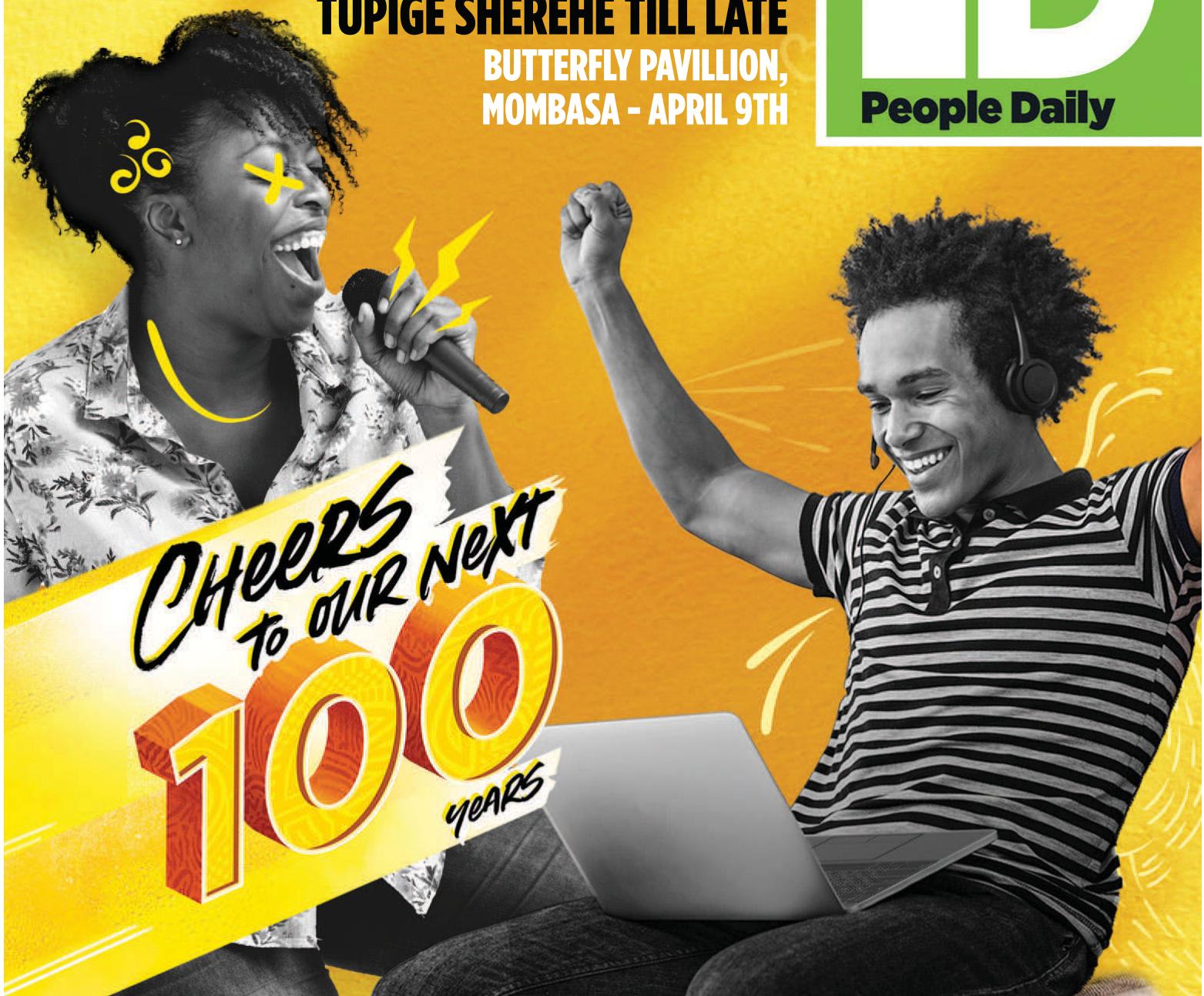




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# Raila rules out zoning, quells fires in Azimio

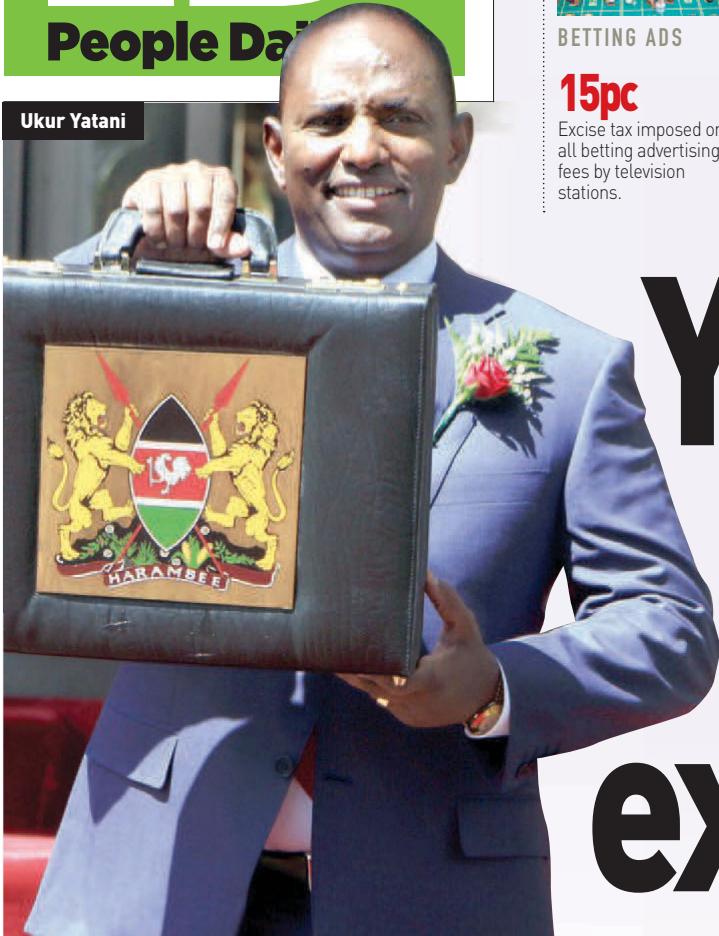
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Ukur Yatani



UKUR YATANI

To support the implementation of the projects and programmes under the 'Big Four' Agenda, I have proposed a total of Sh146.8 billion

KIMANI ICHUNG'WA

The CS is over-ambitious, you cannot raise Sh2.4 trillion during this period when everything is centred on politics. These are unrealistic revenue estimates

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### WINNERS



#### EDUCATION

**Sh544b**

To fast-track transition to Competency Based Curriculum [CBC].



#### ENERGY

**Sh95b**

Minister allocated Sh95 billion towards supporting power generation initiatives.



#### PARLIAMENT

**Sh50.2b**

Parliament got Sh50.2 billion up from Sh38 billion last year to run its operations.



#### ROADS & BRIDGES

**Sh212.5b**

Allocated towards completion of ongoing projects and construction of new ones.



#### HEALTH

**Sh122.5b**

To fund activities and programmes including the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

### LOSERS



#### BETTING ADS

**15pc**

Excise tax imposed on all betting advertising fees by television stations.



With Taxman seeking to intensify its raid on cheats the Treasury revealed that the latest move is expected to generate an additional Ksh 50.4 billion to the exchequer for the FY 2022/23 budget.

#### Liquid Nicotine

The push to adopt liquid nicotine as an alternative for those addicted to the substance was dealt a blow as the government proposed to

change the taxation regime for the product from the current shillings per unit to an excise duty of Sh70 per millilitre.

#### Boda boda

As the government looks to regulate the two and three wheelers as passenger modes of transport, boda boda riders will be expected to take insurance covers for their passengers.

# Yatani falls short of expectations

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## WEATHER TODAY

Nairobi	28°	Nyeri	26°
Mombasa	32°	Kitui	30°
Kisumu	31°	Wajir	38°

## Nandi Hills MP aspirant dies in accident

by Jeremiah Kiplang'at  
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Nandi Hills was thrown into mourning after a parliamentary aspirant died in a grisly road accident yesterday morning.

Wesley Kibet Kogo, 30, a frontrunner to unseat the incumbent Alfred Keter on a United Democratic Alliance (UDA) ticket died after a public service vehicle he was traveling in rammed another at Kangemi area on Waiyaki way in Nairobi.

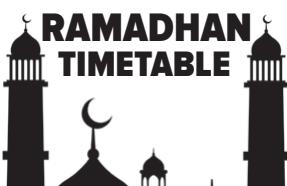
Kogo, popularly known as 'Tingeet', was headed for a morning show at the Kalenjin vernacular station Kass FM.

A sombre mood yesterday engulfed the home of Kogo at Kipsamo village following the news of his demise with his supporters trooping in to condole with his family.

Robert Chepkwony and Irene Je-mutai who were set to face off with him for the UDA ticket during the party primaries slated for April 14, conveyed their condolences to his family.

Kogo hit the headlines in November, 2021 after the Nandi Hills Community raised funds for his political campaigns. *People Daily* established that Sh1.6 million was raised in the event and Kogo was upbeat of flooring Keter who has served for two terms.

Kogo pursued a degree in Applied Statistics and Computing from University of Eldoret and graduated in 2015. Police confirmed the incident.



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## Raila rules out Azimio zoning after partners raise concern



Umoja La Azimio presidential candidate wades in to calm storm after fringe parties in the amalgam threatened a walkout

by Jeremiah Kiplang'at  
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Azimio La Umoja presidential candidate Raila Odinga yesterday ruled out zoning of the country in favour of big parties in a crisis meeting that was called to address concerns that were threatening to tear apart the nascent coalition.

The meeting came a day after a caucus within Azimio called Mwanzo Mpya issued demands they wanted addressed else they would leave the alliance. The group was led by Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua.

Failure by Azimio leaders President Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila to address fears of a planned zoning of the country in favour of the big parties – Jubilee, ODM and Kalonzo Musyoka's Wiper – has been threatening to split the alliance for a while.

Azimio spokesman Prof. Makau Mutua confirmed the meeting in a press statement last evening, saying issues raised by the caucus had been discussed and addressed.

He said participants agreed not to zone the country, putting to rest, for now, an emotive issue that was fanning divisions in Azimio. "There will be no zoning of the country for any political party."

Zoning has become a hot-potato within Azimio, threatening to split the alliance that Raila is banking on to succeed President Kenyatta in the August 9 General Election.

It is also a challenge that the Kenya Kwanza Alliance led by Deputy President William Ruto is struggling to deal with.

In coalitions bringing together many parties, zoning means reserving sections of the country for specific outfits to field candidates without facing competition from co-partners.

In the Azimio-One Kenya alliance, the

fringe parties, which enjoy peripheral following confined to a specific area, have felt threatened by the attempted zoning of the country among the larger parties for fear of being swallowed by them.

Governor Mutua's group which brings together a number of aggrieved small parties including his Maendeleo Chap Chap (MCC), Narc-Kenya, Muungano, Narc and DAP-K had warned they would not entertain mistreatment, expressing readiness to explore other political options.

Dr Mutua, who had earlier confirmed receiving a call from Raila inviting him to the meeting while addressing MCC aspirants at KICC, said they will not accede to any attempts to zone the country among Jubilee, ODM and Wiper parties, the main outfits forming the tripartite Azimio partnership.

"There is an attempt to run nominations through zoning. Our candidates are already prepared to compete and zoning has no place in the current arrangement," said the governor.

He said it was injurious to their ambitions to grow parties that had for months asked aspirants to join them promising to issue direct tickets for the August polls.

"Our candidates have already registered their candidature with our parties and they have an equal right to be on the ballot," he noted.

### Supremacy battle

DAP-Kenya, which is associated with Defence Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa, is locked in a fierce supremacy battle with Raila's ODM in Western region. The party has been a leading voice on the issue and recently warned against attempts to zone the country.

Yesterday's meeting was also used to cool down tempers over discrimination claims within the coalition.

The small parties said they had not been assured of their positions, adding that only three outfits had been formally considered as forming the alliance.

