laughed at you, belittled what you told them when you shared with them something so intimate to you. So, you vowed never to do that again, no wonder you struggle to open up to your spouse.

How can we get to open up? We need the courage to do so knowing that this might just be the door to greater intimacy. Where our fear lies so often is where our greatest opportunity lies as well. What you fear might just be an opportunity for your spouse to get to know you better, empathise with you and even forgive you. It might just unlock that door to greater intimacy. We can also on the other hand offer a safe space to each other by loving our spouse to the point that they are safe with us. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear."—(1 John 4:18)



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OUR TAKE

Our past has a way of affecting our present and even our future. Your past is now affecting your present relationship. What do you do?

First, it is evident that you don't want to rock the boat. But how long are you going to hide this from your girlfriend? This thing has the potential of greatly affecting your relationship. You will live under constant fear of the secret and

thus would never become that emotionally intimate with your new girlfriend. There will always be a barrier between you and your girlfriend because of this secret. And the moment she discovers it, it would devastate her and even possibly break your relationship. So, do you want to pay now and play later or do you want to play now and pay later?

It is, therefore, important that the truth comes out early enough. Before things go too far, you need to be honest with this girl and let her know what happened. It will not be easy, but it will surely go a long way in helping you. You will be released from the guilt that is eating you up now, the fear of what if she finds out, or what if the other woman decides to blackmail you. Your fear of losing this relationship should not make you succumb to the other fear of 'what if'.

Truth will set you free

Furthermore, if this chick really loves you, she will be willing to take you and your mess. But even if she doesn't, it will mean that she wasn't really for you and that's okay. You want to be in a relationship with someone who truly loves you for who you are including your past, however bad it is.

So, gather courage and face her with the truth. After all, the Bible says that the truth will set us free. You want to be in a relationship where there is freedom not fear, where you are free to be yourself and are secure in knowing that you are loved not just because in spite of your past. The sooner you get things right, the better for you. Relationships must be founded in trust, so you don't want to start on a bad note.



Gospel artistes, save yourselves first

Well, everyone has moved on and we are now busy talking about whose honeymoon was similar to whose. Who's ranting their broken heart on social media under the guise of a happy soul—Oooh, one woman's trash is another woman's rock. But it's just a matter of time before the stench (presently masquerading as some designer cologne) makes a comeback. Bad rubbish—*mteule this mteule that*. But me, me (proud Kenyan alert)... I chose not to forget this gospel industry drama.

Back in high school, during those weekend challenge sessions where gospel artistes were invited to perform and preach the gospel, I remember some of them bragging how they are just in it for the *chums*—because that's how they talk. When we were busy queuing to buy their CDs and best of all get a 'celeb' autograph, we were busy queuing to bless their pockets and not *kazi ya Bwana* as they wanted us to believe. Occasionally, the hot *chiles* would be blessed with 'digits' and this would mark for a juicy opening day *storos*, which would go like, 'Eeh mnakumbuka so and so...so us guys met...' then more *storos* that would leave us second guessing their 'faith'. But who were we to judge.

They'll preach and quote some Bible verses they learnt during Sunday school, this coupled up



with *woishe* stories here and there, and honestly who are we not to believe them? And so we believed them only to find out the *fisi* in sheep skin, thanks to emerging scandals.

You won't spot them at 1824, *dun-dain* and smoking shisha. No. But don't be fooled these ones are the very definition of walking chimneys and breweries. You won't know their ways until you meet a babe who's been to most of those house parties they host.

Just quit

Whatever they do behind closed doors is their business. But why hide behind that gospel tag? Why not *cho-moa* some club banger that we the lost sheep will twerk, shoki, *sokoloko*, *odi* and whatever it is that we do at (Sodom and Gomorrah) clubs. Why suffocate yourselves behind the world

and secretly envying the Sodomites and Gomorrans? All you need to do is release a great hit, and the money and fame will be served—just as you like. Kenyans aren't choosy. And if you don't believe me ask those *Lamba Lolo* guys. If you don't quit this '*bwana asifive, I'm saved...*' vibe sooner, I've never been to hell but the fire that will consume you....!! This '*Mungureee*' kind of gospel isn't what we want to listen to in church anyway, and we don't.

There're those who've even resulted to host camps and spread the gospel to young people. Apparently, the '*Munguree*' kind of songs are meant to attract young people to church. To you we say, save yourselves first, some of you need the gospel more than these *dun-dain* chaps out there.

Tip of the week

Secrets have a way of making themselves felt, even before you know there's a secret.

— Jean Ferris, Once Upon a Marigold



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FLAVOUR YOUR DAY

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Over the years, record houses have heavily influenced Kenya's music journey. They have helped in shaping the country's music landscape in varied levels, explores Alfayo Onyango

Kagwe Mungai



Them Mushrooms

MUSIC LA

In the digital age of music, artistes and record labels are no longer selling their music via vinyl records, cassettes, compact discs (CDs) or any other physical form, as technology advancement takes its course. The influence of computers in music is now more rampant and inevitable. And in this streaming era, record labels are grappling with a myriad of challenges.

Record business involves the production, publishing, distribution, sales and sometimes offering of copyrights of sound recordings. Some record labels can go to the extent of nurturing talent and developing artiste into a stable professional artiste.

International recording studio houses in the 80s established fresh and attractive artistes across the continent such as Angelique Kidjo, Miriam Makeba, Daudi Kabaka and Fadhlil William. The African music backbone had already been formed and was beginning to be slowly embedded for the world to enjoy. Nairobi would enjoy privileges of housing music companies' regional headquarters such as CBS International (known today as Sony Music), which was in partnership with High Fidelity Records and other subsidiary music companies. Kenya was booming! It was artistes such as Kabaka that would cultivate African superstardom at the time churning out hits such as *Helule Helule* that was remixed by a British group The Tremeloes, transcending the song into a UK Top 20 hit on the charts. His hit *African Twist* was largely inspired by a South African dance and music style called *Kwela* rhythm.

At the time, Nairobi had the only vinyl pressing plant in the region, which attracted artistes from as far as Congo. Benga music genre was the treasure of Kenyan music to the world and artistes such as Makadem and Suzanna Owyo have enabled to preserve the craft and achieve huge international success. It was through the stewardship of the British-owned labels such as Equator Sounds Limited in Nairobi that these acts could record in well-equipped studios. Labels such as EMI Records played a major role in distribution of local content and this popularised Kenyan music and artistes. Underground music labels such as P.O.K Music

Stores, Hundhwe and Sungura owned by Phares Oluoch Kanindo co-existed, but would face generic challenges such as capital to market the music.

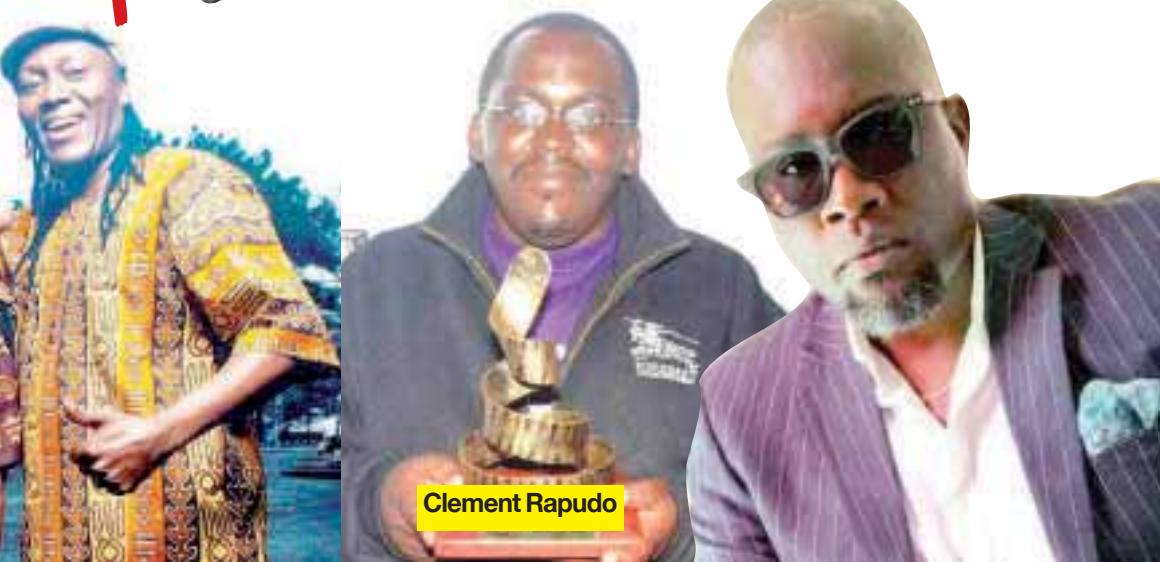
"It was all about vinyls back then. The feeling was special and could never be replaced. There were no sound systems unless you were really lucky, so the feeling of coming back home to listen to Luther Vandross or Lionel Richie on the vinyl was heaven to me," veteran music fan Edward Njuguna tells Spice.

Piracy menace

However, as the 80s faded out, a combination of a flawed system (that allowed heavy piracy to thrive) and the inception of deejays and sound systems (cassette and CD players) would begin a revolution that would see Kenyan music recording business hit the fan. Live music would slowly be replaced by computer-produced audio, which diluted the benga flavour and other traditional sounds that were rich and organic in sound. During retired President Daniel Moi's regime, runaway piracy discouraged international music companies from investing locally citing lack of economic sense in the business.

"Imagine the artistes that tried some Afro fusion kind of music in the 80s such as The Mushrooms, Mombasa Roots, Kelly Brown all went Platinum (one million record sales) abroad. These artistes could hardly sell a record in Kenya because of the easy and illegal duplication of their music in CDs and cassettes. This was when piracy actually became a multi-million business in Kenya, robbing artistes of their blood, heart and soul. Guys such as Safari Sound sold triple platinum in Germany. Urban music such as hip-hop and R&B was nothing in the 80s until it blew up in the 90s because of the enormous playtime given to it by the media," veteran music producer Tedd Josiah tells Spice.

In the 90s, Kenyan media mostly played urban music. This led to the popularisation of hip-hop and dancehall music. In 1997, Tedd Josiah (still in his 20s) joined Emile Juma-owned Sync Sounds. It was there where he trained as a music producer and engineer. He later released an important album in Kenya's music history, *Kenyan The First Chapter* featuring Gidi Gidi Maji Maji, Kalamashaka and Hardstone. This was



Clement Rapudo

BELS SPEAK

a brave statement that Kenyans had come of age in music and were ready to storm into going commercial world minus foreign assistance.

Says Josiah: "At Sync Sounds, I had the Artiste and Repertoire role. I would scout for artistes and the label would also finance my ideas. It was a great stint and I needed a new challenge, so I started Audio Vault Studios to produce artistes I thought had a good shot."

In a bid to keep the industry afloat, Kenyan-owned music companies strived against all odds. They included Homeboyz Studios (owned by John and Mike Rabar), Ogopa Deejays (owned by brothers Francis and Lucas Bikedo, and manager Banda). Others were Clement Rapudo's Calif Records, Robert Kamanz's Ingoma, Ambrose Akwabi's Mandugu Digital, Eric Musyoka's Decimal Records and Naiboi's Pacho. They were some of the big boys who carried on their shoulders Kenyan music in the first decade of new millennium.

Digital era

According to Info Hub Kenya, there are about 120 locally registered music-recording companies. However, as we spiraled into this decade, new talent such as the multi-talented jazz-fusion band Just-a-Band jumped into the fray. They emulated a strategy used in the Western markets; the Internet to produce a viral song. *Ha-He* (Makmende) turned out to be a huge success over the Internet and later exploding into the mainstream media.

Today, Kenyan labels such as Taurus Musik, Sub Sahara Limited, Pine Creek Studios, Ketebul Music and Supersonic Studios have emerged and are implying the wealth of diversity in this age. Each label has its target audience and own unique selling point. For instance, Ketebul prides itself in retaining artistes that record over live instrumentation to produce Afro-fusion music.

Suzanne Gachukia-owned Sub-Sahara is more urban with a blend of few traditional sounds. The label experienced a good run when it took charge of artiste such as Camp Mulla, Wyre, Mercy Myra and Collo around 2010 to 2014.

In this present moment, artistes have become the new executives, a trend that has been well executed by Sauti

Sol. With its label Sauti Sol Entertainment, the boy-band released its third and most successful album *Live and Die in Afrika*, which managed 400,000 downloads in 48 hours of its release.

Other artistes to join that club are Khaligraph Jones with Blu Ink Corp, King Kaka with Kaka Empire and Octopizzo with Papi Chulo Music. Artistes such as Blinky Bill and Muthoni The Drummer Queen have inked deals with global distribution companies such as Sony Music France and Yotanka Retractively.

Kagwe Mungai, Trina Mungai and Tanzania's hummingbird Lady Jaydee are signed to Arthur Anoke's Taurus Musik, a pan-African label based in Nairobi.

Business tycoon Peter Nduati owns Pine Creek Records, which is responsible for Kenyan pop group Mankind, Anto Neosoul, Amani G and Vivian Kenya's careers.

"We are a modern label and emphasise on finer details to produce world class acts. From song production, publishing, copyrighting, marketing and distribution, we cater for all of these for our artistes. We also nurture and expose them to opportunities to further their careers," Nduati tells Spice.

New developments

However, Internet has become the biggest marketplace for music, as artists have now been pushed to digitise their music. Platforms such as Boomplay, Soundcloud, Apple Music, Spotify, Safaricom Music App, Mundo Music, Tidal and Songa, are all major and international music-streaming sites. Artistes need distributors to register to these platforms and get granted global market that can listen or share their music across borders where these platforms exist.

This has seen the rise of many personalities and independent artistes that utilise the Internet to get widespread recognition.

In 2017, Universal Music Group purchased Kenyan record label AI Records. That move was a huge implication for artistes to seek ownership of their music or risk losing out to more powerful international labels who have the professional muscle to buy, publish, copyright and sell.



Tedd Josiah



Eric Musyoka

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Politicians, keep off our slogans!

Before I begin to throw shade and tantrums, I want to ask a question. Unlike our lecturers who ask simple questions, but code them in a myriad of difficult phrases, I will hit the nail on the head and go straight to the point. Have you ever heard a church pastor begin sermons by singing: "*Solidarity forever... Solidarity forever... and the union makes us strong...*" to the faithful? No. Why so? Because that chant is reserved for guys on strike. From teachers to nurses and doctors. Everyone sings it when registering displeasure with the system.

The chant has become so stuck to its purpose that anytime you hear it while walking around town you flee the scene before anti-riot police suffocate your destiny with a damning dose of tear gas. In fact, methinks it should now be made the official strike anthem in Kenya, so that during strike meetings, instead of the national anthem, the announcer goes like, "... and now ladies and gentlemen, please stand up for the Kenya Strike Anthem!"

One thing about our unofficial strike anthem is, people have stuck to its purpose, unlike what is happening with our much beloved slogans and mantras. Politicians have started a bad habit of using our mantras in their rallies. I think this behaviour began with the entry of Babu Owino into Parliament. Do y'all people know that comrade's power is the next strongest power after God's? Do you know that a comrade is respected by John the Baptist, feared by Satan and is occasionally consulted by Solomon to share wisdom?

Why are you peeps provoking the Fourth arm of the government by committing blasphemy? You hear a politician standing on a wooden platform while addressing boda boda riders, telling them "Wananchi... Comrades power!" Imagine! Sins that even the devil himself is scared of committing! You politicians, let's agree on a few ground rules before you face the wrath of comrades. Avoid the following phrases if you're not addressing comrades: *Comrades power, Comrades riaah, Comrades tialala, Comrades tear-gas, Comrades anything, Warembwo ouch, Mafisi tibim and Anything tibim!*

Those words are only reserved for the hallowed comrades of the land. But if you want them so much, then you can keep the mantras and we can keep Heib money!



Get spotted...

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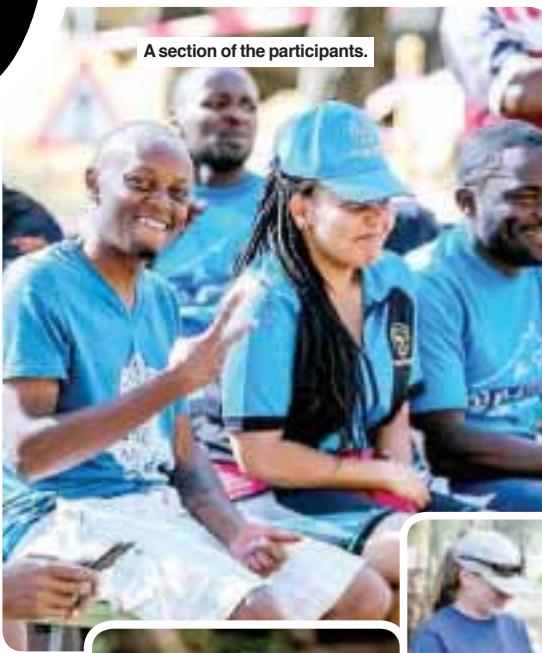
RACING FOR A CAUSE

The 17th edition of the annual Tropic Air 10 to 4 Mountain Bike Challenge took place recently at Borana Ranch on the foothills of Mt Kenya. Flagged off by the Kenya Forest Service Ecosystem Conservator John Njoroge, the event saw over 400 participants from around the world engage in a variety of races to raise funds in aid of Mount Kenya Trust's conservation activities including wildlife protection, tree planting and anti-poaching. The routes were designed to challenge the most enthusiastic riders while offering options to all participants including beginners, amateurs and children. Kenneth Karaya of Baiskeli Adventures won the two-day challenge, taking the title from defending champion David Kinja who didn't participate this year.

TEXT: HARRIET JAMES PHOTOS: JOSEPH KING'ORI



Off we go! Cyclists pump some life into the bikes.



A section of the participants.



Classic race winners
Kirsty McLean,
Florence Larpent
and Kate Crowley.



Extreme challenge
winner
Kenneth
Karaya.



Kenya Forest Service
Ecosystem Conservator
John Njoroge.



Mount Kenya Trust director
and CEO Susan Weeks awards
13-year-old Charles Kariuki with a
bike for his conservation efforts.



Event coordinator
Oliver Keeble.

TIMELESS WOMEN



Federation of National Associations of Women in Business CEO, Dr Katherine Ichoya.



Timeless Women of Wonder Organisation founder and CEO Nyakan Munyeki.



Irene Mbonge with
Peter Kinyanjui.

InterContinental Hotel in Nairobi recently hosted this year's edition of Timeless Women Conference. The event, run by June Nyakan, saw women from across the board converge to discuss policies to help fellow women access financial assistance and make milestone achievements as far as their businesses are concerned. During the event, fellowship groups to improve ventures were created under the watch of successful businessmen and women.

TEXT: GRACE WACHIRA
PHOTOS: JOHN OCHIENG



Taita Taveta First
Lady Stella Samboja.



Members of Stem Club at Racecourse Primary School: Salome Njambi, Claudia Nyasarora and Ednah Mutheu.

Margaret wa Igwe with
Margaret Wanjau.



Noreen Makosewe and Allan
Kagiri.

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Ways Ronaldo makes billions without kicking a ball

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Nike (Sh100 billion)

Ronaldo's deal with Nike is a big one, and it is a company he has been affiliated with since 2003. Three years ago, the Portuguese penned a lifetime contract with the sportswear brand, becoming the third athlete to do so after LeBron James and Michael Jordan. This means the deal will continue even after he retires and earn him a grand total of £781 million (Sh100 billion), according to Forbes.

3

ZTE (Sh514 million)

Ronaldo signed a deal with Chinese telecommunications equipment and systems company ZTE in 2017. The contract lasted just one-year and saw Ronaldo star in some commercials with a phone and earn a staggering £4 million (Sh514 million).

4

EA Sports (undisclosed)

Ronaldo became the FIFA cover star for the 2018 edition of the game. The year before, Dortmund midfielder Marco Reus was pictured on the front of the box after winning a public vote. His introduction ended Lionel Messi's four-year dominance on the cover and rather set up Ronaldo featuring for the next two editions. EA Sports has not announced how much Ronaldo has earned from being on the box, but you can expect it to be a seven-figure sum.

5

Emporio Armani (Sh488 million)

Back in 2010 Ronaldo signed a four-year deal with Emporio Armani, which saw him earn just under £1 million (Sh128 million) annually. The Portuguese was the face of the fashion brand's spring and summer underwear and jeans collection in 2011, before the deal came to an end three years later. Interestingly, in 2013 Ronaldo launched his own underwear brand after seemingly realising he could make more money going it alone.

2

Castrol (Sh1.8 billion)

Ronaldo first became involved with Castrol back in 2009, when he signed a two-year deal with the petrol company. As brand ambassador, the Portuguese earned himself a cool £7 million (Sh100 million) before renewing his partnership for another two years in 2011. How much he earned this time around is under wraps, but you can be sure the first figure was matched -if not bettered.

6

Herbalife (Sh250 million)

Ronaldo signed a deal with global multi-level marketing corporation Herbalife back in 2013. The deal lasted five years, with Ronaldo bagging around £400,000 (Sh51 million) a year for his trouble, and saw the footballer star in a number of commercials.

7

KFC (Sh218 million)

Believe it or not Ronaldo was once the face of KFC Arabia, between the years of 2013 and 2016 to be precise. The now Juventus forward earned just under £600,000 (Sh77 million) a year for the privilege and even starred in adverts across Asia.

8

Clear Shampoo (Sh193 million)

Ronaldo partnered with Clear Shampoo back in 2014. As a brand ambassador, the forward starred in quite a few adverts in which he uses the product.

9

PanzeerGlass (Sh100 million)

Ronaldo entered into a two-year partnership with screen protector company PanzeerGlass back in 2017. The Portuguese was to earn a total of £780,000 (Sh100 million) from the deal, while the company use the footballer's CR7 branding on their products.

10

American Tourister (Sh40 million)

Ronaldo became a global brand ambassador for American Tourister in 2018, when he signed a one-year deal with the luggage company. The Portuguese featured in an advert in January last year and bagged a cool £312,000 (Sh40 million) for his services.



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Nutrition With CHRISTINE NDERITU

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Healthy diet vital in managing arthritis

According to a study published by the University of Rochester Medical Centre last year, junk food aggravates joint pain and arthritis. It said that microorganisms in the gut appear to be responsible for the inflammation that causes joint pain due to wear and tear in obese individuals. There are two common types of arthritis, the inflammation of joints: osteoarthritis, which is degenerative and results from the wearing out of the protective cartilage of the bones, and rheumatoid arthritis (RA), which is an autoimmune disease where the immune system attacks joints.

Studies on humans have shown certain probiotics are beneficial to arthritic patients. They have also shown changes in gut microbiome changes with diet, with significant changes observed in individuals with rheumatoid arthritis who switched diets from omnivorous to vegan diets and from vegan to lacto-vegan diets over a period of months, significantly altering the disease progression. Obesity and being overweight are known risk factors for RA, with the former shown to increase RA activity. When compared to non-obese individuals, people with obesity have worse disease activity and outcomes. Preventing and managing obesity is therefore useful for improving the disease outcome and improving the quality of life.

The majority of the chronic conditions can be prevented and their outcomes improved by having a healthy diet, and especially a plant-based diet. Green leafy vegetables provide Vitamin K, which is essential for healthy cartilage, and other protective minerals and vitamins. A plant-based diet also promotes weight loss, which has been shown to reduce pain associated with inflammation and improve function in osteoarthritis. It also helps to lower blood cholesterol. Foods like dairy products, citrus and getting some sun is essential for vitamin D. Foods such as mushrooms have shown to have a protective effect while omega 3 polyunsaturated fatty acids have shown to be both protective and beneficial for those already having arthritis.