"There is an indication the leadership of Azimio is made up of three parties only: Jubilee, ODM and Wiper. This leaves out the

Azimio La Umoja presidential candidate Raila Odinga (centre) with other coalition bigwigs, including Martha Karua of Narc-Kenya, Narc's Charity Ngilu and Kivutha Kibwana of Muungano Party after a meeting in an undisclosed venue, yesterday.

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other founding parties," they protested on Wednesday.

Makau said the issue of inclusivity had been addressed and that the coalition's top decision-making organ will now be expanded to 11 members to accommodate smaller outfits. He also said they will not allow caucusing within the mammoth alliance which brings together 26 parties in an attempt to forestall similar occurrences happening in the future.

"The talks touched on inclusivity, equity and consultation, all aimed at guiding and anchoring our coalition party ahead of the upcoming August polls," said Makau.

The question on who will deputise Raila has cropped up on many occasions since the alliance was formally unveiled last month but recently Wiper leader Kalonzo appeared to lay claim to the position making other partners eyeing the post jittery.

On Tuesday, Kalonzo appeared to confirm he will be picked as Raila's partner as it was in the 2013 and 2017 elections.

"I have said I will support Raila. And for those who know me, I will not backtrack; I will campaign for him like never before. This other matter about who is running mate should not worry you. There are some things that are obvious," he said.

Earlier indications were that the President was interested in picking the person to deputise the Azimio candidate. It was thought he would pick someone from Mt Kenya to appease the vote-rich region to vote for Raila.

Makau yesterday ruled out such a plan, saying the matter will not be settled by an individual but by all partners in the alliance. "The matter of the running mate will be decided in consultation with partner constituent parties at the appropriate time," he said.

Other Azimio bigwigs including Narc-Kenya leader Martha Karua, her Narc counterpart Charity Ngilu, Muungano Party leader Kivutha Kibwana, Democratic Action Party-Kenya official Eseli Simiyu, Kisii Governor James Ongwae, lawyer Paul Mwangi and media owner SK Macharia attended the meeting.



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**Garissa Township MP Aden Duale.** He says Budget speech is an illegality. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

## Duale says Yatani address violation of Constitution

by Anthony Mwangi  
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Garissa Township MP Aden Duale termed yesterday's presentation of the Budget as a violation of the Constitution which can be challenged in court.

Duale questioned the move to allow the reading of the Budget statement before the processing of the Budget estimates by the National Assembly.

"Are we turning the vigorous process by our departmental committees and the Budget and Appropriation Committee (BAC) into a ritual; whose output does not inform policy pronouncements by the government?" posed Duale in a statement.

The former Majority Leader said Section 40 (1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 requires that each financial year, the CS with the approval of the Cabinet, makes a public pronouncement of the Budget policy highlights and revenue-raising measures for the national government (Submission of Finance Bill).

The Finance Bill therefore must be presented before the House before the presentation of the Budget.

The processing of the estimates by the National As-

sembly through the departmental committees and the BAC culminates with an adopted report of the BAC as House resolutions informing the budget speech by the Cabinet Secretary for the National Treasury.

"Sadly, this process has been overlooked rendering the presentation by the CS unconstitutional," Duale said.

### Illegal decision

He said that the unconstitutional and illegal decision by the CS for the National Treasury to read his Budget statement before processing the estimates not only undermines the Constitutional budget-making role of the National Assembly but also rolls back the gains made by the House as a budget-making Parliament.

He argues that by allowing the CS to read his statement using a mere guideline (budget calendar), the House will be allowing the violation of the constitution under the guise of accommodating a general election.

"The National Assembly cannot adjust timelines and allow the Cabinet Secretary to breach the constitution, a sacrosanct supreme law of the land we all swore to protect and defend as Members of Parliament," said the MP.

Money aimed at taming effects of the prolonged drought and the high prices of farm inputs especially fertiliser

by Nicholas Waitathu  
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Key strategies will be fast-tracked in the 2022/23 Financial Year to tame the effects of the prolonged drought and the high prices of farm inputs, mainly fertiliser, thus strengthening farmers' ability to produce more food.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary (CS) Uhuru Yatani yesterday while reading the 2022/23 budget statement in Parliament assured that in the 2022/23 fiscal year Sh46.8 billion will be expended to finance agriculture as one of the key components of the Big Four Agenda.

"The skyrocketing fertiliser has hit farmers hard and thus reduced their purchasing power. To cushion them against, I have factored in the 2022/23 budget Sh2.7 billion. The money will be used during the short rains season of October-December 2022," said Mr. Yatani.

More than 3.1 million people in 23 counties are facing starvation and collapsed livelihoods with Yatani promising that the government through various programmes will ensure the situation has been tamed.

### New allocation

The new allocation is over and above Sh3 billion released last week to mitigate the same which for the last one year has increased by more than 100 per cent.

Though agriculture value chains criticised the budgetary allocation saying it is far below the 2003 Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security that advocated allocation of 10 per cent of the national budget to agriculture development by the African governments.

The Sh46.8 billion is part of total budgetary allocations of Sh63.9 billion the sector has been allocated for the 2022/23 financial year.



**Tea pickers at a farm in Kericho County.** PD/FILE

"The aim of this pillar is to achieve food and nutrition security for all Kenyans. This will be achieved through large scale production of staple food, expansion of irrigation schemes, increased access to agricultural inputs and implementation of programs to support smallholder farmers to sustainably produce and market various commodities," added Yatani.

He explained Sh4.2 billion will be allocated to fund the National Agricultural and Rural Inclusivity project, Small Scale Irrigation and Value Addition Project (Sh1.5 billion), Kenya Cereal Enhancement Programme (Sh1.7 billion) and Emergency Locusts Response (Sh1.9 billion).

Other projects targeted to benefit from the budgetary allocations are National Value Chain Support Project (Sh1.6 billion), Food Security and Crop Diversification Project (Sh690 million), Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, (Sh7 billion) Agricultural Sector Development Support Programme II (Sh1.1 billion).

**YATANI**  
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### Water harvesting

Yatani added that Aquaculture Business Development Project will benefit with Sh2.6 billion, Kenya Marine Fisheries and Socio-Economic Development Project (Sh2.8 billion), Exploitation of Living Resources under the Blue Economy (Sh1.3 billion), Kenya Livestock Commercialisation programme (KELCoP), (Sh1.65 billion) and Irrigation and Land Reclamation (Sh8.5 billion).

The CS confirmed that Sh9.8 billion will be committed to enhance water harvesting, for example, continued construction of major water reservoirs like the Thiba dam and rehabilitating water pans.



## BRIEFLY

### Sh317b to support security operations

The government has allocated Sh317.8 billion to support operations of the National Police Service, the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) and the National Intelligence Service to support their operations. The KDF received the highest allocation of Sh128.4 billion followed by the police and Prisons with Sh122.2 bn and the NIS with Sh 46.1 billion. Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uhuru Yatani allocated an-

other Sh10.7bn for leasing of police motor vehicles and another Sh1bn for police modernisation programme. Other allocations include Sh1 billion for the National Communication and Surveillance System, and Sh35 million for the equipment of the National Forensic Laboratory. The government also allocated Sh2.3 billion for the group personal insurance for police.

—Zadock Angira

### Electoral body gets Sh22b to conduct August polls

by Anthony Mwangi  
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The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) has been allocated Sh21.7 billion to conduct the August polls.

With this allocation, the commission has now received the full amount of Sh40.9 billion its chairman Wafula Chebukati (pictured) had requested.

"In order to facilitate the 2022 General Election, we allocated Sh22.9 billion in the current Financial Year and

proposed a further allocation of Sh21.7 billion in the Financial Year 2022/23 to the IEBC," Yatani said.

Other than financing the General Election, the funds cover the review of electoral and boundary delimitation laws. This include undertaking boundary delimitation for the 290 constituencies, 1,450 county assembly ward and mapping of the 26,000 registration centres.

The commission had proposed to increase the polling centres from 40,883 that were gazetted in the 2017 General

Election to 53,300.

Yatani said Sh321.5 million will go towards delimitation of electoral boundaries up from 102 million in the current Financial Year while Sh1.24 billion for electoral information and communication technology down from Sh5.9 billion for 2021/22.

Voter registration and electoral operations gets Sh14.55 billion up from Sh11.75 billion in the 2021/22 Budget and general administration planning services gets Sh5.1 billion from Sh4.1 billion.

## Roads win big in Uhuru last Budget

by Jeremiah Kiplang'at  
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Roads construction was one of the biggest winners in President Uhuru Kenyatta's last Budget as his government continued to allocate billions of money for the sector.

The President has been praised for pumping billions of shillings on road projects across the country since coming into office in 2013.

His administration has often claimed it has paved over 10,000km of roads for the nine years it has been in office.

Yesterday, Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uhuru Yatani continued with trend of allocation of billions to the sector, capturing the Jubilee's government persisting interest in roads construction.

### Railway transport

"Towards this end, I have proposed an allocation of Sh212.5 billion to support construction of roads and bridges as well as their rehabilitation and maintenance," said the CS.

The multi-billion shilling Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) also got a big boost as more funds were allocated for expansion to the rest of the country, after construction stopped in Naivasha for lack of funds.

"To expand railway transport to the rest of the country, I have proposed Sh18.5 billion for development of the SGR, Sh1.1 billion for Railways Metro Lines and Sh439 million for rehabilitation of locomotives," Yatani revealed.

The Treasury also gave the Energy sector more billions for connecting more people to the national grid. "To support production of reliable and affordable energy, I propose a total of Sh91.5 billion excluding the provisions set aside under the 'Big Four' initiatives, development of nuclear energy as well as exploration and mining of coal," he said.



# Uhuru's final budget falls short of expectations, say economists

## AMOUNT FOR BIG FOUR AGENDA



**SH62.3B**  
AMOUNT TO BE USED FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE



**SH46.8B**  
MONEY THAT WILL BE SPENT ON FOOD AND NUTRITION



**SH27.7B**  
THE AMOUNT GIVEN TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING



**SH10.1B**  
WHAT GOES TO MANUFACTURING

Economists argue allocation overlooks pertinent factors such as spiralling cost of food items, unemployment and choking taxation

by Steve Umidha  
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Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uhuru Yatani's Sh3.3 trillion exit Budget under the current administration failed short of Kenyans' expectations, focusing on grand projects under the Big Four Agenda despite calls to address the rising cost of living.

Billed as President Uhuru Kenyatta's legacy Budget, Yatani's speech, according to economists, largely overlooked pressing problems such as the spiralling cost of food items, worrying unemployment levels and choking taxation to make room for politicians' retirement goodies.

"To support the implementation of the projects and programmes under the 'Big Four' Agenda, I have proposed a total of Sh146.8 billion," declared Yatani, an allocation he maintained would go a long way in fulfilling President Kenyatta's legacy projects unveiled in 2017 when he assumed his second and last term in office.

Yatani, who read the 2022/23 Budget in a ritual that came place two months early as a result of the August 9 General Election, yesterday steered clear of offering undeviating solutions to the high cost of living among Kenyans – a status quo that has been compounded by delayed rains in most parts of the country.

Instead, most of the allocation was absorbed by roads and infrastructure projects with the ongoing Big Four projects namely; housing, manufacturing, food security and universal healthcare gobbling a huge chunk of the allocation.

Education, infrastructure, security and health sectors topped Treasury's priority list, accounting for more than one-third of the total Sh3.31 trillion Budget read by the former Labour minister who was appointed to the role in 2019 – initially in acting capacity before being confirmed in January 2020.

While making his presentation before the National Assembly and Senate, Yatani insisted the government had maintained its development and recurrent expenditure targets amid a tough economic environment.

### External lenders

Treasury targets to raise an astounding Sh2.14 trillion in taxes and then turn to domestic and external lenders to plug the deficit by borrowing Sh846.1 billion.

Education and security sectors got an allocation of Sh544.4 billion and Sh317.8 billion, respectively. The security budget will be applied to support operations of the National Police Service, Defence and National Intelligence Service.

Out of the proposed allocation in the education sector, Sh12 billion will cater for free primary education, while Sh2.5 billion will

## AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE



**Sh20.6 billion**

The total amount Yatani hopes will stimulate economy



National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uhuru Yatani outside the National Assembly moments before he addressed a press conference, yesterday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

be spent to recruit new teachers through the Teachers Service Commission and Sh64.4 billion for free day secondary education including insurance under NHIF for secondary school students.

A further Sh5 billion was allocated for examinations fee waiver for Grade Six, Class Eight and Form Four candidates with Sh1.96 billion set aside for the school feeding programme.

Unsurprisingly, an exorbitant portion of Sh44.6 billion was allocated towards the General Election and operations of the electoral body, IEBC.

"In order to facilitate the 2022 General Election, we allocated Sh22.9 billion in the current FY 2021/22 and propose a further allocation of Sh21.7 billion in the FY 2022/23 to the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission," said Yatani.

Expenditure towards drought resilience and sustainable livelihood plan, on the other hand, benefitted from a paltry Sh178 million meant to address the extenuating drought emergencies in a country that experiences severe dry season every two to three years.

Since September last year, for instance, much of Kenya's northern region has received less than 30 per cent of normal rainfall, which has doubled in frequency in that region since 1999 due to climate change, signalling a humanitarian crisis.

Coming at a time Kenyans are smarting from effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2022/23 Budget elicited sundry reactions from the country's political factions who expressed divergent views.

While those from Azimio La Umoja side led by presidential aspirant Raila Odinga welcomed the statement,

## BUDGET & FINANCING

Total budget

ministries

Counties

Fiscal deficit

**Sh3.3tr**

**Sh2tr**

**Sh370b**

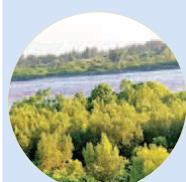
**Sh860b\***

\* The deficit will be financed by net external borrowing of Sh280.7 billion and net domestic borrowing of Sh581.7 billion.



**Sh1.5b**

For agriculture and food security the government will spend less than Sh2 billion



**Sh5.8b**

What government intends to use in the environment, water and sanitation services



**Sh1.3b**

Amount to be spent on health outcomes under the stimulus package in the next financial year



**Sh8.2b**

What is expected to address education outcomes



**Sh2.1b**

Allocation to Kazi Mtaani programme that has in the past been used to employ thousands of youth


**ALLOCATION ACCORDING TO THEMATIC AREAS**
**Sh317b**

Amount set aside for **national security** with the Defence docket getting Sh128.4 billion and Police service receiving Sh93.9 billion.

**Sh513b**

The education sector will receive more than half a trillion shillings with the TSC getting Sh294.7 billion and universities picking Sh91.1 billion.

**Sh212b**

Money to be spent on roads. The hugest chunk goes to construction of roads and bridges at Sh103.7 billion.

**Sh102b**

Treasury CS will spend the amount in the health sector with KNH getting Sh18 billion and the Global Fund receiving Sh16.2 billion.

**Sh47b**

Under the governance and justice theme the government has allocated Sh21.7 billion for the General Election while the Judiciary will get Sh18.9 billion.

**Sh33b**

The transport sector will receive the amount with the SGR from Nairobi to Naivasha being allocated Sh18.4 billion and the one to Mombasa getting Sh9 billion.

**Sh39b**

The social protection programme will get this amount with cash transfer to the elderly being pegged at Sh17.5 billion.



# Winners, losers in Yatani allocations

Uhuru's legacy projects receive lion's share but betting firms and alcohol users carry tax burden

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The government has reaffirmed its appetite for big infrastructure spending with massive allocations to the sectors hoping to spike growth but also seal President Uhuru Kenyatta's legacy.

The Budget, which is the last under the Jubilee administration, surged from the Sh3.1 trillion for the financial year 2021/22 to Sh3.3 trillion for 2022/23.

National Treasury and Planning Cabinet Secretary Uku Yatani said the State had maintained its development and recurrent expenditure targets amid a tough economic environment.

Treasury allocated Sh513 billion to the education sector to fast-track the transition to Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC), Sh317.8 billion was directed to the **security** agencies and Sh245.9 billion was allocated to the roads and transport sector to complete ongoing projects and construction of new ones.

"In line with the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act the government has adhered to the fiscal responsibility of observing the required 30 per cent of its expenditure to development. In this financial year the allocation to development in the budget is 34 per cent," Yatani said.

The inability by counties to raise adequate resources to sustain themselves continues to weigh down on the national government with the devolved units landing an equitable share of Sh370 billion.

The transformation in the energy sector is also expected to gain momentum after the State allocated a budget of Sh95 billion towards supporting power gen-

eration initiatives.

Parliament and Judiciary also recorded increased allocations with the National Assembly getting an additional Sh12 billion to run its operations while Judiciary got an additional Sh1 billion.

Overall Judiciary will now receive Sh18.9 billion from Sh17 billion in the last fiscal year while Parliament got Sh50.2 billion from last financial year's Sh38 billion to run its operations.

The key sectors that will be looking to reap big from the Budget this year are local vehicle assembly and the health sector.

From the health allocation, Sh62.3 billion will fund activities and programmes for the attainment of Universal Health Coverage including the exclusion of medical equipment from import tax.

"In order to promote local manufacturing of pharmaceutical products, I propose to introduce VAT exemption on inputs used in the manufacture of medical ventilators and breathing appliances."

The local public service vehicle assembly will also be looking to benefit from the exclusion of taxes to expand their operations locally.

Yatani pointed out that locally assembled passenger service vehicles will enjoy a tax relief as the government looks to boost the sector.

Despite increased calls by Kenyans to the government to instigate measures to reduce the cost of commodities the Treas-

## YATANI

**I propose to introduce VAT exemption on inputs used in the manufacture of medical ventilators and breathing appliances.**



The Nairobi Expressway which is nearing completion. The Treasury allocated Sh245.9 billion to the roads and transport sector. PD/BERNARD MALONZA

sury only allocated Sh46.7 billion to the agriculture sector.

With the price of fertiliser having doubled last year, Sh3 billion was allocated to subsidise farmers during the current planting season. The government is now proposing to allocate a further Sh2.7 billion fertiliser subsidy to cushion farmers.

## Losers

Yatani said the Jubilee administration has refocused spending to sustain economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic and support social welfare programmes meant to benefit low-income and poor Kenyans.

Initiatives towards equity and poverty reduction received allocation of Sh68.9 billion, Social protection Sh39.4 billion, manufacturing Sh10.1 billion, environment Sh110.8 billion, ICT 15.6 billion and housing 27.4 billion.

While betting craze has been subdued by the health pandemic and the tough economic times, Treasury has noted the effects gambling has had on society and imposed a 15 per cent excise tax all bet-

ting advertising fees by TV stations.

This will come as a huge blow to the sector that has in recent times been the punching bag for taxes.

Betting, nicotine products and alcohol have come under heavy taxation as the government looks to tap into the leisure segment.

However, as President Uhuru will be looking to leave a legacy the large fiscal deficit is set to be a heavy burden on his successor after the August General Election, with the growing spending appetite scarcely being satisfied by the revenue being collected by the exchequer.

"In view of the limited fiscal space, the government will embark on rationalising the existing portfolio of projects being implemented by the national government and issue regulations for managing public investments. The government has developed the Public Investment Management Information System, which is expected to be a repository of all projects implemented by the National and County governments," Yatani said in the budget statement.

# Azimio MPs praise statement, Kenya Kwanza's rubbish it

by Anthony Mwangi  
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MPs had mixed reactions on this year's Budget with those from the different political divide taking divergent views.

While those from the Azimio la Umoja welcomed the statement, their Kenya Kwanza counterparts termed it a burden to wananchi.

Kikuyu MP Kimani Ichung'wa dismissed the proposal by CS UKur Yatani to raise Sh2.4 trillion through taxes as unrealistic during an election year.

"These are unrealistic revenue estimates," Ichung'wa said.

The MP described the Budget as more pro-business as opposed to pro-people.

Barieda MP Otiende Amolo wel-

comed the Budget, saying it gave hope to Kenyans as it sought to address the tough economic times.

"The work is not yet over, on Tuesday we will now sit down as the people's representatives to look at the estimates presented by the CS and adjust figures where necessary," Amolo said.

Sabatia MP Alfred Agoi said he did not think much from the Budget since as it has been the norm, the Treasury will come up with changes in subsequent Supplementary budgets.

"Much of what has been presented here today will be reversed in Supplementary budgets which the CS is likely to introduce soon as it has been the practice.

Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro said this year's Budget was against the common



Kenyan.

"The CS has made huge deductions to areas where it hurts Wanjiku much like provision of water," said Nyoro.

Kitui Central lawmaker Makali Mulu, who sits in the Budget committee said it is now upon MPs to ensure that taxes on basic commodities are not increased.

"This Budget is generally okay.

What we have to ensure is that taxes for commodities like milk, fuel, gas among other common products used by Kenyans daily are not taxed more. At the same time, we will ensure that things like cigarettes and alcohol are taxed more because you can choose not to take alcohol because it is a luxury but you cannot choose not to eat," said Mulu.

Tongaren MP Eseli Simiyu (pictured) termed the Budget as well balanced in tough economic times.

"I liked the proactive move by the government to at least provide something for fertilizer for our farmers and the **security**. The government really tried to strike a balance in all sectors since economies of the world were all ravaged by the Covid-19 pandemic," Simiyu said.



Treasury PSs Julius Muia (front) and Saitoti Torome (centre) leave Treasury Building to escort their boss CS Ukur Yatani (back) to the Parliament for the Budget presentation, yesterday. PD/Alice Mburu



**Security** officers arrest an activist who was protesting outside the National Treasury yesterday minutes before CS Ukur Yatani left for Parliament. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG



ODM leader Raila Odinga and Tourism CS Najib Balala at the National Assembly during the session. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



Journalists are addressed by CS Yatani at Parliament Buildings after he read the Budget statement at the chambers, yesterday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani leaves Treasury Building for Parliament to read the Budget statement, yesterday. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG



Parliamentarians follow the reading of the 2022/23 Budget by CS Yatani, yesterday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



Members of the public congregate outside the National Treasury yesterday to catch a glimpse of CS Ukur Yatani as he left to present the Budget. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



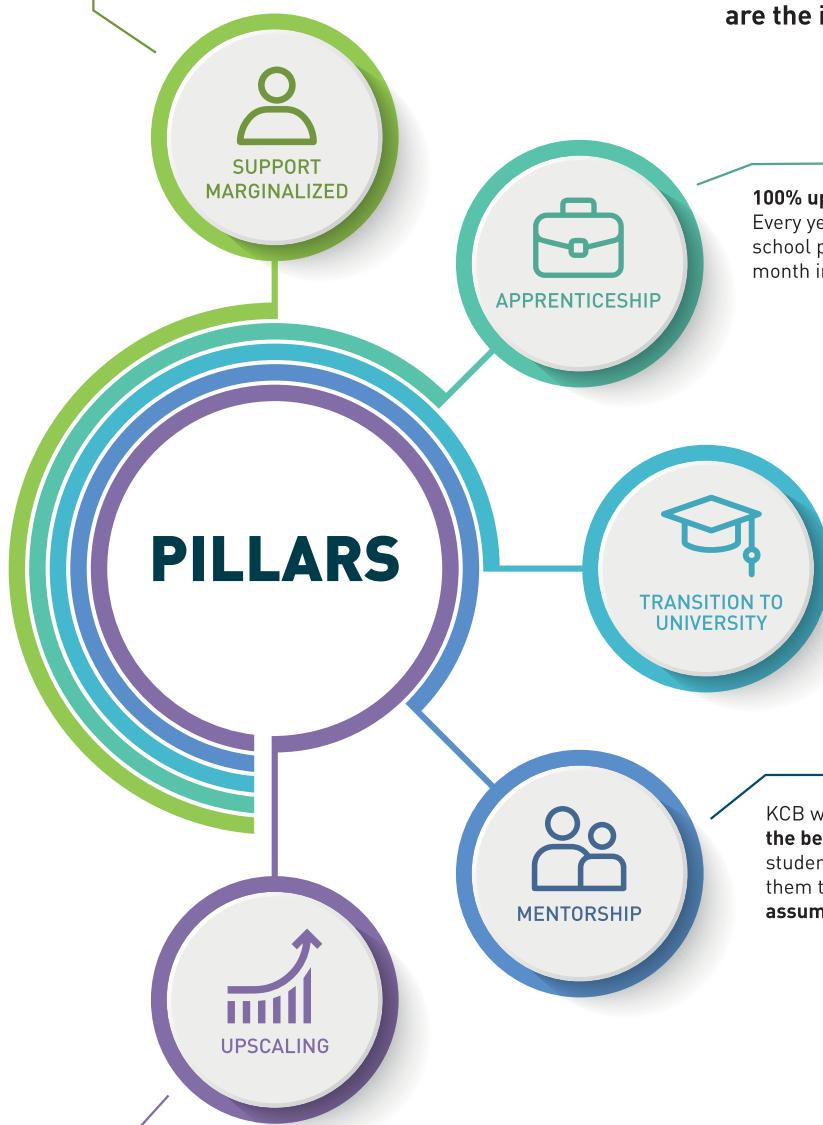
A university student arrives at Parliament to follow the Budget presentation speech. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