Attentive partners improve long-term health

Having an attentive partner can significantly improve a person's long-term health and even life expectancy, new research suggests. Those in a long-term relationship who believed their partner had become less caring - when questioned after 10 years - said they responded less well to everyday stresses. The team, led by the University of Edinburgh, also found the stresses recorded after a decade were linked to a higher risk of death in the subsequent decade.

AT A GLANCE

1. Neonatal death rate is slightly higher and the infant and under-five death rates are slightly lower than the national average.
2. Only about one in five (22%) births are delivered by a skilled birth attendant compared to 62% at the national level.
3. Vaccination is generally lower than the national coverage.
4. The measles vaccination has the lowest coverage (65%) and the tuberculosis vaccination has the highest (91%).
5. Polio vaccination stands at 77% compared to the national average of 90%.
6. Pneumococcal is at 74% while the national average is 85%

How 'tree clinics' are saving lives in Wajir

by Wahinya Henry

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adan Barud Iman sits under an indigenous tree, shielded from the scorching rays of the sun. In her arms is her four-month-old infant.

She had trekked some 20kms to seek medical services offered by World Vision at the clinic under the tree in Sabili settlement, Nambaraha location, Wajir South sub-county.

"Locals come here to get treatment for minor illnesses, for antenatal care, for screening for malnutrition and to have their children immunised," says Adan Hojale Ali, the local World Vision project officer of the office of foreign disaster assistance USAid-funded project.

On the road, women are going back home; some atop donkey carts and others behind the beasts of burden loaded

with yellow jerry cans full of water. These are the usual mode of transport to and from the health centre.

Risky cart rides

"But woe unto an expectant mother who experiences labour pains in the dead of the night. I have been loaded on the donkey cart and ferried to a health center three times. On each of these visits, I've lost a child due to the poor state of the road and long distance to a health center," says Iman.

Concerned about the ongoing strike by nurses and the lack of facilities, Iman had left her manyatta early in the morning.

"I left the manyatta early, afraid that I

would not access the jab elsewhere because of the ongoing strike."

Here, women give birth twice more than their counterparts in other parts of the country, according to the 2014 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey.

However, even with these rates, over 80 per cent of the births over the last five years were home deliveries. This can be attributed to the long distance to health facilities and the high illiteracy levels among residents.

"We are faced with serious public health amenities challenges. Deaths among mothers and children are high. Women bleed to death before they are treated," says Wajir county health infor-

mation officer, Mahat Dahir Mohamed.

There is need for initiatives towards providing immunisation services closer to the people through mobile clinics and mass immunisation campaigns, according to Ali of World Vision.

Mobile Clinics

Ensuring that the clinic is well attended is the personal business of senior area chief, Amina Mohamed Sira.

"As a mother I am pained to see challenges women face in accessing medical facilities and the idea that children may miss out on the crucial polio immunisation. Child and maternal mortality here are frightening. I spend time at public barazas to encourage mothers to have children immunised among the pastoral communities," she says.

Dr Abdulahi Omar, based at the Habasweni Hospital, says the community's pastoralist lifestyle poses a serious challenge to immunisation.

"We use nomads to track them with our 16 outreach sites along the border and six cross-border facilities," Omar says.

Medics pledge affordable, quality healthcare

by Sandra Wekesa and Grace Angela

As the country gears up to achieve Universal Health Coverage (UHC) by 2022, Kenya Healthcare Federation (KHF) has vowed to put up guidelines to help regulate health services in the private sector.

Led by chairman, Amit Thakker, KHF cited that the private sector was collaborating with the stakeholders to try and make an impact on the cost of health services deliv-

ery. Speaking in Nairobi last week, he noted that the federation had been planning on long-term goals to help attain health coverage and top on the agenda is analysing the current cost of healthcare services to ensure a standardised cost without compromising quality of healthcare.

"As the private sector, we shall look on whether there should be a minimum payment for medicine or have a recommended retail price for each drug sold," said Thakker.

He also expressed the federation's keenness in following medics' codes of conduct on ensuring safe regulation.

"It is prudent that every member of our federation knows that if there is an error in their field, they will be exposed. This will help curb all form of incompetence among them," he said, adding that it is important for patients to know exactly what they will be paying for.

His message was reiterated by Jacqueline Kitulu, president of

Kenya Medical Association, who noted that they will make sure patients get quality and affordable healthcare despite the pricing.

"We will work hard in ensuring that patients are able to get quality healthcare services in their preferred hospitals across the country," said Kitulu.

She pointed out that the guidelines would help protect the interest of the public and also grant them clarity on what exactly they pay for.

Zurek



How AfricaSokoni is shaping e-commerce

Ebrima Fatty is the CEO of AfricaSokoni, an online marketplace that has brought together African customers and retailers in stress-free shopping experience



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How is AfricaSokoni redefining shopping in Africa? As an Africa-focused marketplace, we provide a platform for African businesses and showcase their products to the global market.

To the mass market we provide a platform for African consumers and merchants/vendors to meet online for a seamless shopping experience, with our 24 hour delivery policy within Nairobi and 48 hours outside Nairobi.

What keeps you going and how do you motivate your team?

Indeed, it is hard and risky. What keeps us going is our passion in what we do. Without this, it would be easy to give up along the way. We are very lucky at AfricaSokoni to have brought together a cohesive, hard-working and smart team that believes in the vision of the organisation. This has made the journey a tremendously enjoyable one.

How has the start-up life changed you?

The first change you will notice (or should I say as it applies to me) is that you gradually lose your social life. As the going gets tough, you see yourself having less time for social engagements.

Unfortunately, it does not end with that; even your family life sometimes suffers. Therefore, it is important to have family support; because you will find yourself having little time to do homework with your kids and for family outings, for example. That is why, some people are of the opinion that the start-up life is best suited for the younger folks.

What is the best advice you have received since you started this journey?

That building an enduring organisation is a marathon and not a sprint. It requires

patience, willingness to take risks and to make mistakes while learning from them.

What's the best way, in your opinion, to deal with stress?

I heard Jeff Bezos say something that make sense to me—he said that he is only stressed when he has a problem and is not doing anything about it. Once you start addressing the problem there should not be stress at all.

You either have control over an issue or you don't. If you have no control or influence, stressing over an issue is futile. If an issue and a resolution thereof is within your control, then you should only be stressed if you are not doing anything about it.

What's your priority when running AfricaSokoni and why?

At AfricaSokoni, we adopted a structure that works for us. I concentrate mostly on formulating strategy and giving general guidance, product development and funding.

The internal team is gradually taking over the continuous building and improvement of the product. Hence currently, my focus is on sourcing for funds and strategy.

Would you consider Kenya to be "start-up-friendly"?

Certainly, especially in the tech sector. I believe Kenya is carving an image as the tech hub of Africa. Statistics are pointing to this. The country can still do more to help young talents coming up daily. With the right government backing, the sky is the limit (or should I say the sky is not the limit).

Is there something that is missing in the current Kenya start-up ecosystem that you would like to see more?

Yes, I think funding is still an issue. Start-ups generally require a patient capital. Since scaling a start-up, especially a tech one, takes a relatively long

time, investors should be ready to invest knowing that they may have to wait a bit longer for any return from that investment. We have so many talents out there, but the lack of funding is stopping a lot of excellent ideas from seeing the daylight.

Any advice for a first-time start-up?

Building a company is not easy. Besides a lot of energy and patience, you need to love what you do and be passionate about it. This will give you the persistence and the staying power you need to stay in the game.

Tech Brief

Kenya, Norway to empower tech-savvy girls

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Sanofi, a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health, has launched three challenges for African start-ups to find innovative solutions to improve access to healthcare and transform the health ecosystem throughout the continent.

These solutions will be pitched at VivaTech 2019, an annual technology conference, dedicated to innovation and startups, to be held in Paris, France from May 16 to 18, 2019.

"The three challenges aim to identify, select and support the best start-



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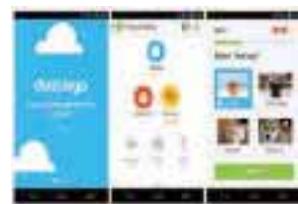
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DUOLINGO APP

If you are looking to learn a new language you should start with the Duolingo app because it is fun and accessible.

You can practise your speaking, reading, listening and writing skills while playing a game. It will help you improve your vocabulary and grammar skills by answering questions and completing lessons. You need to start with the basic verbs, phrases and sentences and learn new words daily.

It helps you target the weakest words by showing you the words identified while you were working through the module. You can strengthen the words there and



then or go back at a later point. At the end of each lesson it will give you a progress report that also shows your streak. It has a goal setting tool which is important when you are learning a new language. It is free to download from the Google Play store.

Nokia is back to the market with a bang, producing phones with amazing camera. The Nokia 7.1 plus is an upgrade of the 6.1 plus with more screen space and very tough corning gorilla glass.

The camera on this gadget comes with a Pro feature which helps you capture professional photos similar to the ones from a digital camera.

With the advent of online streaming, it can record shows and parties: one can even capitalise on YouTube for views.

With the 64GB memory space, storing documents, pictures and movies and numerous apps has been made easier.

The downside is that this gadget does not have a split screen, meaning you can lose your work when a phone call comes through. It retails at Sh 34,900 on Amazon.

NOKIA 7.1 PLUS



NREAL GLASSES

Ever wished to have glasses that can offer you sharp and vivid images? The Nreal mixed reality glasses features the ability to laser project a 1080 pixel image for each eye.

It runs on a separate Android pocket device that you can wear or put it in your pocket. Its frame has dual microphones along the top for clear reception with stereo speakers towards the end of both foldable arms.

It also comes with brightness buttons on one of the arms and adjustable magnetic nose support.



Nreal offers a prescription lens since one cannot wear their glasses with the light glasses.

The downside of this gadget is the three hours it lasts on a single charge. For a gadget with these features it should be able to last for six hours.

It retails at Sh100,000 on Amazon.



Sanofi Kenya Country Chair and General Manager East Africa Hub Southern Region.

The challenges are three-fold: first, to provide solutions to enhance awareness, diagnosis and disease management of patients suffering from diabetes. Secondly, to improve access to medicines in remote areas from supply chain management to alternative payment solutions.

The third challenge looks at solutions that support decision makers in getting a better use of available health data, recognise and predict diseases and for research.

ups in their desire to invent tomorrow's solutions in the health sector on the African continent," said Peter Munyasi,

Board approves engineering course at University of Eldoret as 10,000 students countrywide panic over authorisation of programmes

■ by Winstone Chiseremi and Robert Chiseremi
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More than 500 Engineering students at the University of Eldoret are celebrating after the engineers' professional body accredited one out of three engineering degree courses offered at the institution.

The elated learners have welcomed the move by Engineering Board of Kenya to approve engineering degree course in Agricultural and Biosystems, saying it will now guarantee them jobs after completing the five-year course.

Speaking to *Scholar* on the campus last week, the students asked the regulator to move with speed and accredit the remaining Mechanical and Civil engineering courses to avoid anxiety and panic among the learners. They said the slow pace at which the board was taking to register the two engineering courses was a major concern among final year students at the institution.

"Some of us have just a year to clear engineering studies at this university. We do not know whether the board will have approved them ahead of our graduation," said their spokesman who declined to be named for fear of reprisal.

Confirming the good news, EBK Deputy Registrar (Compliance Standards and Enforcement) Okere Makokha said the course was approved effective March 2018 but to be reviewed next year. Approval process for the other two courses is ongoing. "I can't say when EBK will accredit civil and mechanical degree courses...several things need to be put in place by the university..there are requirements to be met; it all depends on the institution," he said.

A Second Year student said when she enrolled for his degree course in civil engineering at the university, he was not told that it was among those

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Anxiety mounts over approval of degree courses

not recognised by the regulator. "I learnt the course is one of those not yet accredited by EBK after my parents had paid all the fees," she said.