Security officers did not leave anything to chance outside the National Treasury building, yesterday. PD/JOHN OCHIENG

# KCB Foundation Impact Areas

The program intends to **actively and intentionally support marginalized, underserved, minorities and vulnerable children's access to education.**



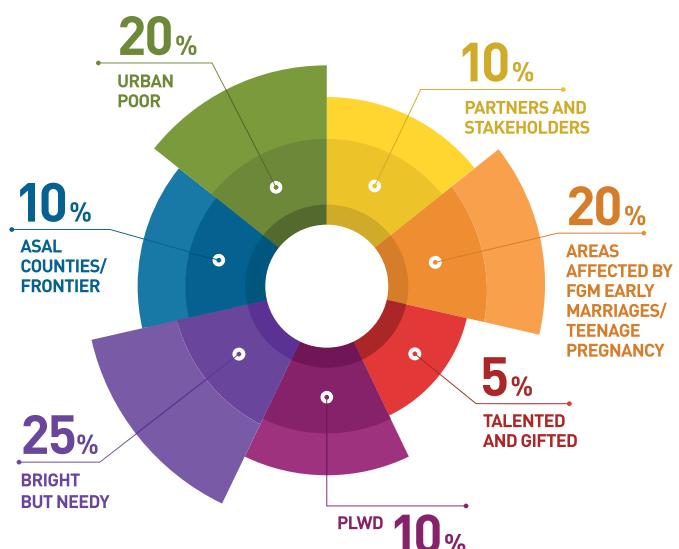
The Program intends to upscale the intake of students from the current **240 to 1,000 students annually** by actively and intentionally seeking out and serving the marginalized, underserved, minorities, and vulnerable children in society. The scholarship includes subsistence support i.e Transport costs, Scholarly items e.g set books, uniforms and pocket money.

The KCB Foundation runs a Scholarship program through which it supports bright but needy students (in all the 47 counties) accessing high school education through the provision of scholarships. The scholarship covers tuition, upkeep, and learning materials. The Foundation is upscaling the program and growing to move into apprenticeship and tertiary education scholarships. With this upscaling, these are the impact areas that the Program hopes to affect:

**100% uptake into apprenticeship.**  
Every year, all students from the high school programme will all be given 3 month internship within the Group.

The Program will **guarantee 100% transition to university**. In 2020, we had 50 students transition from high school to university. For the 2021 class, we target 100% transition to a tertiary scholarship programme.

KCB will help the students **grow as individuals and become the best version of themselves**. This will involve helping the students achieve their personal or career goals, introducing them to **new ways of thinking, challenging their limiting assumptions, sharing valuable life lessons**, and much more.





**Samwel Mwaura  
of ICPAK**

The government should not forget that we want to see the continuity of the economy now and even after the August 9 elections



**Job Wanjohi of KAM**

Most of what the National Treasury CS is planning to give us today might be a challenge to the next government because the next administration might come with their own agenda. So whatever there's a likelihood that all this will be changed by various bills next year



**Billow Kerrow,  
former Mandera  
East MP**

Giving Judiciary Sh18 billion in the 2022/23 Budget whilst giving Parliament a whopping Sh50 billion is ridiculous. The government is clearly revisiting the courts to cripple them

# Good news as total allocation to counties increases by Sh37b

Move follows a ruling by the court on conditional grants that have been excluded this year from Division of Revenue Bill 2022

by Hillary Mageka  
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County governments will receive a proposed allocation of Sh370 billion as an equitable share in the Financial Year 2022/23, the same amount they were allocated last year.

Devolved units will also receive the recommended conditional allocations amounting to Sh37.1 billion, bringing the total allocation to Sh407.0 billion.

National Treasury and Planning Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani, said the rise represents 27.3 per cent of the most recent audited and approved revenue raised nationally.

"We have also complied with the High Court ruling on conditional grants to county governments. In this regard, conditional grants have now been excluded from the Division of Revenue Bill 2022 unlike in the case of the last Financial Year," said Yatani.

"I note with appreciation that this House has unlocked the stalemate on the County Governments Grants Bill. This Bill will provide a legal framework for transferring conditional grants to counties," he added.

Besides, in line with Article 204(1) of the Constitution, counties have been allocated Sh7.1 billion under the Equalisation Fund, which represents 0.55 per cent of the most recent audited accounts of revenue received.

Following the High Court ruling on petition No. 272/2016 of November 5, 2019 quashing the guidelines on administration of the Equalisation Fund, and the ensuing disbandment of the Fund's Advisory Board, all expenditures of the fund were stopped.

To mitigate this, Treasury in collaboration with other stakeholders, developed the Public Financial Management (Equalisation Fund Administration) Regulations 2020, which was approved by Parliament in October 2021. "Following appointment



**Bomet Governor Hillary Barchok flags off a grader during the launch of the construction of 1.4km Longisa Town roads on January 18, 2022.**  
PD/FILE

## MINERAL ROYALTIES

Following a presidential directive, the National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said the ministry has since developed a draft framework that provides for mechanisms for sharing of revenue from mineral royalties among the national government, counties and communities in line with Section 183 of the Mining Act, 2016.

of the Advisory Board, and establishment of the secretariat, it is expected that completion of projects as identified under the first policy and implementation of programmes in the second and subsequent policies will be fast-tracked," the CS noted.

In order to ensure the process of transfer of functions between the national and county governments is clearly provided for in law, the ministry is developing legislation to operationalise Articles 187 and 189 of the Constitution on Transfer of Functions and Cooperation between the national and county governments.

### Transferred functions

"The proposed legislative framework will provide transparency in the administration of intergovernmental transfers with respect to transferred functions and cooperation between Governments," he said.

He added on: "Once completed, the legislative proposal will be submitted to this honorable House for consideration and approval." In order to support county governments' efforts to enhance their Own Source Revenue (OSR), the National Treasury said it has submitted the County government (Revenue Raising Process) Bill to Parliament.

The Bill, the CS said, will regulate the manner in which counties introduce or

vary fees and charges.

"Once passed, this legislation will address the problem of multiplicity of fees and charges within and across counties in line with Article 209(5) of the Constitution," the CS explained.

The CS appealed to the National Assembly and Senate to consider and approve the Bill in a bid to create a conducive working environment for businesses so as to deal with the issue of multiplicity of fees and charges within the county governments.

To support implementation of the County Government Own Source Revenue Policy, the CS said the National Treasury in collaboration with the Ministry of Lands and Physical Planning, Council of Governors, and other stakeholders have developed the National Rating Bill 2022 to replace the outdated Valuation for Rating Act (Cap. 266) and Rating Act (Cap. 267).

"This Bill was submitted to Parliament in January and once enacted will guide the valuation for rating and imposition of rates on the rateable property," he held.

On Sharing of Mineral Royalty Revenues, the CS submitted that Kenya has a wealth of mineral deposits.

For instance, he said, between the financial year 2016/17 and 2019/20, the Government collected a total of Sh5.5 billion in royalties from extractive activities.



## UHC scoops lion's share of Sh62.3b of health funds

by George Kebaso  
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Universal Health Coverage got the lion's share of the Sh146.8 billion proposed for the health sector in the 2022/23 Financial Year in yet another clearest indication the government is keen on seeing its attainment.

Yesterday's proposal by National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani to allocate UHC Sh62.3 billion saw it up from Sh47.7 billion in the last Financial Year.

UHC is one of President Uhuru Kenyatta's legacy projects as he exits after the August 9 polls.

"Mr Speaker, I propose to allocate Sh146.8 billion to the health sector to support the various programmes aimed at improving health outcomes," Yatani said in Parliament yesterday when he presented this year's budget proposals. "Of this amount Sh47.7 billion will fund activities and programmes for the attainment of Universal Health Coverage," he added.

The government kicked off UHC pilot programme in four counties – Isiolo, Kisumu, Machakos, and Nyeri – in November 2018 and in February this year the President launched the national rollout across the 47 counties.

Speaking in Mombasa when he unveiled the full roll out, Uhuru stated that the passage of the NHIF (Amendment) Act was a milestone in Health Insurance, through which the success of UHC will be anchored on.



## Education receives Sh544.4b with emphasis on CBC

by Irene Githini  
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The Education sector has received Sh544.4 billion in the 2022/23 Financial Year budget.

While delivering the budget statement in Parliament yesterday, National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani pointed out that Sh12

billion will cater for Free Primary Education, another Sh2.5 billion for recruitment of teachers while Sh64.4 billion will go to Free Day Secondary Education including insurance under National Hospital Insurance Fund for secondary school students.

"We are committed to provide access to quality education for our

children and youth. This will facilitate realisation of their full potential and enable them to effectively contribute to the development of the country," said Yatani.

Also out of the allocation, Sh5 billion will go towards examinations fee waiver for Grade Six, Class Eight and Form Four candidates while Sh1.96 billion is for the school

feeding programme. The CS also made a proposal to allocate Sh1.2 billion for training of teachers on Competency-Based Curriculum and Sh310 million for the Digital Literacy Programme and ICT integration to secondary schools.

Treasury has set aside Sh4 billion for the construction of CBC class-rooms.



Supreme Court of Kenya building in Nairobi. PD/FILE

# Judiciary's cash woes to persist

Justice department allocated less than half of what it asked for in this year's national Budget

by Anthony Mwangi  
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The Treasury has allocated the Judiciary Sh18.9 billion in this year's Budget, way below the Sh39.5 billion it had asked for.

National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uku Yatani said the allocation comprises Sh16.9 billion, which include Sh587.3 million for the Judicial Service Commission for recurrent and Sh2 billion of development.

The Judiciary had complained that the proposed amount will not be sufficient for the institution to deliver its mandate.

Chief Registrar of Judiciary Anne Amadi, while making a presentation before the Budget Committee, warned that should the Sh17.5 billion proposal be retained, the Judiciary would only have Sh2 billion to spend on development with Sh15.59 billion expected to fund recurrent expenditure.

She said the amount would leave the Judiciary with a 44 per cent budget shortfall.

In the 2020/21 financial year, the National Treasury allocated Sh18.1 billion to the Judiciary.

Amadi said it is unfortunate that justice needs in the country had been overlooked over the years.

**AMADI**

**11** Is justice in the country so unimportant that the funding gap keeps growing wider and wider?

## MPs get Sh12b more for projects, salaries

by Anthony Mwangi  
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Parliament has been allocated Sh50.2 billion up from Sh38 billion allocated in the last financial year.

The Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) had requested for Sh46.6 billion in order to ensure completion of development projects and implementation of essential parliamentary programmes.

The projects include completion of office block, completion of integrated security management system, refurbishment of buildings and development of the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CBST).

Others are compensation of employees on account of expanded Parliament and the normal wage drift and capacity building for members and staff.

An additional Sh1 billion had been sought for automation of parliamentary processes and development of CPST.

Parliament is expanding its workforce to cater for the increased number of MPs and the Senate. The PSC has already advertised 192 vacancies.

The PSC also asked for more funds to cater for the increased salaries for the MPs as proposed by the Salaries and Remuneration Com-

mission (SRC).

The SRC on salary reviews for State officers between 2021/22 and 2022/23, proposes to increase salaries for MPs by at least 14 per cent, as well as other parliamentary officials such as Speakers and their deputies, Majority and Minority leaders.

The commission, in the proposals for salaries to state officers in the third review cycle – 2021/22 and 2022/23 – which was released on

**410**

Total number of Senators and Members of the National Assembly set to benefit from 14 per cent pay increase proposed by SRC

Tuesday for public participation, proposes to have MPs and senators paid Sh710,000 in monthly salary, up from the current Sh621,250.

This would mean that in total, the 410 senators and members of the National Assembly would earn Sh36.3 million more each month in the proposed structure, pushing monthly salary costs to Sh291.1 million.

With majority and minority leaders also proposed to earn Sh11,248 more monthly, Speakers Sh10,000 more and their deputies Sh8,000 more, this raises the annual wage bill for Parliament by 14 per cent from Sh3.1 billion to Sh3.58 billion.

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**JUBILEE WOMEN LEAGUE CHAIR FATUMA GEDI**

We are requesting the President to order Jubilee Party that women be given direct tickets in places where they are strong on the ground. Such a move would ensure the number of elected women increases in the August elections.



**INTERIOR CS FRED MATIANG'I**

Let's do all we can to ensure there is peace during this campaign period. We have invested resources to enable live recording of politicians during campaigns for smooth prosecution of such cases.



**TONGAREN MP ESELI SIMIYU**

I liked the proactive move by the government to at least provide something for fertiliser for our farmers and security. The national government has really tried to strike a balance in all sectors.

## Budget failed to tackle cost of living

President Uhuru Kenyatta's Sh3.3 trillion exit budget, which came amid agitation for reduction in the cost of living, is seen as being underwhelming due to the time it may take to trickle down.

In the Budget speech, Treasury Cabinet Secretary Uhur Yatani said the government will allocate funds for fertiliser subsidies to small scale tea farmers, the Kazi Mtaani programme, and also invest in improving health care and education.

Granted, Treasury allocated Sh513 billion to the education sector to implement the Competency-Based Curriculum, and Sh17.8 billion to security agencies to safeguard the country.

The local public service vehicles assembly firms will also be looking to benefit from exclusion of taxes to expand their operations after the minister said they will enjoy tax relief.

Whereas these are welcome measures to Wanji, it is notable that the Budget was short of measures that would have a direct and immediate knock-on effect, and ease the current economic burden on the common man.

In order to address Wanji's concerns, subsidies on basic food commodities such as flour and cooking oil would have gone a long way in relieving the current burden. Further, the targeted increase in tax revenue collection to 50.4 billion may have a ripple effect on the prices of commodities and the cost of living, leaving the common man in an even worse economic position.

There is also a push to have a deposit of 50 per cent of disputed tax revenue held in a special account at the Central Bank of Kenya as taxpayers sort out disagreements with the taxman. The move has the potential to lead to the closure of businesses due to the impact it will have on investors.

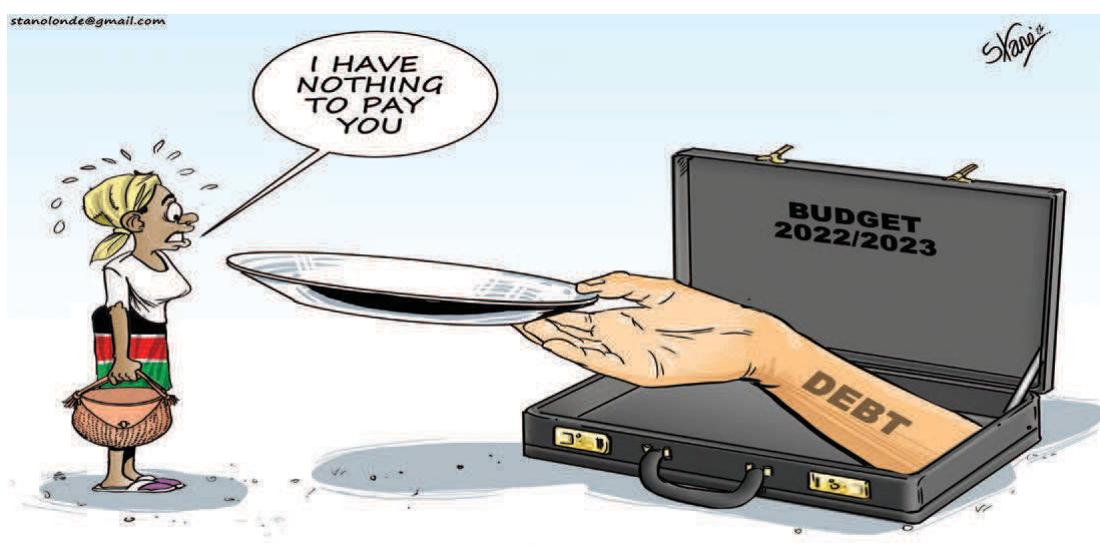
Further, the Sh46.8 billion set aside to spike growth in the agriculture sector as one of the key components of the Big Four Agenda is not enough based on the 2003 Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security that advocated allocation of at least 10 per cent of the national budget to agriculture development by African governments.

In general, while the Budget attempted to push for the finalising of the Big 4 Agenda megaprojects, it added pain to the suffering man on the streets. However, since the devil is always in the detail, time will tell how this policy direction holds for the economy. It is everyone's hope that the Budget will not only spike growth but also cushion the common man from the elements.

### THOUGHT OF THE DAY

RASHEED OGUNLARU

**Sometimes you learn, grow and give far more when your back's against the wall**



## Media reports on BBI final verdict too simplistic

The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) ruling was long-awaited. Probably the question was why the judges were taking their sweet time since the completion of the conclusion of the submissions. The case had been initially filed at the High Court, then appealed, and appealed again.

May be the media got fatigued in the process. As a country, we have been on this matter of BBI for a while now. But news is always news and journalists need to be prepared to tell it afresh at every turn. The ruling at the Supreme Court was yet another turn. Overall, the Kenyan media made a poor job of reporting it. The issues of contention kept evolving as the case moved through the legal pipeline. By the time it arrived at the Supreme Court, the judges had distilled these contentious issues to seven.

At the risk of being overly simplistic the seven issues are reducible to the following: whether what the basic structure is applicable in Kenya, whether the President initiated BBI and where that is acceptable, thirdly whether BBI was the place for creation of the 70 constituencies, and whether the President enjoys immunity.

The remaining three were whether there had been public participation in BBI, whether the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) had quorum when it attended to the BBI issue, and whether a referendum should have a single or multiple questions. These were the issues that the seven judges were required to render opinion on.



**LEVI OBONYO**

**Journalism is too often, and particularly in today's world, a game of soundbite**

They easily dispensed with the last one by simply saying that it was a premature question. Some would have thought otherwise, but hey, the seven are the judges.

The first issue really was the one with the farthest-reaching consequence. If the Supreme Court judges had agreed that basic structure applied in Kenya, then it would have meant that Kenya took a very restrictive approach to changing the Constitution. This is not only a matter of interest to Kenyans but to legal scholars as well.

The other issues were important but probably not as critical as this one. There was a consensus among the judges, to many people's relief, that basic structure did not apply to Kenya. May be the other critical issue was the immunity of the President. This is important because it has a bearing on the boldness of the resident to act while in office.

Journalism is too often, and particularly in today's world, a game of soundbite. What are the quotable quotes that reporters can get from sources in relation to the judgement? Sometimes quotes are easy to come by, pub-

lic service journalism should look for these quotes, yes, but give the public more than the sound bites.

This requires reporters to analyse the subject and break it down to the listeners. The average listeners lack sophistication and expect the subject to be as simple as possible. What we had in the reportage of the Supreme Court verdict is a situation of journalists reducing the judgement simply to who lost and who won.

In this there were the supposed two leaders of the opposing sides. The pro BBI side had Raila Odinga and the President. On the opposing side were the Deputy President and his Kenya Kwanza Alliance. Rivalry between these two sides, and who wins, is less important compared to understanding the implications of the ruling.

Before one could decide who won, it was critical to analyse the seven issues, assess their criticality to our nationhood, and use that as a basis to render to educate the readers and the viewers. As already pointed out, some of the issues of contention had implications beyond BBI. How did the ruling pan on the critical issues, and what is the implication of the ruling? There was unanimity on some of the issues among them including the number seven and number one issues.

Is BBI therefore dead as rendered by majority of the media? What are the gains from the ruling? This is the function that journalism ought to carry in society, and as regards the BBI ruling, the Kenyan media have done poorly.

**— The writer is the dean, School of Communication, Daystar University**

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# We must protect our youths against sexual abuse, HIV

Last year a friend and HIV activist called out on me in a meeting. She said there was a village in Homa Bay where she had met close to 200 pregnant and child mothers. She said some of them had acquired HIV.

Nothing in my career had prepared me to meet the girls especially when they had gathered in one space. With my face covered under the face mask, I silently shed tears at their heart-wrenching life stories. From the 17-year-old who had been defiled by an uncle, the 12-year-old who had been raped by boys while collecting firewood to the 10-year-old pregnant and newly infected with HIV girl who stared blankly at us, their stories were like pins of pain piercing across.

I took a two-week baby of a 13-year-old in my arms. I whispered "the world will be a safer place" for her. Clad in school uniform, the child mother had given birth through a Caesarian-section just days earlier. She said an uncle had defiled her at home but none of her close relatives believed her. A dark-skinned girl aged about 14 said she had no sanitary towels and she was introduced by a friend to a man who offered to buy all her essential needs but he disappeared on learning she was pregnant.

The sub-chief present at this meeting graciously ushered the parents who shared their stories of desper-



DR RUTH LAIBON-MASHA

**We all should not be desperate adults, but commit to address issues around sexual violence**

tion; the frustrating legal corridors, the pain of watching the dreams of baby girls destroyed by a monster that seems too huge to tackle and the fact the society had gone rogue. In a nutshell, all adults present seemed to lack any form of urgency to address the deep-rooted challenge.

I was too emotional. My wrath turned to the parents and guardians of girls, not only from this village but countrywide, since the story is not unique to Homa Bay. In fact, in January and February, 45,724 pregnant girls aged 10 to 19 attended antenatal care in health facilities. Moreover, approximately 30 new HIV infections occur daily among youth aged 15 to 24. Back in my home in Kilifi, the story is not any different and the list of desperate adults continue to grow.

I was irked with the hypocrisy of all of us as adults. Not so long ago, we were engaged in a national rhetoric of what we needed to do to address the teen pregnancy menace. Our response has been weakened by divergent positions on what is right

and wrong for the girls and unclear pathways to deal with the reality of sexual violence, both in a preventative sense and in after-care response. Divided along our religious doctrine and the communities of faith largely indifferent, the narrative often ends with politicisation of teen sexuality.

Last December, while marking the World AIDS Day President Uhuru Kenyatta was visibly angered when reacting to a plea by a young woman calling on leadership to end sexual violence, teen pregnancies and new HIV infections. He openly called out on men to take leadership and shame those responsible for the despicable actions. While appreciating the presence and need to enforce existing legal frameworks, he appreciated that the society had to do more, too.

Uhuru's call to address the high number of teen pregnancies, gender-based violence and new HIV infections among youth is a call to all of us.

We must unlock the potential of our people to liberate society. I was recently informed the parents of the

girls in Homa Bay are now champions, not just for own children but for others too. They are no longer desperate adults, but committed to address issues around sexual violence and teen pregnancies. This is what all adults must do—lead from the front.

At the height of the Covid pandemic, County Commissioners were tasked with the responsibility of leading and coordinating government efforts to end teen pregnancies. This was in recognition of their strategic positioning in coordinating government functions. Since then, they have led several forums to address challenges exacerbating teen pregnancies and GBV. The prioritisation of this agenda across government platforms is bearing fruit.

In January and February, we witnessed a reduction of 19 per cent (11,021) in the number of adolescents seeking antenatal services as compared to the same period in 2021. Yet, the triple threat is still far from over. There were 317,644 pregnant adolescents in 2021 and 12,520 girls who sought sexual and GBV services. The statistics are disturbing, and we must all lead with practical solutions to save our future.

— The writer is CEO of the National Aids Control Council

## ODDLY ENOUGH



### Stray bull rescued from swimming expedition in US

A young bullock who fell into a swimming pool after making his escape from a field has been winched to safety by firefighters.