The students said the accreditation of Agricultural and Biosystems degree course has given them hope that things are now moving in the right direction. Efforts to get comment from the university Vice Chancellor, Prof Teresa Akenga over the pending approvals were futile as she was said to be away.

However, a senior lecturer in the affected departments who declined to be named said the institution has been engaging with the regulator to address the panic that has gripped the students. "We are happy with

the process is moving since the top management and EBK started talking over the matter," he said.

Last year, scores of engineering students at the university disrupted learning activities after learning that their degree course programme had not been approved by the regulator. Fearing destruction of property during the strike, management called for police reinforcements.

The monthlong standoff forced EBK board members to visit the campus to calm students before conducting an inspection of the engineering faculty's learning facilities, curriculum, infrastructure, staff capacity and programmes. Led by EBK chairman Maina Wanjau, the

team told the students they would come up with a final report and recommendations on accreditation status of the affected courses.

Wanjau, however, lauded the university for making significant improvements in the areas of infrastructure citing the construction of a Sh72 million state-of-the art engineering complex and a library. He warned heads of colleges against admitting students for courses that have not been approved by EBK.

The news comes amid reports that more than 10,000 students enrolled in bachelor's degree courses in 26 universities risk getting "worthless" certificates because the programmes are being offered illegally.

According to a report by the

Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (Kuccps), the Commission for University Education (CUE) has not approved the courses. The commission had raised quality issues with 133 degree programmes after Kuccps requested it to validate undergraduate programmes offered at all public and private institutions.

However, CUE last week extended a lifeline to the students after it declared the programmes valid. However, Chief Executive Officer Mwenda Ntarangwi ruled out approvals for new programmes, saying the process has been suspended until next year. He said the institutions which have been offering the courses, most of which are clustered under bachelors of Arts and Sciences, could admit new students into the programmes.

CUE's hasty retreat a public outcry amid fears that affected students might instigate strikes in their campuses. Angry vice chancellors also criticised CUE for 'publishing false information'.

Kisii University Vice Chancellor Prof John Akama denied reports that the institution is offering five unapproved degree programmes by CUE. He said the institution is not offering Bachelors of Arts in applied Linguistics, Peace Education, Translation and Interpretation, Business Management and Bachelor of Science as indicated.

The don told *Scholar* in his office that the college is offering Business Administration Degree and not Business and Management as shown in the press. "The information was false and misleads the public. Our university is offering 205 courses and not 285 as indicated in the report," said the VC.

The VC said Kisii University's programmes are accredited by CUE and the information is available in the commission and university's websites. "Professional programmes offered at the institution are also accredited by relevant professional bodies and regulators," Akama said.

Why many Kenyans flock to Malaysian colleges

■ by George Kebaso
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Every year, about 500 Kenyan students head to Malaysia seeking affordable colleges and universities.

By the end of 2018, close to 3,500 Kenyans had completed their PhD, Masters, Diplomas and education foundation programmes or are still pursuing their studies in Malaysia in different fields.

We recently met Brian, who attained C+ in the 2018 KCSE and prefers to study in Malaysia yet the same course is available in many Kenyan colleges. "From friends studying in Malaysia, I have learnt that higher education there is affordable and cost effective. The curriculum is often upgraded to meet international standards, uni labs and workshop facilities are world class and courses take a shorter duration than in Kenya. There are no disruptions to studies due to strikes, missing

lecturers or power blackouts," he says.

But perhaps what may make more sense to a foreign student intending to pursue ICT is that through the Malaysia Multimedia Development Corporation (MDeC), the Malasian government has endorsed ICT events and IT-related competitions. These projects help learners challenge themselves; enhance their creativity and nurture them to be skilled IT professionals.

Education Malaysia founder, Vincent Naidu, a Malaysian who has resided in Kenya for 25 years now, says this is in line with the Asian government's vision of transforming Malaysia into a knowledge-based economy. Since 1999, his firm has been placing East African students in institutions of higher education in Malaysia.

"Firstly, the student visa is more or else guaranteed as long as the student meets the minimum required grades set by the government of Malaysia. Secondly, no

bank statements, land title deeds or personal guarantees are required for student visa application," he said in an interview.

Another aspect is that at about Sh40,000 (US\$400) a month, upkeep is affordable while visiting parents are given a free, 30-day visa on entry into Malaysia. "The medium of instruction is in English and students graduate with a UK or Australian degree at only Sh1.2 million a year inclusive of tuition fees, hostel, meals and pocket money. There are no language or religious barriers," he added.

Above all, Kenyans can access bursaries and scholarships of up to 75 per cent offees. "Perhaps you should note that Malaysia is one of the most racially and culturally diverse places, which quickly becomes evident to any visitor to the country," says Rachel Muthoni, an alumna of one of the universities in Malaysia.

Naidu says the rich diversity in the huge

variety of food, mix of places of worship, way of dressing, the languages, among others, must have persuaded various groups of people who make Malaysia their home.

A Kenyan who studied in Asian Pacific University (APU) in Kuala Lumpur—Malaysia's top ICT university told *Scholar* he liked to study in the city. "From the moment I arrived, I felt comfortable and safe right through registration and hostel facilities. But the real surprise came in the first evening I went out for something to eat. There was food all over the place and it's cheaper than having a chips and a samosa in Nairobi," he said.

"Malaysians love their food and it's available 24hrs a day at affordable prices. Maybe someone should open a Kenyan restaurant in Kuala Lumpur," John, who had accompanied a younger sibling to an interview at Education Malaysia offices, said.

Naidu said many of Malaysian universities collaborate with world famous universities



Mary Wambui, Student Services manager at Education Malaysia Limited (Nairobi) with Owen Juma who is bound to study computer science in Malaysia. PHOTO: GEORGE KEBASO

such as Oxford, Cambridge and Harvard and are ranked in QS World University Ranking 2018. "Many Kenyan parents I speak to are increasingly concerned with the discipline and quality of university education in Kenya," Naidu said.

Mature primary school learners frustrate education at Coast

Concerns mount over 18-year-old learners amid teenage pregnancies and the State's push for 100 per cent transition to secondary institutions

■ by Reuben Mwambingu
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Mature learners in Coast primary schools at the Coast are being blamed for influencing teenage pregnancies and lacklustre academic performance during national exams.

Coast education officials say they are difficult to control especially in a primary school environment because they feel they have a freedom to make their own decisions without interference. As a result, there are rising cases of teenage pregnancies and low transition rates in the region.

According to Coast region Education Director, Hassan Duale more than 62,000 candidates out of the 85,551 who sat KCPE exams in the region last year were above 15. More than 26,000 (30.4 per cent) out of those are now 18 years old and above (the average age for Form Four school-leavers in the country).

While noting that it is imperative for the government to draw a line on what should be the appropriate age limit for primary school, Duale said it may be difficult for teachers to account for candidates who, legally, are adults. This has also slowed down the campaign towards 100 per cent transition in the region.

Kilifi county

"Related to transition is the age distribution; as stakeholders we must engage ourselves on what should be the appropriate age for

learners in primary, secondary schools and vocational training centres. Our hypothesis is that some of the 18-year-olds either made their own decision not to join Form One or joined polytechnics yet we are told to account for each and every one of them," Duale said.

He was addressing education stakeholders during the launch of the Last Mile Form One Admission Campaign towards 100 per cent transition in Mombasa.

A tabulation for age distribution of Coast region's KCPE 2018 candidates indicates that out of the 85,551 candidates, 36,566 were between 15 and 16 years of age, 20,060 were 17 to 18 and another 5,989 were 19 years old and above.

In Kilifi county, which has featured prominently in the cases of teenage pregnancies, led in the number of mature candidates. The county had 14,382 pupils aged 15 to 16 years; 10,269 were aged between 17 and 18 while 3,238 were more than 19 years. Worse, Kilifi also led in cases of absenteeism amongst candidates who registered for KCPE, with 43 out of 120 cases in the entire region.

According to Duale, the same Kilifi county recorded the most cases of teenage pregnancies with 431 in primary school and 171 in secondary school. About 154 pupils in Standard Eight got pregnant.

This comes at a time when the government has called for all stakeholders to move with speed to ensure 100 per cent transition to secondary school is achieved. Duale said that so far, 48,278 students representing 76.40 per cent transition had reported in Form One in the region as at February 8. Mombasa is leading with 88.30 per cent, followed by Taita Taveta with 80.35 per cent, Kilifi 77.40 per cent, Kwale 70.42 per cent, Lamu 69.73 per cent and lastly Tana River with 63.80 per cent.

According to the director, sub-counties with the lowest transition include Lamu East 49.95 per cent, Lunga Lunga in Kwale with 51.21



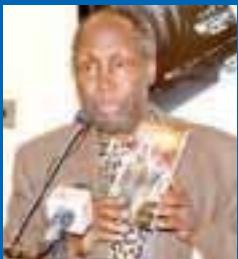
per cent, Msambweni also in Kwale with 55 per cent, Galole in Tana River with 56.2 per cent and Tana Delta in Tana River with 59.5 per cent.

Esther Sidi, 15, and her mother Tumaini Karisa at their home at Kashani village in Kiembu, Mombasa county. She scored 314 marks in last year's KCPE exam but is unable to join secondary school due to poverty.

PHOTOS: NDEGWA GATHUNGU



Ngugi wa Thiong'o: My encounter with a Literary Giant



Prof Ngugi wa Thiong'o during the launch of his latest book, *Kenda Mulyuru*, at a Nairobi hotel recently.

PHOTO: GERALDITHANA

■ by Heshon Owila
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In Ngugi wa Thiong'o's novel *A Grain of Wheat*, the dialectics between expectation and reality is as conspicuous as the Deputy President William Ruto in our media. This dialectic is epitected in most of his works and in *A Grain of Wheat* you discern it in the life of Gikonyo who leaves the detention camp with lots of expectation and hope of spending quality time with his beautiful wife Mumbi.

Gikonyo's optimism is met with a stark reality of pain: Mumbi had just had a baby with another man. Interestingly, this contradiction

was not only a reality of contradictions in the lived experiences of both the colonised natives and the colonisers, but also something Ngugi experienced.

At the end of his first term as a student at Alliance High School, he was very excited to be going home. To meet his family. Excited at the thought of how his mother would receive him with pride. He was exuberantly yearning to share his great experiences from a school that was headed by whites who abhorred the killings of native Africans, but still believed so much in the British Empire. Another contradiction that baffled him.

Sadly, for the young Ngugi, his home and the entire village

he sought to find comfort in was no more. His mother and family were in concentration camps. The villages were in ruins and the men had either been rounded up or arrested; or had been forced to disappear into the bush and fight as part of the Kenya Land and Freedom Army (Mau Mau).

Ngugi's expectation of a grand return to his home and the beautiful stories and times he had envisioned with his family was met with the sad reality of the brutality of colonialists. Yet the same colonialists were giving him education. Indeed, the first line of *A Grain of Wheat* was written while he was on a train from the Scottish Highland city of Inverness in Scot-

land to Leeds in England.

However, contrary to the larger post-independence disillusionment discernible in his novels, plays, short stories and other writings—Ngugi is an optimist and strongly calls for unwavering hope of a better tomorrow. He echoes the words his mother kept telling him; No matter how long or dark the night is, dawn will surely come in the morning.

In *A Grain of Wheat*, Gikonyo is a larger than life epitome of this hope. Towards the end of the novel he is depicted as being creative and trying to come up with something good even at his lowest ebb. It is that hope and the imagination of that better world and better to-

morrow that should spur us to do something rather than resign to our plight or deplorable situation now.

Ngugi's response to my question was apt. It does not matter whether the current socio-political and economic dispensation is a realisation of the germinated grain of wheat that our forefathers planted, through their sweat and blood, as they fought for independence. There is a better tomorrow and we cannot afford to lose hope. Like Gikonyo, we must be creative in addressing our plight. That was one encounter with a giant of African and global literature.