The 600kg farm animal was hoisted out using a harness after spending around four hours in his watery predicament in Paignton, South Devon.

Rob Cude, group manager at Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service, said: "He did spend quite some time with his nose just below the surface blowing bubbles, which he seemed to enjoy."

"When they started pumping out the water, he seemed to swim along the pool and investigate the pump," he added.

"All (were) relieved to see him safe and well."

Once the bullock had been lifted out of the pool and released from his harness, he was moved into a cattle trailer and taken back to the local farm to recover from his dip.

"A really good outcome for one very cold young bull," Mr Cude added.

— Agencies

## For better health, prioritise anti-climate change fight



DORIS KATHIA

**There is need to promote non-discrimination in all measures on climate change**

power relations in their lives and lead the response to the climate crisis. If we want to achieve climate justice, sexual and reproductive health and rights and gender equality have to be prioritised.

Here in Kenya, despite the decentralisation of many government functions, the counties have done little to integrate climate change into development plans or develop adaptation strategies for vulnerable populations. Climate change is having an uneven impact across the world but what is the role of the counties in addressing the human rights effects of climate change and other environmental threats?

Recently, extreme weather events, land degradation and water scarcity are displacing people and affecting their health. Pollution and plastics are found at the bottom of the oceans, the highest mountains and have made their way into our food chain. Systems that produce highly processed, unhealthy foods and beverages are driving a wave of obesity, cancer, asthma and heart diseases

while generating a third of global greenhouse gas emissions.

We know what policy changes are required to address climate change, however, the problem is we're not enacting them yet. Globally, youth recognise the climate crisis will affect the rest of their lives, therefore, they are taking matters into their own hands, using innovative tactics and literally putting their bodies on the line to say the time for change is now.

Several effects of climate change include severe drought which can affect water supply, agriculture, transportation, energy and public health which, due to reduced flows in rivers and streams, can concentrate pollutants, threatening the quality of water used for drinking and recreation. Further, drought-fuelled wildfires can expose nearby communities to smoke and pollutants, which can exacerbate chronic respiratory illnesses. The effects can inflict extreme costs on people, businesses and governments.

The past two years of Covid, have highlighted the inequities in our

world. The pandemic has revealed weaknesses in all areas of society and underlined the urgency of creating sustainable well-being societies committed to achieving equitable health now and for future generations without breaching ecological limits. To reduce this exposure and ensure human rights standards are integrated into adaptation plans, the government should ensure meaningful participation and access to relevant information for affected groups and refrain from investments and implementing actions that could undermine people's rights.

Owing to the fact that 90 per cent of people breathe unhealthy air resulting from burning of fossil fuels, the government should ensure the National Adaptation Plan under development is in accordance with Kenya's obligations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and international human rights law that includes plans on how to protect rights to food, security, water and health.

Similarly, there is need to promote non-discrimination in all national policies, action plans, implementation strategies and other measures on climate change.

— The writer is a sexual and reproductive health and rights expert and a communications specialist



TRUTHIS: You don't have to defend yourself if God is your shield.

## #TWEETS TO THE EDITOR



### Revive Kenyans-for-Kenyans spirit

@KagwiriaLiza: Life is becoming tougher day by day. People living from hand to mouth, youths dying of depression, parents killing themselves and kids etc...please, if you're capable of helping someone with even a single meal, do so. Let's stand together.

### Lamu kids, elders cry for education

@jucscscs3: @modi\_juma: #BudgetKE aside, Boni elders in Lamu are again urging the govt to reopen schools and deploy teachers so that their kids can access education like other Kenyan kids. Education is one way of fighting terrorism.

### Why the double registration of SIMs?

@NelsonHavi: SIM cards are registered upon purchase. I believe that is elementary. What then is the purpose of the other registration? Tupunguze ujinya Serikalini tafadali. Do not be compelled to comply with null and void directives.

### Watch out for SIM card Murders!

@bonifacemwangi: SIM reregistration: What if you're not in the country or in a hospital bed recovering? Why does government love threatening citizens while stealing and wasting taxes? Kenyans were killed by cops for not wearing masks. Next... SIM card murders?

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**Joyce Kagwe**

I want to see how the Budget will blend with that of the incoming government. The difference between what we hear in campaigns versus what the current government is working on, is significant. Aspirants are focused on spending and giving out free money. Yet the current government has infrastructure and affordable housing projects underway.

**Georgina Midila**

The 2021/22 budget is quite okay. President Uhuru Kenyatta has prioritised the completion of key projects which will be vital in opening the country's economy.

**Millicent Achieng'**

The Budget summarises President Uhuru Kenyatta's agenda. Enhancement of critical infrastructure, as indicated in the Budget, will help open up the economy for business. The roll-out of an economic stimulus programme is also a major move by President Kenyatta.

# Impact of county governments' borrowing on national overall debt

Economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic is the focus of the Sh3 trillion 2021/2022 Budget Estimates. The Budget aims at balancing the need for economic stimulation and healthcare responses to challenges posed by the pandemic.

The prevailing economic condition forced Kenya to enter a 38-month programme

with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This programme, under the Extended Credit Facility (ECF) and the Extended Fund Facility (EFF), entailed undertaking fiscal and monetary measures targeting revenue collection, stock of debt and budget deficit.

In the first half of 2021, revenue collection amounted to

Sh976.7 billion against a target of Sh929.1 billion. This was at-

tributed to improved business environment as Covid-19 rules

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**Rise in expenditure has outpaced revenue growth in most counties, with own-source revenues performing poorly**

were relaxed; and improved collection measures by Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA).

**Rush to conclude projects**

The 2022/2023 Budget Policy Statement projects that the equitable share to devolved units is to be retained at Sh 370 billion. Being an election year, expenditure by counties will be on the rise as governors rush to conclude legacy projects while those seeking re-election push for project completion.

County governments fund their operations through a blend of sources. These include: own revenues, allocations from national government, and grants. Expenditure by county governments has been on the rise due to the need for more funds for development and recurrent budgets. The rise in expenditure has outpaced revenue growth in counties. Own source revenue in most counties has performed poorly — only five counties met their targets on this in 2020/2021, with some collections being lower than the revenues collected by former municipal bodies.

In Nairobi, the takeover of revenue collection by KRA has not yielded much growth in the county's own source revenue.

The National Government, through the National Treasury, issued guidelines on borrowing by county governments. The borrowing is meant to alleviate budget deficits faced by most county governments. Based on the guidelines, county government borrowing must be guaranteed by the National Government and can only be used to finance development expenditure. Other requirements that county governments must meet include: ability to demonstrate that the project could not have been carried out without debt financing; that an acceptable project management cycle has been adopted; 15 per cent of the project's funding is from own revenue; and that all conditions for project implementation have been met.

County borrowing is through issuance of Treasury Bills, Treasury Bonds, Government Stock, Treasury Note, and other financial instruments issued by county governments. These must be backed by the National Government and approved by the County Assembly.

Parliamentary oversight ought to check and balance the Executive. But there has been weak oversight by Members

of County Assemblies (MCAs) over the Executive.

Kenya's gross public debt stood at 79 per cent of GDP as at the end of 2021, with a debt-service to tax ratio of 49 per cent in 2020/2021. Forecasts by the Parliamentary Budget Office puts the stock of debt as at the end of June 2022 at Sh8.6 trillion, with the current ceiling at Sh9 trillion. The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA) provides that any borrowing by county governments should not result in Kenya breaching the statutory debt ceiling. As it is, the country has little wiggle room before it hits the debt ceiling — unless legislators raise the level.

Guarantees by the National Treasury to debts by county governments are based on fulfillment of stringent requirements. These have locked out many county governments. Counties must not spend more than 35 per cent of their budget on recurrent expenditure, they should also spend at least 30 per cent of their budget on development expenditure, in addition to proving that they have sufficient revenues outside the allocations from the National Government to service the borrowings. Only 21 county governments complied with the 30 per cent development expenditure in 2020/2021.

From the stringent requirements for National Treasury guarantee, only four of the 47 county governments qualify for this guarantee. Debt sustainability has become a thorn in the flesh for policy makers, with conflicted views on sustainability. The IMF is pushing for fiscal consolidation through broadening of the tax base and reduction of debt levels as a condition for financial support to Covid-19 recovery measures. The National Treasury, through the Public Debt Management Office, is expected to be keen to ensure the debt stock is managed prudently. This may result in fewer guarantees by the Treasury to county governments.

The overall national debt is not expected to be impacted greatly by borrowings by county governments since only a few meet the threshold for guarantee. Counties may have to look for ways of improving their own source revenue to finance development projects.

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# Confusion defines ODM polls amid talk of unfair selections

Aspirants for governor and senate seats in Nyamira, Migori, Kisumu counties set to get automatic nod

■ by Robert Ochoro, Evans Nyakundi and Kepher Otieno  
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Confusion marred ODM primaries in Nyanza amid complaints that undeserving candidates had been handed direct tickets.

While the party announced that it had cancelled the primaries for parliamentary seats, and summoned aspirants for a meeting in Nairobi, voters in parts of the region went ahead to vote.

Candidates for governorship and senate seats in Nyamira, Kisii, Migori and Kisumu counties could be given direct tickets. Those poised to receive direct tickets are aspirants Simba Arati (Kisii), Timothy Bosire (Nyamira) and Senator Okong'o Omogeni.

Kisii party chairman Okerosi Ondieki said yesterday that only South Mugirango parliamentary aspirant Dennis Makori was exempted and would be given a direct ticket since he has no competitor.

The official said nomination was being conducted in 13 out of 45 wards, adding that in some wards the aspirants had no competitors while others agreed to rally behind one candidate.

"A total of 11 aspirants agreed to support one candidate while 21 seats were not contested" Okerosi said at Kenya Institute of Highway and Building Technology tallying centre yesterday.

He said the party had recalled polling clerks and election materials in the wards where polls would not be done, adding that only ODM registered members were voting. Earlier, Kisii Central Ward Representa-

tive aspirant Wilfred Monyenye, rivalling Frank Mirina, protested after the exercise failed to take off at Kisii Primary School grounds and Nyaura, claiming there was sabotage.

Kerosi said the ballot materials were sent to far-flung polling stations. He pledged to address the matter but some voters got impatient and left. A number braved the scorching sun and waited.

Voting at Kisii Primary School started at 2pm after residents protested and declined to be shifted to Menyinka centre, Gekomu and Nyaura polling stations where voting was going on smoothly.

Returning Officer Mark Oremo apologised for the delay, saying there were supposed to be three polling stations — Menyinka centre, Gekomu and Nyaura — hence the confusion.

"We have set up two polling stations at Kisii Primary School to hasten the process. Voting will be done digitally," Oremo told voters after consultations with Monyenye.

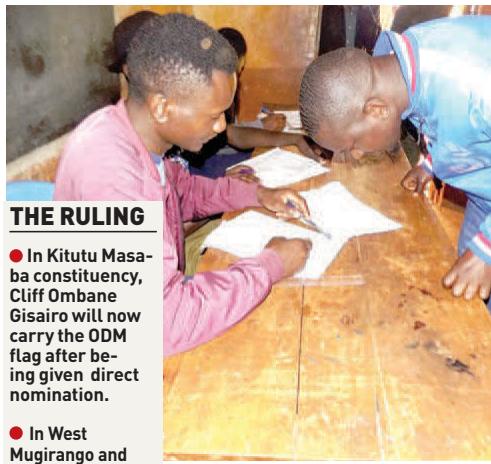
Bosire was yesterday nominated unopposed as the Nyamira county governorship aspirant after his sole competitor in the party, James Kemoni, withdrew from the race.

Dr Emily Kwamboka will also run for the Nyamira Woman Rep on an ODM ticket.

Bosire will most likely battle for the seat with Walter Nyambati (UDA), Joseph Kiangoi (ANC), Reuben Marwanga (Kanu), Mwancha Okima (Jubilee), Borabu MP Ben Momanyi (Wiper) and Governor Amos Nyiraro (UPA).

In Kitutu Masaba constituency, Cliff Ombane Gisairo will now carry the ODM flag after being given a direct nomination ticket whereas in West Mugirango and North Mugirango constituencies, Rogers Moturi and John Ongwae Mosongo were also given direct tickets, respectively.

In Borabu constituency, two candidates — Patrick Osero and advocate Yabesh



## THE RULING

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- In West Mugirango and North Mugirango constituencies, Rogers Moturi and John Ongwae Mosongo were also given direct tickets.

- In Nyanza, Suna East MP Junet Mohammed was also given the nod.

ODM nominations clerks verify a party member's details at Daraja Mbili Primary School polling station. PD/ROBERT OCHORO

Kambi Nyandoro — were subjected to nominations. By the time of going to press, voting was still going on. Out of the 20 wards in Nyamira County, only three were subjected to nomination contest, namely Nyamaiya, Bonyamatuta and Gesima.

In Nyanza, *People Daily* established that Suna East MP Junet Mohammed was

given a direct ODM ticket, as was Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi.

Others expected to get direct tickets include Rongo MP Paul Abuor, whose only opponent quit ODM, Suna West MP Peter Masara, an independent who recently joined the party, Mark Nyamita (Uriri) and Walter Owino (Awendo).

Bob Aviti, an aspirant for the Uriri seat, protested the move, wondering why MPs should be given direct tickets if they are popular. The same applied to Jared Kwaga of ODM.

"I have been in the party vying for the past 15 years. We dismiss the opinion poll as a sham. I am ODM number 310."

In Migori, Senate aspirant Eddy Ocheket secured a direct ticket, as he was said to be stronger for the race than the rivals.

Former Kisumu Central MP Ken Obura is said to have refused to step down for Governor Anyang Nyong'o.

Obura claimed that former Kisumu Governor Jack Ranguma, Senator Fred Outa and former Speaker dropped their bids in his favour. "Why would I be the one to step down when it's obvious aspirants shelved their interests for me," he said.

Sources revealed that he was offered the position of deputy governor, held by Mathews Owili, but he declined.

Owili said he was unhappy with negotiations that targeted his seat. "Why would my seat be seen as the only option to strike a compromise deal?" he posed.

He has paid the nomination fees of Sh250,000, alongside Nyong'o, who still prefers him as the deputy governor.

In the race for the Migori County governor slot, Senator Ochillo Ayacko, who is tipped to get the ticket, is yet to get a direct nomination. This is after Pamela Odhiambo, Migori Woman Rep and business elite Philip Mwabe failed to agree to the share seats.

## Administrators warned against taking sides in poll campaigns

■ by Sophie Njoka

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i yesterday warned administrators against taking sides during the electioneering period.

He said the ministry's support for the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) should not be misconstrued to mean interference in the polls.

"This type of support is not interference in the electoral process. My ministry does not conduct elections; we want a peaceful transition," he said.

Matiang'i was addressing the National Leadership Dialogue for county commissioners in Mombasa. He urged the administrators not to be intimidated by politicians.

He told them to work closely with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) and ensure they obtain evidence that is admissible in court against politicians spreading hate speech, violence and words that may



Interior CS Fred Matiang'i with Health PS Susan Mwachache at the Leadership Dialogue. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU

trigger violence.

"Let's do all we can in our respective areas to ensure there is peace during this campaign period. We have established operational orders in each county and invested resources with NCIC to enable live recording of politicians during campaigns to facilitate prosecution of such cases," he said.

He urged the administrators not to be partisan, saying

no one was above the law, whether in the opposition or the ruling party.

"You cannot be issuing provoking speech and then you expect us to apologise to you each time people behave as if the world is coming to an end on August 9," said Matiang'i.

The CS revealed that the National Crime Research Centre has indicated a 92.2 per cent increase in gender-based violence.

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Jubilee National Women's league chairperson Fatuma Gedi addresses delegates at Jumuia Conference in Limuru. PD/ CLEMENT KAMAU

## Jubilee urged to give more women direct tickets

by Clement Kamau  
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The Jubilee Party national women league now wants the party to give direct tickets to popular women aspirants across the country.

League chairperson Fatuma Gedi has asked party leader, President Uhuru Kenyatta, to prevail upon its elections board to give women special consideration instead of subjecting them to grueling nominations.

"We are requesting the President to order that women be given direct tickets in places where they are strong on the ground," she said, adding that such a move would ensure the number of elect-

ed women rises in the August elections. She spoke at Jumuia Conference and Country Home, Limuru yesterday where she attended a Jubilee Women's League forum with participants drawn from all the 12 Kiambu constituencies.

The meeting was called to drum up support for the party as well as the Azimio La Umoja flagbearer Raila Odinga.

Kiambu Governor James Nyoro, MPs Rachel Nyamai, Jerusha Momanyi, Sophia Abdi, Sarah Korere, Wanjiku Kibe and Sabina Chege attended the meeting. Gedi accused a section of Mt Kenya region legislators of being used to insult the President.

"Central regions MPs have become

very cheap. They are mercenaries for hire traitors, sellouts and political turncoats who are being paid every week to disrespect and dent the image of our party patron," she said.

Sabina challenged women aspirants not to be intimidated by men and to fearlessly conduct their campaigns.

On the frosty relationship between the President and his deputy, William Ruto, she said that nothing lasts forever.

"It's not a surprise that UhuRuto broke up. Even marriages break every other day and life continues," she said.

Nyoro said he will do everything to ensure Jubilee wins a sizeable number of seats in Kiambu in the August elections.

# It's do or die for Ruto allies in UDA primaries

Prominent aspirants in Deputy President's Rift Valley backyard face stiff competition in nominations

by Jeremiah Kiplang'at and Wycliff Kipsang  
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The April 14 United Democratic Alliance (UDA) nominations will make or break the political careers of top associates of Deputy President William Ruto.

Most of those facing fierce contests are from the Rift Valley region where the party enjoys a huge following.

Tension is palpable in the region ahead of the nominations, with concerns that powerful people in the party could interfere in the elections.

As all eyes are fixed on the young party and how it will fare in conducting its first primaries, many members and aspirants are demanding nothing short of credible nominations.

"We want to tell the DP to personally take charge of the primaries. We need fairness for all in this party," said Julius Birgen, an aspirant.

The focus of UDA nominations will be on Ruto's close allies who include former Devolution Cabinet Secretary Charles Keter and Uasin Gishu Governor Jackson Mandago who are facing stiff opposition.

Keter, who wants to be Kericho governor, and Mandago, who is eyeing the Senate seat, have found themselves in unfamiliar fire-fighting situations and have been forced to work harder to sell their candidatures.

### Good governance

Keter has demanded free and fair nominations saying anything short would be bad for the party's image.

Speaking after a UDA aspirants meeting in Kericho town on Wednesday, he said internal democracy must be nurtured and sustained within the party.

"The conduct of party affairs and specifically party nominations are key processes in the electoral process during which par-

ties set a basis for good governance or lack of it through their choice of candidates," he said.

Other senior politicians from the region who are going to the nominations in a week's time without the assurance of victory are governors Hillary Barchok (Bomet), Stephen Sang (Nandi) and Stanley Kiptis (Baringo).

Former Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinnet is also in a do-or-die battle as he makes his debut in elective politics.

He is seeking UDA's ticket to run for Elgeyo Marakwet governor's seat and will face off with Deputy Governor Wesley Rotich and former Eldoret Polytechnic Principal Josephat Sawe.

Soy MP Caleb Kositany, another close ally of Ruto's, is in the race for the Uasin Gishu governor seat. But he has to first secure the UDA ticket by beating other Deputy President's confidantes including former ambassador to Pakistan Julius Bittock and Nairobi CEC Vescach Kangogo.

### Job opportunities

Many of the aspirants who have found themselves in shaky ground have been forced to drop out of Ruto's presidential campaign trips across the country to focus on their constituencies.

Keter has, for instance, been holed up in Kericho since he resigned from President Uhuru Kenyatta's Cabinet, where he was the Devolution CS, in early February.

Although he was initially seen as a shoo-in to become Kericho's second governor, partly due to his closeness to the DP and partly because of his seniority in politics (he was the Kericho senator between 2013 and 2015 when he resigned to join the Jubilee Cabinet), the ground has increasingly been getting hotter since he hit the campaign trail two months ago.

His main challenger Erick Mutai, who has branded himself the Equaliser, is accusing the former CS of nepotism.

Mutai's gripe is that Keter failed to fairly distribute job opportunities to Kericho residents when he served as Energy CS between 2015 and 2021. Keter has denied the accusations.

"We have many people in Kericho who are looking after themselves. If elected, I will overhaul the county public service



Jackson Mandago



Charles Keter



Stanley Kiptis



Caleb Kositany



Hillary Barchok



Stephen Sang

board so that our young people are employed equally and without being asked which families they come from," Mutai said during a campaign meeting in Bureti on Wednesday.

In Uasin Gishu, the DP's home county, Mandago and Kositany are entangled in intense contests with opponents who are hell-bent on denying them the party ticket.

In his senate quest, Mandago, who is serving his final term as governor, is facing young aspirants Kipchumba Karori and Robert Kemei.

In Baringo, Governor Kiptis is in a tight race that has attracted Ruto allies, former Tourism PS Fred Segor and Eldama Ravine MP Moses Lessonet.

In Bomet, Governor Barchok and ex-Petroleum Chief Administrative Secretary John Mosonik will face-off for the UDA ticket. The winner will run against Chama Cha Mashinani leader Isaac Ruto in the August election.

### ELECTION TENSIONS

● Tension is palpable in the region ahead of the nominations, with concerns that powerful people in the party could interfere in the elections.

● On Monday, Deputy President William Ruto said he would make it a personal responsibility to ensure the nominations are credible.

● Party's National Elections Board Chairman Anthony Mwaura said they were ready to conduct credible internal elections.

### Polling stations

In the North Rift, a standoff is looming ahead of the primaries with a section of aspirants threatening to boycott the exercise citing interference by top party officials.

The aspirants who held a meeting yesterday claimed lack of transparency ahead of the exercise.

The aggrieved aspirants have also questioned the criteria used to appoint returning officers to oversee the exercise slated for Thursday next week.

"We will only take part in the nomination exercise if we are assured that it will not be interfered with by top party officials. We have even learnt that the party has enlisted non-existent polling stations, which are not in the IEBC register. The DP should take part in this party and show leadership," said Birgen.

The aspirants have threatened to boycott party induction slated for later this week claiming returning officers had been deployed from the party headquarters in Nairobi.

"You cannot tell somebody who has spent all his resources and time in the party to stand aside for outsiders. We want to tell the DP that the party is headed for tough times if he does not intervene," said Turbo UDA coordinator Sammy Mukyenei.

### Ruto's assurance

The aspirants questioned the criteria used by the party to appoint county and constituency returning officers to oversee the nomination exercise.

"Aspirants are key stakeholders of the party and should play a role in the management of party affairs. Many people love this party but transparency should be key. We already have a feeling that everything is not right," said Michael Kosgei from Racecourse Ward in Eldoret.

"Nobody is more UDA than others. This is a hustler nation being led by hustlers. From where we sit, we feel there will be no fairness in the nominations," he added.

Ruto has been asked to keep off the contests and so far he has complied – at least in public – leaving his allies to fight for their own political lives. On Monday, the DP said he would make it a personal responsibility to ensure the nominations are credible.

"I will personally supervise them to ensure that our exercise is above board and every member gets an opportunity to be voted for and to win or not win fairly," he said.

The party's National Elections Board Chairman Anthony Mwaura said they were ready to conduct credible internal elections, and warned aspirants against plotting violence on nominations day.



### In memory of Ebbie

Protesters in Nairobi's CBD demand justice over the death of Ebbie Samuel, a Form One student who died under unclear circumstances at Gatanga CMM Secondary School in 2019. It is alleged she was assaulted by a senior staff member, who accused her of styling her hair, which was against school rules. PD/JOHN OCHIENG

## Teach revised lower primary curriculum, KICD directs teachers

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The Ministry of Education has announced a revision in curriculum designs for lower primary classes.

Revised curriculum cover pupils' books and teachers' guide for Grades One to Three English, Kiswahili and Indigenous language activities.