The writer is PhD student at Daystar University



Charge D'Affaires at the Chinese Embassy in Kenya Li Xuhang awards the first prize winner of the Huawei ICT Competition, Kennedy Muthaura from Zetech University last year.
PHOTO: COURTESY

Tech firm gives Zetech ICT training equipment

■ by William Murigi
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Huawei Technologies will invest Sh5.3 million in ultramodern training equipment to enhance Zetech University's faculty of ICT and Engineering.

Su Shiqi, the Training and Certification Manager (Enterprise Business Department) at Huawei, establishing a knowledge transfer hub is an effort to reward and appreciate the achievements the university has attained and provide the institution with the right resources and training facilities to continue as a leading Huawei Academy.

"Huawei will provide training equipment such as modern routers; switch and management devices for the training while Zetech will ensure students are enrolled and allocated a special laboratory room for the Huawei ICT Academy," he said.

Zetech University Vice Chancellor Prof Ngenga Munene lauded Huawei for the commitment to education through ICT. He said the partnership empowers students to generate innovative solutions and creativity in IT and enterprise that will ultimately impact the country.

The institution first signed an MoU with the firm to become a Huawei Authorised Information Network Academy (Haina) in May 2018. The deal has seen the university receive the Best Huawei ICT Training Academy 2018 award during the Huawei ICT Competition 2018-2019 Southern Africa Academy held in November last year.

First launched in 2017, the Haina programme aims to transform universities into institutions that produce a skilled workforce required by employers that will drive a continued transformation of the economy through technology.

Time out



IN THEATRES NOW

PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA :12:35, 15:00, 17:30

: What Men Want (2019)

CENTURY CINEMAX IMAX GARDEN CITY :10:45, 13:00, 15:15, 17:30, 19:45: What Men Want (2019)

PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA :16:00 : The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part (2019) 3D

ANGA MEGA KISUMU:16:00: The Upside (2019)

PICK of the day

Madhubala

18.00 pm



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| 5.30 | Tizi | 16.30 | Team raha |
| 6.00 | Switch mix | 17.00 | Beat box |
| 7.00 | K24 alfajiri | | |
| 9.00 | River of passion | 19.00 | K24saa moja |
| 10.00 | Daily brief | 19.30 | Rush |
| 12.30 | Inside business | 20.05 | Sweetest love |
| 13.00 | News cut | 21.00 | K24 evening edition |
| 13.30 | Sports hub | 22.00 | Kenyan movie |
| 15.00 | Dw documentary | 23.00 | Beatbox |
| 15.30 | Playlist | 00.00 | Dw feed |



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (MAR. 21-APRIL 20)

Travel will lead you in new directions. Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable and should lead to new and lasting friendships.

TAURUS (APR. 21-MAY 21)

Too much too fast will be the attitude surrounding your home environment. Be aware that minor accidents or injury may prevail if you are preoccupied.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Try not to be too aggressive or judgmental when talking to your mate. Romance will develop through work.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Real estate should be lucrative for you. You will be able to make financial gains. Entertainment could cost you more than you expect.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

Make changes that will enhance your appearance and entice potential partners. Disharmony in your relationship may cause minor ailments.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 23)

Travel for business will be advantageous. Do not invest in joint ventures. Socialise with friends, but don't overspend on lavish entertainment.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

Don't let any money slip through your fingers today. You may have difficulties with foreigners. Opportunities to make financial gains will develop through your connections with other people.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24-NOV. 22)

You may not be happy if members of your family are not pulling their weight.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23-DEC. 21)

You will be drawn to individuals who can provide you with both intellectual conversation and physical passion.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22-JAN. 20)

Your boss won't be too thrilled if you leave things unfinished. You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You can make gains if you work in conjunction with others. Take care of any pressing health problems.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Get involved in a competitive sport that will bring the challenges you thrive on.

KAMEME TV

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| 13.30 | Kameeme iharoini | 21.00 | Mutamburuko wa |
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| 5.00 | BBC | 5.00 | Club 1 |
| 5:30 | Gear Up | 6:30 | The Great Debators |
| 6:00 | Good Morning Kenya | 7:00 | Taarifa |
| 9:00 | Layd Back | 7:30 | Grapevine |
| 9:30 | Animation Time | 8:00 | First Lady |
| 10:30 | Jee, huu ni | 9:00 | Channel 1 News |
| 11:00 | Hypochondriach RR | 10:00 | Maisha ya mama |
| 12:00 | Afrusian | 11:00 | CCTV |
| 1:00 | Lunch | 11:30 | Layd Back |
| 2:00 | Time News | | |
| 4:30 | IAAF Recorded Big Minds Rpt | | |



KTN

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| 5.00 | Command Your Morning | 4.30 | Teenage Mutant; Ninja Turtles |
| 6:00 | Morning Express | 5.00 | Baseline - Music Show |
| 8:00 | Tendereza | 6.00 | Beautiful Strangers |
| 9:00 | Carmela Rpt | 7.00 | KTN Leo |
| 10:00 | Wild Drake Rpt | 12:00 | Mshamba |
| 11:00 | Hypochondriach RR | 12:30 | Steve Harvey Aunty Boss |
| 12:00 | The Entrepreneur Rpt | 12:30 | NTV at 1 |
| 12:30 | Daktan RPT | 9:00 | NTV Prime |
| 1:30 | Drive It | 10:00 | Documentary 2018 |
| 2:00 | Afri Screen | 10:30 | Movie |
| 4:00 | Mbui ya KTN | 11:30 | Movie |
| 4:10 | The Emperor's new school | | Raggs |



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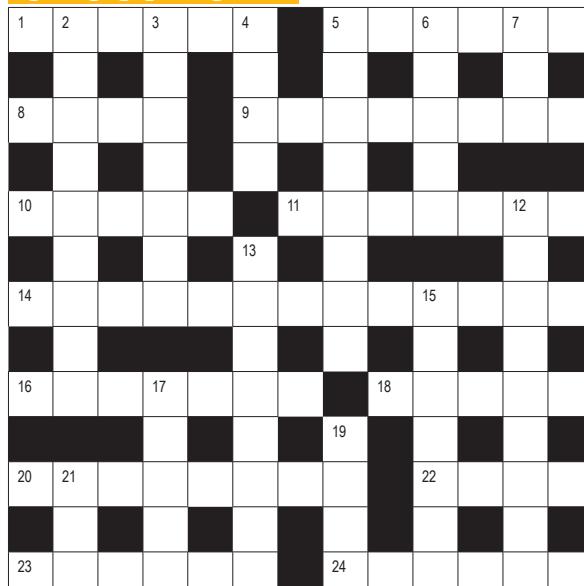
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| 8:00 | Better Living | 7:30 | Hapa Kule News |
| 9:00 | Avenida Brasil | 10:00 | La Loba |
| 11:15 | Churchill Show | 8:00 | Shark Tank |
| 9:00 | NTV Tonight | 9:00 | NTV Tonight |
| 12:00 | Wicked edition | 11:00 | The Beat |
| 12:30 | Aunty Boss | 12:00 | NTV Tonight |
| 1:00 | NTV at 1 | 1:30 | NTV Sasa |
| 3:00 | 2018 | 3:00 | World Cup |
| 4:00 | NTV at 4 | 4:15 | Raggs |

SUDOKU

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

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Free from liability (6)
- 5. Revived or regenerated (6)
- 8. Continuous change (4)
- 9. Satirises (8)
- 10. Hand shovel (5)
- 11. Family title (7)
- 14. Relatively (13)
- 16. Tribal leader (7)
- 18. Think moodily (5)
- 20. Orange plant pigment (8)
- 22. Blades for rowing a boat (4)
- 23. Odour releasing animals (6)
- 24. Beginning (6)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

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| 7. Gallon | 23. Echoing | 6. Whist |
| 8. Potash | 24. Absurd | 9. Chickweed |
| 10. Ostrich | 25. Reader | 14. Answers |
| 11. Riots | 12. Name | 15. Reminds |
| 13. Scape | 16. Aground | 16. Forgery |
| 17. Snowy | 2. All time | 19. Atlas |
| 18. Hero | 3. Solid | 20. Brash |
| | 4. Corrupt | 21. Sheer |

Celebration of a life Well lived



HENRY MAINA GATETE

6TH FEBRUARY, 1985 - 17TH FEBRUARY, 2019

It is with profound sorrow yet humble acceptance of God's will, that we announce the untimely death of **Henry Maina Gatete** on 17/2/2019 at MP Shah Hospital, Nairobi.

Devoted husband of Mary Karugi Maina and doting father to Dimitri Gatete Maina and Katya Wangui Maina.

Son to Peter Muiruri Gatete, Rebecca Wangui Gatete and Lydia Kwamboka Gatete.

Brother to Barbara Wambui Gatete, Sean Maina Gatete and Nikkitta Wambui Gatete.

Son-in-Law to Vincent M'matsi and Catherine Njeri M'matsi.

Grandson to Henry Maina Gatete and Nancy Wambui Gatete.

Friend and family to many.

A memorial service will be held on today, Monday 25th February 2019, 10am at Nairobi Chapel, Ngong Road

Burial will be held tomorrow, 26th February 2019 at Makuyu in Muranga County.

Contribution account - Pay bill Number: 183854 Account Number - (enter your name)

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)

CHANGE OF USER

The owner of L.R. No. Ruiru/West Block 1(Githunguri)2377 is proposing change of use of this property from single-dwelling to multi-dwelling residential (flats), subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions and organizations with objections or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from date of this notice:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT

(Cap 286 Laws of Kenya)

CHANGE OF USER

The owner(s) of plot L.R. No. 1/1397 located along Chania Avenue, Kilimani, wishes to apply for a Change of User from Residential to Commercial (Shops & Offices)-cum-Residential (Apartments), subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, institutions, etc with comments/objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Secretary,
Nairobi City County,
P.O. Box 30075 - 00100,
Nairobi.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicle and goods on Monday 4th March, 2019 at **PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE** along Murang'a road opposite Guru Nanak Hospital at 10.30am or soon thereafter.

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SPORTS BRIEFS**Kamande optimistic of Kenya's ICC qualification**

CRICKET: Kenya cricket coach Jimmy Kamande hopes his team will weather the storm and excel at the ICC Africa World Cup qualifiers from March 17 to 25 set for Windhoek, Namibia. Kamande, who has named a 14-member team, will be up against stronger challenge from host Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania, Nigeria and Sierra Leone in a six nation tournament, which runs on March 15-24. Kenya is struggling to remain relevant in the cricket competition, after its game went south since its best says over a decade ago when it played in the semi-finals of the World Cup against giant India. It has since been a slip downwards as wrangles and lack of plans and finance saw talent go to waste. "We have an obligation to go out and prove we still have talent and can win international matches. The team selected is strong enough to challenge at the continental level," said Kamande. - ERICSON

Jepkosgei braces for marathon debut in NY

ATHLETICS: World half-marathon record-holder Joyciline Jepkosgei of Kenya will warm up to her debut marathon in Hamburg with a run in New York on March 17. It will mark the first shot for Jepkosgei to return to winning ways after nursing a twisted ankle, which forced her out of Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii in January. The 24-year-old, said she was frustrated by the injury, the second she had last year after she sustained a foot injury days before the World Half Marathon Championships in Valencia, Spain. The injury kept her out of competition for two months before she returned to action at the Great Manchester 10km run, where she finished third. Now she is ready for action and has penciled New York as her first stop on her route to Hamburg in April. "My coach told me, Hamburg has a fast and flat course," Jepkosgei said. "I would like to achieve a time of around 2:22. But there are still two months of preparation to come and New York will show me how my body is reacting to training and gauge my fitness," she said. - ERICSON KIPRONO

Bulls gore USIU-A to perch at KRU summit

RUGBY: Western Bulls shocked visiting United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa) Martials mauling them 13-6 to climb to the helm of the KRU Championship 2018/2019 at the Bull Ring. Talisman Derrick Ashiundu continued his scoring form as he gave Bulls' final try and pick four points as Martials parted with one for losing with seven or less points. Bulls had taken an early 3-0 lead through a drop goal before skipper Odumo went over for a 8-0 lead. The visiting students saw a three-pointer go in before doing so again in the second half. Meanwhile, Catholic Monks, who went to match day nine leading the log with 38 points, dropped to second after a surprised defeat by struggling Kisii RFC who thrashed them 15-9 but picked a point which took their points tally to 39. Aggrey Kitoi kicked in three penalties for Kisii in the first half with Newton Wasike sending in two for Monks. Kichoi would, however, score two more in the second half to win the game for Kisii. Fly-half James Mbugua scored a drop-goal for Catholic in the last half.

-VIDEN OCHIENG



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Spraining of the wrist is a relatively common condition characterised by damage or tearing of the connective tissue of the wrist.

This is a condition that mostly affects sportspeople who participate in an activity that involves catching with the hands.

The wrist comprises the joining of small bones in the hand and the two bones of the forearm. Between the wrist bones lie many small joints, each of which comprises strong connective tissue wrapping around the bony ends and cartilage which lies between the joint surfaces, cushioning the impact of one bone on another during activity.

During certain movements of the wrist, stretching or compression forces are placed on the joints of the wrist. If these forces are excessive due to too much repetition or high force, injury to the joints may occur. This may involve damage to the cartilage or tearing to the connective tissue surrounding the joint. When this occurs, the condition is known as a sprained wrist.

A sprained wrist most commonly occurs due to a specific incident such as a fall onto an outstretched hand. This may occur with any fall, but is particularly common in sports such as cycling, soccer especially for goalkeepers and racquet sports.

A wrist sprain may also occur during weight lifting or boxing particularly in those with poor lifting or punching technique. Oc-

asionally, a sprained wrist may occur due to repetitive strain associated with overuse.

This may be the case in patients who perform heavy manual work involving the wrist such as the repetitive use of a hammer or screw driver.

Those with a sprained wrist often experience a sudden onset of wrist pain during the causative activity.

However, one may also experience pain and stiffness after the provocative activity, particularly the next morning. Symptoms may be felt on the front, back or sides of the wrist.

Occasionally, pain may be referred into the forearm or hand on the affected side. Symptoms are generally exacerbated with heavy activities that involve use of the hand

and wrist such as opening jars or doors, picking up heavy objects, general gripping activity or placing weight through the affected hand (e.g. doing push-ups).

It is also common for patients to experience pain on firmly touching the affected region, and, in some cases, a feeling of weakness in the wrist and hand may also be present.

A thorough subjective and objective examination from a physiotherapist is usually sufficient to diagnose a sprained wrist. Investigations such as an X-ray, MRI or CT scan may be required to assist diagnosis and rule out other injuries (particularly fractures).

The writer is a physiotherapist at SPL side Mathare United

SPORT**Managing wrist sprains among sportsmen**

Kalsi in Sigona Masters' victory

Home player beats strong field to carry with him first leg of the 'Road To Karen' as Snow shows class at Safari Tour leg

by Lynette Matheka
@peopleport11

really helped me. I am honored to have qualified to take part at the Pro-Am tournament. Thank you to KCB for nurturing amateur golfers by giving us this opportunity to play in the Sunshine Tour golf series," said Kalsi.

Other qualifiers from Sigona were men winner Ishwar Aldasani playing off handicap 24, guest winner Lee Mungai playing off handicap 22, staff winner Ogola Azu playing off handicap 26 and lady winner Milka Mburu playing off handicap 26.

The sixth qualifier from the club was Jolly Esmau who becomes the first player in this year's series to win the wildcard. The wildcard slot was decided following a lucky dip conducted on all the score



cards returned by the playing field.

The next round of the Road to the Masters heads the Nyali Golf and Country Club on March 30. The Nyali tour will feature professional players, who missed the Sigona leg as they were playing at the Safari Tour at Karen. They will compete for a prize fund of Sh 2 million for the next four legs.

In Karen, Greg Snow shot an impressive round of 2-under

par 69 to take the lead after Round One of the tournament. The Muthaiga golf club player got off to a slow start, picking up a bogey on the par-4, third before recovering with back to back birdies on the par-4, fifth and the par-5, sixth for a turning score of 34, having held par on the other five holes.

He looked to be on course for a score of 34, after hitting a birdie at the 12th, before dropping a shot at the par-4 18th,

for a back nine score of 35.

"I am pleased with my performance today. The course is in great shape and quite challenging with the narrow greens. I am now working towards keeping this form going in the coming rounds," Snow said.

Justus Madoya and amateur Daniel Nduva returned impressive scores of one under par on the round to tie for second place.

SAFARI TOUR LEADER BOARD AFTER ROUND ONE

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| 1 | Greg Snow -2 |
| 2 | Justus Madoya -1 |
| 2 | Daniel Nduva (AM) -1 |
| 4 | David Opati 0 |
| 4 | Simon Ngige 0 |
| 4 | Anil Shah 0 |

Road to Karen Masters qualifying 6

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| Sabo Kalsi |
| Ishwar Aldasani |
| Lee Mungai |
| Ogola Azu |
| Milka Mburu |
| Jolly Esmau |

Daniel Nduva in action during Round one of the Karen leg of the Safari Tour. INSET: Road to the Karen Masters first leg winner Sabo Kalsi (left) and KCB Bank Kenya Unit Head Public Sector Musa Mohammed (right). PHOTOS: RODGERS NDEGWA/PHILIP KAMAKYA

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ATHLETICS

Ruto promises completion of all stadia 'in the next year'

by Emmanuel Masinde
@PeopleSport11

Deputy President William Ruto said that the Jubilee government will continue to support sports affirming that in the next one year all stalled stadia will be completed for it brings honour and pride to the country.

Speaking on Saturday as the chief Guest during AK/Lotto National Cross-Country Championships-cum-Trials for World Cross-Country Championships that were held at the Eldoret Sports Club the DP said the government had set up a Reliable Beneficial Fund that will ensure sportsmen and women are well taken care of.

"Through the fund, the government will be able to support not only federations but individuals who have talents in various fields of sports," said Ruto. He also noted that these funds will be used

to construct stalled stadia across the country.

"Through the fund, we shall make sure that we complete Kipchoge Keino Stadium in Eldoret, Kamariny Stadium in Iten and Kipchoge Stadium in Kapsabet in the next year because as a government we want to make sure that our youths have sufficient infrastructure to nurture their talents," added the DP.

Ruto lauded the Disciplined Forces saying: "The support and facilities that the disciplined forces are giving to our sportsmen and women is commendable and that is why we shall continue to support them as government".

He also announced that the government will allocate 100 slots for athletes during the next national Kenya Police and Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) recruitment exercises.

On his part Uasin Gishu county Governor Jackson Mandago said sports tourism is key to



Deputy President William Ruto (right) having light moment with Uasin Gishu Governor Jackson Mandago during the national cross-country trials at Eldoret Sports Club.

the economy of Kenya. "I urge the government through the Ministry of Tourism to take advantage of such events to ensure that our sportsmen and women have all they need before they travel outside the country and also seek ways to market the country abroad through them," said Mandago.



Anticipated fireworks explode as best of Kenyan runners converge with fresh talent discovered

Trials live to their billing

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSport11

"Anticipate big surprises," were the words of veteran athletics coach Barnabas Kitilit before the start of the 43rd National Cross-Country Championship at the Eldoret Sports Club on Sat-

urday. Rightfully so, the race lived up to its billing.

Kitilit had envisaged that speed and endurance and not muscles were the ingredients needed to carry the day, in a course that was relatively flat.

South Rift's Amos Kirui, ousting three time World Cross-Country cham-

pion Geoffrey Kamworor, making to the tape first in a time of 29:50.5, for arguably his biggest win in the gruelling trials that were christened mini worlds.

Evans Keitany returned home second in 29:57.4, Rodgers Keitany 29:59.3, Richard Kimunyan 30:00.1, Kamworor 30:03.9 and Rhonex Kipruto 30:08.1. The team comprised the senior men team that will represent the country Aarhus, Denmark.

Deputy President, William Samoei Ruto who was the guest of honour sat and closely followed the race from the main dais, at the climax, together with Paul Chepkwony, Kericho Governor, put their hands to their heart and gave each other the thumbs up, perhaps the perfect gesture to a well packed Eldoret Sports Club, the self-styled home of champions.

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Kamworor, Rhonex Kipruto, Edward Zakayo were the jewel in the crown. I decided to stay in it for a slot in the team," articulated the former U20 champion.

"In the last 2km, I noticed the champion, (Kamworor), had uncharacteristically showed signs of fatigue, that is when I decided to cash in on my finishing kick," Kirui, who had camouflaged behind the leading pack of Keitany, Rodgers Kwemoi and Kimunyan gave a blow-by-blow account of the race.

And still, in the quite chilly Scandinavian weather, Kamworor could still bank on his prowess and experience to defend the global title, however, will not deter Kirui from enjoying the shine.

"Here we were literally killing each other, but in Denmark, we shall be putting a united Kenyan front, we shall celebrate whoever wins, that is my delight that is my desire," observed the gold medalist winner from Bydgoszcz, Poland.

Kamworor concedes defeat, cites poor decision and tactics for day's setback

by Amos Abuga
@PxoplxSport11

World Cross-Country champion Geoffrey Kamworor, has conceded lack of decisiveness cost him the title during Saturday's National Cross Country Championship at the Eldoret Sports Club.

Steeplechase whizz Amos Kirui, who upset two-time World Cross Country champion Kamworor, for the national bragging rights was the fairytale of the national championships-cum-trials. Kamworor who clocked 30:03.9 for a fifth place finish will not notwithstanding represent Kenya in Aarhus, Denmark, as one of the top six finishers.

For a flat race that had mud barriers and two haystacks points of obstacles, choosing the right to break was always going to be the icebreaker in a race that had a galaxy of bigwigs.

"I will not take anything away from the champion, Amos Kirui, he run a calculated race, credit to him," said Kamworor who was representing the National Police Service.

"My body does well when running down and up hills, therefore I was going to need more energy to for the long run," the former national champion said.

In an after race assessment, Kamworor, confessed having World U20 10,000m champion Rhonex Kipruto, 2016 World U20 10,000m Rodgers Kwemoi, U18 3,000m champion Richard Yator in the leading pack by the half-way mark was an early indicator to take action, which he never did.

"At one point I felt that I was the pace-setter in the race, that did contribute to my wearing out later in the race. Just after the final two kilometres mark, I notice none was willing to take charge. I did and it cost me," said he.

Reminiscing on the example of the



Geoffrey Kamworor (fourth from left) at the start of the Men's main race during last weekend's World Cross Country Championships at Eldoret Sports Club. PHOTO: SPORTPICHA

South Rift athletes dominate races at cross country championships

by Ericson Kiprono
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South Rift men and women team dominated most of the races in the just-concluded national trials held in Eldoret.

In 6km junior women South Rift's Beatrice Chebet the world under-20 5,000m champion won the race in a time of 20:02.4 and Betty Chepkemboi was second after clocking 20:31.2 ahead of Jackline Rotich (South Rift) who came third in a time of 20:39.9. Chebet who train in Lemotit Athletics camp in Londiani Kericho County could not hide her joy.

"I had prepared well for this race and I was op-

timistic that I would be part of Team Kenya for the World Cross-Country championship in Aarhus Denmark next month," she told People Sport. In 8km junior men Iten-based Samuel Chebole emerged the winner after clocking 24:09.8 while South Rift's Emmanuel Kiprotich and World under 20 3,000m steeplechase champion Leonard Bett came second and third in a time of 24:17.7 and 24:25.0, respectively.

In 10km senior women World 5000m champion Hellen Obiri won in a time of 33:14.9 and South Rift's Beatrice Mutai was second in 33:24.3 and World 3,000m steeplechase champion Beatrice Chepkoech (South Rift) sealed the podium in 33:54.7. "I am very happy to have won this race and part of Team Kenya

for the world cross-country, now I have to train hard ahead of the global championship because the competition would be stiff," said Obiri. In the 10km senior men it was unbelievable as little-known Amos Kirui from South Rift stunned a studded field to win in a time of 29:50.5 ahead of Evans Keitany who came second in a time of 29:57.4 while Rodgers Kwemoi settled third in 29:59.3.

"It was a tough race but I managed to overcome the challenge and I was not expecting to win but I thank God for what he has done, I look forward to the world cross-country championship and I am optimistic Team Kenya will bag all medals," he told People Sports.



Beatrice Chebet on her way to winning the U20 6km race at Eldoret Sports Club. PHOTO: EMMANUEL MASINDE

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| 22:45 | 4068 | Stranraer vs Stenhousemuir | 1.86 | 3.76 | 3.76 |
| 22:45 | 4222 | Sheffield Wed vs Brentford | 3.06 | 3.44 | 2.31 |
| 22:45 | 4291 | Bury vs Portsmouth | 2.79 | 3.38 | 2.47 |
| 22:45 | 4345 | Truro City vs Woking | 4.06 | 3.80 | 1.69 |
| 22:45 | 4425 | Bristol City vs Birmingham | 1.99 | 3.28 | 4.14 |
| 22:45 | 4456 | Chorley vs Nuneaton | 1.22 | 6.38 | 7.91 |
| 22:45 | 5097 | Leicester vs Brighton | 1.92 | 3.37 | 4.33 |
| 22:45 | 5316 | East Fife vs Arbroath | 3.84 | 3.74 | 1.84 |
| 22:45 | 5638 | Shrewsbury vs Doncaster | 2.80 | 3.34 | 2.54 |
| 22:45 | 5681 | Cardiff vs Everton | 3.56 | 3.29 | 2.16 |
| 23:00 | 1102 | Cosenza vs Carpi | 1.89 | 3.18 | 4.85 |
| 23:00 | 1501 | Lecce vs Verona | 2.30 | 3.26 | 3.26 |
| 23:00 | 1861 | Newcastle vs Burnley | 2.10 | 3.28 | 3.76 |
| 23:00 | 2744 | Padova vs Brescia | 3.49 | 3.23 | 2.20 |
| 23:00 | 3018 | Ascoli vs Foggia | 2.31 | 3.17 | 3.33 |
| 23:00 | 4368 | Lazio vs AC Milan | 2.59 | 3.34 | 2.75 |
| 23:00 | 5457 | Crotone vs Palermo | 2.87 | 3.08 | 2.65 |
| 23:10 | 5755 | Paris St Germain vs Dijon | 1.11 | 6.53 | 14.32 |
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SPORTS BRIEFS

KCB stun bitter rivals Kabras in thrilling Kenya Cup league clash

RUGBY: Reigning Kenya Cup league champions KCB edged out bitter rivals Kabras 44-20 in a mouthwatering encounter at Impalala club on Saturday to increase their chances of retaining the league title. Rugby enthusiasts were treated to one of the most exciting rugby action so far this year as KCB defied all odds to win yet another decisive match over Kabras who were regarded as pre-match favourites on paper. KCB Director of Customer Experience and Rugby Patron Job Njiru was elated with the team's victory adding that KCB remains a formidable force on the region. "We are grateful to God for the victory. The boys did a superb job and we are proud of this moment", said Job. Darwin Mukidza converted a penalty for KCB leaving the scores at 3-3 before adding another one to see KCB lead 6-3. Kabras maintained their brilliance, as Oscar Simiyu went over for a try leaving the scores at 13-8. Mukidza kicked in to see KCB leading 16-8 at half time before suffering an injury. Scrumhalf Michael Wanjalal was also on the score sheet for KCB as the bankers stretched their lead to 23-13 after 53 minutes. Brian Omondi added the tally to see KCB extend their lead to 30-20.

Puel sacked by Leicester City after 4-1 drubbing by Palace

MOTIVATION: Leicester City have sacked manager Claude Puel after a run of one win in nine competitive outings. Claude Puel has been sacked by Leicester City, the club announced on Sunday. The Frenchman had seen his position come under increasing scrutiny in recent weeks and a 4-1 battering at home to Crystal Palace on Saturday sealed his fate. A sizeable portion of the Foxes' fans stayed behind to vent their frustration at the King Power Stadium, with Leicester yet to win at home in 2019 and having earned just one victory in nine competitive outings. And Leicester have opted to make the change, with a club statement reading: "Leicester City Football Club has parted company with Claude Puel, who leaves his position as First Team Manager with immediate effect. "The club would like to thank Claude for his influence in leading the team during his 16 months in the role and wish him well in his future career. "Assistant Manager Jacky Bonnevay also departs with the club's best wishes. "First Team Coaches Mike Stowell and Adam Sadler, supported by the club's established backroom staff, will assume responsibility for the senior squad while the club begins the process of appointing a new manager."

Okall, Kitong'o join Ulinzi as military sides beef-up for busy season



BASKETBALL: Ulinzi basketball teams Warriors and Morans, have enlisted the services of three new player among them Emmanuel Okall and David Kitong'o from Nakuru Club and Kenya College of Accountancy (KCA) University respectively. Okall, who plays as a power or small forward, joins Division One side Morans while Kitong'o, a shooting guard has joined premier league side Warriors. The third signing Calvin Okinyi, a forward, joins Morans after completing his military training; he was signed after completing his secondary education at Upper Hill. Two more changes have also been effected in the teams with Stephan Simiyu who has played for Morans for two seasons switching places with Elvis Akoyi who has been with Warriors for three seasons. Two more players are expected to sign for Warriors before the season tips off. The two sides, playing in the Kenya Basketball Federation's (KBF) premier and Division One, started preparations in January for the season set to jump off on March 16. A third military side, Snipers, that was playing in the Nairobi Basketball Association (NBA), has since been merged with Morans.

-LYNETTE MATHEKA

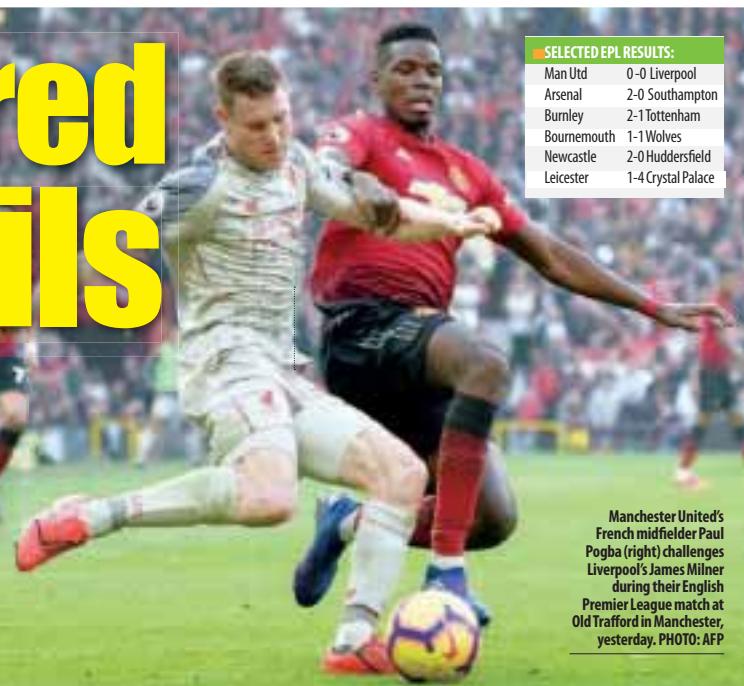
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SPORTS BRIEFS



Shared spoils

Arsenal beats Southampton to move fourth on the log after Utd and Liverpool settle for barren draw



Manchester United's French midfielder Paul Pogba (right) challenges Liverpool's James Milner during their English Premier League match at Old Trafford in Manchester, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Manchester, Sunday

@PeopleSport11

Injuries to Ander Herrera, Juan Mata, Roberto Firmino and Jesse Lingard disrupted Liverpool's 0-0 draw at Manchester United on Sunday.

Liverpool returned to the Premier League summit despite being held to a 0-0 draw by bitter rivals Manchester United at Old Trafford in a match that was marred by first-half injuries to four players.

At Emirates, first half goals by Alexandre Lacazette and Henrikh Mkhitaryan was enough to see them beat Southampton 2-0 and return to their winning ways.

After days of anticipation and excitement,

the match swiftly descended into farce in the first period, as Ander Herrera, Juan Mata, Roberto Firmino and Jesse Lingard were all forced off injured, and the match struggled to recover from an entertainment perspective.

The medical staff were rather less busy in the second half and that allowed Liverpool to increase the pressure, generally dominating against a United effectively playing with 10 men due to Marcus Rashford struggling with a knock.

But the Reds could not take advantage, with United arguably happy to hold on to the draw which sees Ole Gunnar Solskjaer set a new record points haul for a manager in his first 10 Premier League games, taking him on to 26 points. After losing Nemanja Matic to injury

in the build-up to the match, the first 25 minutes were nightmarish for United in terms of fitness, losing Herrera and Mata, while Rashford was also in pain.

Liverpool did not remain unscathed, as they lost Firmino just past the half-hour mark having appeared to roll his ankle.

Lingard – Mata's replacement despite being deemed not fit enough to start following a hamstring injury – then seemed to aggravate that problem when attempting to round Alison for the only real chance of a bizarre first period, forcing Solskjaer to replace him with Alexis Sanchez.

Liverpool looked to turn things up after the break, but United's defence provided an excellent platform.

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We'll clear Migne's salary arrears, assures Kaberia

By Amos Abuga

Sports Principal Secretary Kirimi Kaberia has promised that the government will clear Harambee Stars coach Sébastien Migne's salary arrears and urged all football stakeholders to now shift all focus towards the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations.

Kaberia, while giving the government's guarantee, disclosed that successful meetings with the French coach had been held to sort out the issue of three-month salary arrears and enable

him concentrate on preparing the team for the continental show case.

"Personally I have had a couple of meetings with the coach to assure him that the government has put together plans to ensure matters like salaries are settled as soon as possible. Arrears will be paid promptly and going forward, his salary will be released on time," said Kaberia.

Kaberia, further said the ministry had set aside Sh242 million that will go towards the national team's preparations for the bienn-

ial extravaganza to be held in Egypt. "As far as Harambee Stars is concerned, 2019 is going to be very busy, that is essentially why we need everyone fully on board and focused not necessarily the coach alone but the entire playing unit as well," he said.

He added: "In regards to sending the team to residential training, I want to be on record by saying that the government plans to send the team to Paris to beef up their preparations, and of course with the recommendation of the technical bench."



Sports PS Kirimi Kaberia on Friday.
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| 16:30 | 2152 | Ei Daklyeh vs Petrojet FC | 2.70 | 2.81 | 2.91 |
| 18:15 | 3296 | Olympiakos vs OFI Crete | 1.14 | 5.77 | 14.30 |
| 18:30 | 1958 | FK Septemvri Sofia vs FC Vitosha Sofia | 2.15 | 3.20 | 3.41 |
| 19:30 | 1299 | Dynamo Kiev vs Zorya Luhansk | 1.45 | 4.44 | 7.50 |
| 20:00 | 1823 | Slavia Prague vs Slovacko | 1.30 | 5.12 | 10.40 |
| 20:00 | 1851 | Slask Wroclaw vs Zagłębie Lubin | 2.42 | 3.21 | 2.89 |
| 20:00 | 3406 | SFC Opava vs Viktoria Plzen | 4.39 | 3.53 | 1.82 |
| 20:00 | 3603 | Shakhtar Donetsk vs Oleksandria | 1.28 | 5.42 | 11.93 |
| 20:00 | 3990 | Panetolikos vs PAS Giannina | 2.12 | 2.97 | 3.98 |
| 21:00 | 1761 | Concordia Chiajna vs CS Voluntari | 2.45 | 3.04 | 3.09 |
| 21:00 | 2864 | FC Copenhagen vs Vendsyssel FF | 1.22 | 6.24 | 14.92 |
| 21:00 | 4556 | Osters IF vs Malmo | 7.66 | 5.36 | 1.28 |
| 21:00 | 4793 | Besiktas vs Fenerbahce | 1.88 | 3.65 | 4.08 |
| 21:00 | 5603 | IFK Goteborg vs Gais | 1.81 | 3.51 | 3.82 |
| 21:00 | 5799 | Uerdingen vs Preussen Munster | 2.12 | 3.28 | 3.54 |
| 22:00 | 1978 | Hapoel Haifa vs Maccabi Haifa | 3.17 | 3.28 | 2.22 |
| 22:00 | 3359 | CS Maritimo vs Sporting Lisbon | 4.66 | 3.63 | 1.79 |
| 22:00 | 4364 | Bogota FC vs Llaneros FC | 2.99 | 3.31 | 2.31 |
| 22:00 | 4959 | Jong Utrecht vs FC Oss | 3.31 | 3.79 | 2.03 |
| 22:15 | 3543 | Wolfsburg II vs Hamburger II | 1.49 | 4.30 | 6.10 |
| 22:30 | 5315 | RB Leipzig vs Hoffenheim | 1.84 | 4.07 | 3.85 |
| 22:45 | 1068 | Nottingham vs Derby | 2.48 | 3.29 | 2.91 |
| 22:45 | 2348 | Dundalk FC vs UCD Dublin | 1.25 | 5.91 | 12.63 |
| 22:45 | 2459 | Derry City vs Waterford Utd | 3.11 | 3.27 | 2.36 |
| 22:45 | 2761 | St Patricks vs Finn Harps | 1.50 | 4.39 | 6.43 |
| 22:45 | 3759 | Pistoiese vs Robur Siena | 3.48 | 3.11 | 2.16 |
| 22:45 | 4252 | Bohemians FC vs Shamrock Rovers | 3.79 | 3.20 | 2.11 |
| 22:45 | 4997 | Lens vs Niort | 1.67 | 3.55 | 5.92 |
| 22:45 | 5148 | Wealdstone vs Billericay | 2.41 | 3.39 | 2.56 |
| 22:45 | 5152 | Sligo Rovers vs Cork City | 4.79 | 3.60 | 1.77 |
| 23:00 | 5708 | Girona vs Real Sociedad | 2.48 | 3.18 | 3.02 |
| 23:30 | 5501 | Real Garcilaso vs Univ San Martin | 1.43 | 4.40 | 6.90 |

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| 0:15 | 3053 | SL Benfica vs GD Chaves | 1.19 | 6.77 | 15.97 |
| 1:00 | 1463 | Aldosivi vs Gimnasia y Esgrima | 2.21 | 3.02 | 3.77 |
| 2:00 | 5332 | Leones FC vs Barranquilla FC | 1.89 | 3.47 | 3.94 |
| 3:10 | 3509 | Newell's Old Boys vs San Martin SJ | 1.73 | 3.51 | 5.35 |
| 3:15 | 2129 | Guayaquil City vs Independiente DV | 3.36 | 3.36 | 2.10 |
| 20:00 | 2663 | Benevento vs Pescara | 1.89 | 3.46 | 4.32 |
| 20:30 | 2344 | AEK Athens vs Atromitos FC | 1.66 | 3.47 | 5.61 |
| 21:00 | 2107 | FC Hermannstadt vs Viitorul Constanta | 3.24 | 3.04 | 2.16 |
| 22:45 | 1019 | Dundee Utd vs Inverness | 1.81 | 3.62 | 4.31 |
| 22:45 | 1100 | Dumbarton vs Raith Rovers | 3.84 | 3.74 | 1.84 |
| 22:45 | 1180 | Chester vs Blyth Spartans | 2.01 | 3.66 | 3.04 |
| 22:45 | 2182 | Elgin City vs Queens Park | 2.05 | 3.52 | 3.25 |
| 22:45 | 2203 | Lincoln vs Exeter | 1.77 | 3.64 | 4.55 |
| 22:45 | 2296 | Berwick vs Annan Athletic | 6.98 | 4.55 | 1.40 |
| 22:45 | 2345 | Hull City vs Millwall | 2.26 | 3.29 | 3.29 |
| 22:45 | 2452 | QPR vs Leeds | 3.82 | 3.50 | 1.99 |
| 22:45 | 2488 | Dunfermline vs Partick Thistle | 1.92 | 3.51 | 3.94 |
| 22:45 | 2557 | Peterhead vs Cowdenbeath | 1.40 | 4.46 | 7.01 |
| 22:45 | 2724 | Barnet vs Chesterfield | 1.98 | 3.27 | 4.02 |
| 22:45 | 2743 | Ashton United vs Kidderminster | 2.82 | 3.54 | 2.16 |
| 22:45 | 3020 | Stirling vs Clyde | 3.20 | 3.57 | 2.05 |
| 22:45 | 3381 | Morton vs Queen of South | 2.60 | 3.28 | 2.70 |
| 22:45 | 3445 | Ross County vs Ayr United | 1.98 | 3.53 | 3.69 |

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| FINALISTS: |
| Kanbis & Nairobi Gymkhana |
| THIRD PLACE TEAM: |
| Swamibapa |
| Top wicket-taker- Jeyant Mepani-24 wickets |
| Top run getter- Rushabh Patel-383 runs |

Ramesh Mepani of Kanbis bowls during yesterday's T20 final at Simba Union Club.
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Napoli sign keeper Ospina permanently from Arsenal

NAPOLI: Napoli are edging closer to agreeing a permanent deal with Arsenal for goalkeeper David Ospina, according to reports in Italy. The Colombian goalkeeper moved to Gli Azzurri from the Emirates on loan in the 2018 summer transfer window and was initially signed as a back up to Alex Meret. However, following an injury to the Italian Under-21 shot-stopper just six days after joining the club from Udinese, Ospina was given the opportunity to feature regularly for Napoli and has been impressive in Serie A this season, keeping four clean sheets in eleven starts. After the 30-year-old delivered another faultless performance in last week's 0-0 draw against Torino, Gli Azzurri manager Carlo Ancelotti admitted his desire to keep the Gunners' keeper at the club beyond his loan deal which expires at the end of the 2018/19 campaign. According to reports in Calciomercato, Ospina is expected to make a permanent move to the Stadio San Paolo in the coming weeks after the keeper revealed that he wanted to stay at Napoli, leading the Italian club to open negotiations with Arsenal.



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Spurs' title bid dented by Burnley: Pochettino

LONDON: Mauricio Pochettino admitted that Tottenham only had themselves to blame after falling to a shock 2-1 defeat away to Burnley in the Premier League on Sunday, and has admitted that Spurs' title bid is now over. The result at Turf Moor saw Spurs miss the chance to close the gap to Manchester City and Liverpool at the top of the table, as goals from Chris Wood and Ashley Barnes fired the home side to victory, despite a reply from Harry Kane on his return from injury. Spurs were dominant in possession and had a superior number of efforts on goal, but ultimately came up short against Burnley's typically rugged style of play. As quoted by Tottenham's official website, Pochettino said after the game: "It was tough and we're disappointed, upset. "We know it's always going to be tough here because of the way they play and if we don't match that aggression and the way they play, we are going to suffer. "I thought we controlled the game but it wasn't enough and we conceded two goals, very disappointing."



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SUBSTITUTE DYBALA SPARES BIANCONERI BLUSHES

Juventus put in a poor display against Bologna but bounced back from their defeat to Atletico Madrid thanks to Paulo Dybala's winner. Paulo Dybala came on from the bench to score the winner as a lacklustre Juventus overcame Serie A strugglers Bologna 1-0 on Sunday. Despite putting in a below-par performance for much of the encounter, Juve took the lead when Dybala – whose long-term future in Turin is rumoured to be in doubt – slotted home from close range eight minutes after coming on. Dybala's effort came against the run of play, with Juve sparred by wasteful finishing and a superb block from Alex Sandro, who prevented Ibrahima Mbaye from putting Bologna ahead. However, Juve's strength in depth proved the difference as they became the first side in Serie A history to win at least 22 of their first 25 games of a season, with the result also a timely boost for boss Massimiliano Allegri after the Champions League defeat to Atletico Madrid in midweek.

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RETIRING KIPSANG TARGETS LONDON, WORLDS AND TOKYO

Former world marathon record holder Wilson Kipsang has three major ambitions before retirement. The 36-year-old, a 2012 Olympics bronze medallist, wants to reclaim the London marathon in April, then go on and win the world championships in Doha in September before a final attempt at Olympic gold in Tokyo 2020. Kipsang is eyeing the London half marathon on March 10 as a launchpad to the busy season. "I am looking forward to the race where it will be a good testing ground to the big race. I expect to race against people like Mo Farah, who will also be competing in the London marathon." Kipsang has won the London marathon in 2012 and 2014, and set the world record in between, but he says he's hungry for another success after two years of trying to get back to form. He expects this year's London marathon, which has attracted a high quality field of runners, to be very competitive.



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Gor Mahia players celebrate after Francis Kahata scored their first goal against Hussein Dey of Algeria in their CAF Confederation Cup Group D match at Kasarani yesterday. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLLO

In total control

K'Ogalo beat Hussein Dey in Nairobi to firmly lead CAF Confed Cup Group D

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Gor Mahia regained leadership of CAF Confederation Cup Group D following a deserved 2-0 victory over NA Hussein Dey of Tunisia at Kasarani Stadium yesterday.

They left it late to win the duel after a feisty first half in which the

word blunt best described Gor Mahia's attack, but later gave way to a pulsating second bearing action from end to end with the hosts looking menacingly dangerous whenever they attacked. K'Ogalo controlled the game without really cracking the visitors defense.

Having snatched a brave draw away to Zamalek 10 days ago, the

Algerian team came close to another famous point in the campaign, which would have greatly bolstered their chances of qualifying for quarterfinals and consequently hurt Gor Mahia's.

Hussein Dey thrived on timely, last ditch interventions to thwart Gor Mahia throughout. Five times they made sliding challenges to block K'Ogalo's attempts. They defended excellently until the 84th minute when Francis Kahata breached their defence with a thunderous strike to break the deadlock.

The chanting Gor fans were almost losing hope as they watched every cross, mostly from Shafik Batambuze nipped in the air by Hussein Dey's towering goalkeeper. Gor Mahia even made all their substitutions but scoring chances still seemed to be a tall order. Then a slight change of tact saw K'Ogalo finally start threatening. Their crosses, initially high and deep in opposition goal area, became low and slightly further from the goal area.

Six minutes from time Batambuze made another one of his trademark forward forays and floated a clever ball which Hussein Dey back line

managed to repel but only as far as Kahata who's wild shot took a deflection as it went in the net. The stadium erupted with the hosts celebrating as opponents berated match officials.

One of the tirades on centre referee earned Hussein Dey's Abdeghani Khiat a straight red card and Gor Mahia used the numerical advantage to add a second goal almost immediately. A small scuffle ensued as visiting bench invaded Gor Mahia's technical area.

The visitors lumped the ball forward from a goal kick and the a repellant header towards Hussein Dey goal set Jacques Tuyisenge goal-bound and he made no mistakes, shooting low in the middle of the goal for Gor Mahia's second.

He had squandered the Gor's first clear opportunity to score in the 13th minute. Faced with just the goalkeeper after Nicholas Kipkirui did the donkey work and squared the ball into his path, the Rwandan shot feebly with his left foot and goalkeeper Zakaria Bouhalfaya gathered.

Samuel Onyango, preferred on the wing at the expense of Boniface Omondi was also guilty of three missed chances as Gor Mahia ended the half on ascendancy.