In a circular dated April 5, Director of Quality Assurance Dr Mary Gaturu (*pictured*) said the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development, in collaboration with the ministry, have completed the review of the said books based on recommendations from the report on implementation of languages in Grades One to Three.

"All primary schools are, therefore, expected to start implementing the changes in term one that begins on April 25," Gaturu said in a circular to County Directors of Education (CDE) she issued on behalf of Education Principal Secretary Dr Julius Jwan.

She said the ministry approved the change of name from Literacy Activities to In-



digenous Language Activities.

It also approved the review of the curriculum designs for English, Kiswahili and Indigenous language activities for Grades One to Three in line with the revised time allocations.

"Purpose of this letter is to inform you on the change of name of literacy activities and lesson allocation for Grade One, Two and Three as well as time allocated for these learning areas. Ensure all the schools get this information on time," Gaturu urged the CDEs.

# Man kills wife, 3 children

Philip Lokuren, 40, surrenders to police, confesses to strangling quartet in Nandi county

by Zadock Angira  
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A man in Nandi county killed his wife and three children before surrendering to the authorities on Wednesday night.

Philip Lokuren, 40, wiped out his family after he allegedly found his wife with another man in their matrimonial bed.

He later confessed to the police that he killed his wife Rispa Chelimo, 38, and his children; Ian Kipkosgei, 11, Brenda Cheruto, 9, and Linus Kipkosgei, 7, by strangling them.

Lokuren said he went to his

house in Kaplemur at night and found a strange man in bed with his wife.

He claimed he confronted the man but he was overpowered. In the process, he claimed the stranger stabbed him on the left side of the stomach. The man then escaped immediately.

Lokuren then directed anger towards his wife and three children, whom he strangled. He also slit the wife's throat.

He attempted to commit suicide but was rescued and rushed to Kapsabet Referral Hospital. "The accused had a deep open wound at the left side of the stomach suspected to be self inflicted. Also recovered from the scene is a kitchen knife believed to be the murder weapon," police said.

#### Piece of cloth

Police also recovered a piece of cloth tied on the roof,

cidents were arrested as the country grapples with an increase in intimate partner killings.

Police said most of the killings are perpetrated by men who are in family relations.

The first suspect, Harisson Mutisya, had on March 25 hacked his wife Faith Mueni to death in Kalama, Machakos county on suspicion of infidelity before he escaped.

Mutisya, 45, killed Mueni, 34, by hacking her into pieces using a machete on suspicion of infidelity. Second suspect, Sebastian Kamande, poisoned his wife Rahab Gathoni and her friend Abigail Gathoni, before fleeing their Dandora home last Tuesday.

Preliminary investigations indicate the couple had marital disagreements and had travelled to the man's parents in Kakuzi, Murang'a in a bid to salvage their union.

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## Treasury allocates Sh231b to implement Big 4 agenda

Affordable healthcare receives largest vote in the programme, with an allocation of Sh146.8b

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The government has allocated Sh231.1 billion to support implementation of President Uhuru Kenyatta's "Big Four" legacy projects. The projects were carefully sieved from the wider Vision 2030 economic blueprint and touted as enablers to catapult gross domestic product (GDP) to a 10 per cent growth by 2030.

Included in the project are food security, affordable housing, manufacturing and affordable healthcare. They were meant to strengthen the country's health care systems in quest for universal health coverage by implemented initiatives laying ground for achieving the goal of 100 per cent health insurance coverage.

In addition, the projects were to provide decent and affordable houses for Kenyans, envisaged to create additional jobs and provide market for manufacturers as well as suppliers and ultimately raise the contribution of real estate and construction sectors to GDP.

It also supports the manufacturing sector for job creation through implementation of appropriate policies and implement measures and interventions to achieve food and nutritional security for all Kenyans.

The affordable healthcare received the largest vote of the programme, with an allocation of Sh146.8 billion, followed by food security at Sh46.7 billion while affordable housing and food security were apportioned Sh27.7 billion and Sh10.1 billion respectively. According to Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani, the health vote will be used in funding several activities and programmes for the attainment of Universal Health Coverage.

These, he said include purchase of Covid-19 vaccines, free maternity health care, managed equipment as well as a programmes to lower the infection rate of HIV/ AIDS, Malaria and tuberculosis



Ongoing construction of the Pangani affordable housing programme. FILE

### MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Big Four agenda aims at ensuring food security, affordable housing, enhanced manufacturing and cheap healthcare.
- Affordable housing and food security apportioned Sh27.7 billion and Sh10.1 billion respectively.

in the country. Out of the Sh27.7 billion that will go to affordable housing, Kenya Mortgage Refinance Company will receive Sh4.6 billion for enhancement of the company's capital, as well as for on-lending to primary mortgage lenders while Sh8.7 billion for construction of Affordable Housing Units and Sh1.2 billion for construction of Social Housing Units.

### Financial kitty

The government has also been sprucing up the capital city and reversing urban indignity through the Nairobi Metropolitan Services, whose financial kitty has been boosted by Sh200 million. Other key allocations include construction of foot bridges at Sh118.7 million. Other key projects include the Housing, Urban De-

velopment and Public Works sector, construction of markets, Housing Units for the National Police and Kenya, and Sh1.2 billion to support the Nairobi Bus Rapid Transport Project to offer an efficient and time saving public transport.

The government also seek to leverage the manufacturing sector to promote local industries.

Towards this end Sh1 billion will go to Credit Guarantee Scheme to enhance access to affordable credit by micro, small and medium enterprises Sh626 million for provision of finances to micro, small and medium enterprises through the Kenya Industrial Estate.

Other projects that have received funding are the Dongo Kundu Special Economic Zone (Sh2.6 billion) and development of Special Economic Zone Textile Park in Naivasha, Kinanie Leather Industrial Park and Athi River Textile Hub (Sh295 million). Another Sh410.4 million has been allocated for the modernisation of Rivotex and Sh3 billion for supporting access to finance and enterprise recovery.

Measures that will enhance food and nutrition security include supporting large-scale production of staple food and expanding irrigation schemes

## Edtech startup, APA partner to support students

by Bernard Sigei  
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APA Life Assurance has partnered with Craydel, Africa's largest online education platform to offer financial support to students access higher education even as they get necessary skills for the job market.

Through the co-branded education platform, the Kenyan insurer will provide

access to financial products such as investment plans, fixed savings accounts and education plans for parents willing to save for their children's education.

Craydel will provide an online platform for access to higher education facilities and courses for students and professionals in sub-Saharan Africa.

Catherine Karim, CEO, APA Life Assurance Ltd

said the partnership was informed by the surge in cost of education which is mandatory for brighter future for all children.

"This partnership will ensure that our children access quality education and equip them with skills for the competitive job market and providing parents with financial investments and planning programme," she said in a statement.

Karim said they have well structured programs to suit all educational plans.

Craydel CEO Manish Sarana said they are excited to partner with APA to give parents and their children excellent experience even as it aims to assist students apply for marketable jobs.

Craydel has partnered with over 115 institutions of higher learning in Africa and abroad.

UKUR YATANI

**11** The health vote will fund activities and plans for the attainment of universal health coverage

## Yatani casts doubt on future of monthly fuel subsidy as taps go dry

by John Otini  
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National Treasury Cabinet secretary Ukur Yatani warned yesterday that the fuel subsidy programme is not sustainable and that the situation could get out of hand.

His caution came even as the Institute of Economic Affairs told consumers to brace for hard times.

Yatani (pictured) said the subsidy programme will need between Sh10 billion and Sh15 billion more every month to keep prices in check.

"Moving forward the situation might get out of hand. Every single month there's going to be need for an extra Sh10 billion, sometimes even Sh15 billion to subsidise fuel prices" he said during a local television show.

Treasury has been owing oil marketers over Sh30 billion in fuel subsidies causing a cash crunch in the oil supply chain, meaning those without cash reserves or access to credit cannot continue in business.

Yatani added that if it were not for the subsidy programme petrol prices would be at Sh170 a litre today.

The country is undergoing acute fuel shortages with just a few major marketers such as Rubis and Shell being able to sell the commodity.

The shortage could see prices of commodities rise even further as transporters pass the costs to consumers. Independent petroleum dealers under Petroleum Outlets Association of Kenya have run out of oil as the government has been delaying paying the subsidy.

### BRIEFLY



### Oil bosses pledge to increase production

The bosses of some of the world's biggest energy firms vowed to increase production this year as they defended themselves from accusations of profiteering from the war in Ukraine. Chiefs at ExxonMobil, Chevron and others said in Washington that they had little power over oil prices, which have soared after Russia's invasion. Prices remain more than 15% higher than they were at the end of January. The increase has raised energy costs for households around the world. In the US, where mid-term elections will be held in November, it has also become a major political issue, weighing on President Biden's support. — BBC

# Ten firms in Africa to get Sh1.5b grant

Funds from Jack Ma Foundation's flagship project will see top African businesses benefit from Sh150m grant annually

■ by Jacktone Lawi  
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African business enterprises using innovation to solve challenges are set to benefit from Sh1.5 billion from the Jack Ma Foundation's flagship programme, Africa's Business Heroes (ABH).

Jack Ma's move follows the opening of applications for the fourth annual edition of ABH prize competition. Entrepreneurs from all 54 African countries, across every sector, age group, and gender are now able to submit their applications, in either French and English, for a chance to become one of the top 10 finalists.

The funds to be disbursed over a period of 10 years will see top 10 Businesses in Africa benefit from Sh150 million grant every year. Zahra Baitie, Head of Partnerships & Programmes at ABH said the programme seeks to shed a spotlight and celebrate Africa's entrepreneurial talent.

## Additional support

"Africa is experiencing a strong upward trajectory in entrepreneurship and it is so encouraging to see. But there are still so many entrepreneurs whose inspiring stories and impactful businesses need a spotlight, and who could benefit from additional support," said Baitie.

The programme, she explained, is aimed at supporting

and inspiring the next generation of African entrepreneurs across all the sectors, who are building a more sustainable and inclusive economy for the future of the continent.

According to the Jack Ma Foundation, over a 10-year period, the ABH programme seeks to recognise 100 African entrepreneurs and commit to allocating grant funding, training programmes, and support for the development of an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Each year, the ABH prize competition and show features 10 finalists as they pitch their business to win a share of Sh150 million in grant money.

## Industry experts

The journey to this year's Finales will also include access to a community of international leaders and innovators, industry experts, investors and accelerators, multi-disciplinary boot camps and training sessions to help the finalists take their businesses to the next level.

Jack Ma, Founder of Alibaba Group and the Jack Ma Foundation, created the prize after he made his first trip to Africa in 2017 and was inspired by the energy and entrepreneurial potential of the young people he met with.

## POSITIVE IMPACT

- Africa's Business Heroes (ABH) is the Jack Ma Foundation's flagship philanthropic programme in Africa to support entrepreneurs.**

- Its mission is to showcase and grow local talent who are creating positive impact in their communities and beyond, and inspire a movement of African entrepreneurship.**

# Relief for retirees as RBA allows formation of standalone medical schemes

■ by Noel Wandera  
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Post-retirement medical funds (PRMF) can now be registered and regulated without need to be entrenched into pension funds following publication of regulations by the Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA).

Anne Mugo, RBA Chief Manager for Market Conduct said the move was a response to market sentiments, with stakeholders feeling previous regulations limited the scope of contributions from members. "This provision is in response to requests from the market. The previous regulation was only allowing you to contribute to your own scheme, but we were informed



that some schemes do not want to set up medical funds so they are denying their members this benefit," she said.

Mugo was speaking at a stakeholder conference in Nyeri organised by Enwealth Financial Services. The move is aimed at enabling more people access quality healthcare services after retirement.

## Pension schemes

Previously, such funds were operated by pension schemes as a special fund, since their introduction in 2018.

This meant that members whose pension schemes did not wish to explore the medical insurance space were locked out from saving for their healthcare insurance during their

working years. According to Mugo, the pension regulator will oversee the accumulation of contributions and management of the funds while the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA) will oversee the payments through medical services providers. She said PRMFs shall be required to appoint a

## ANNE MUGO

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corporate trustee to manage the fund and may seek actuarial expertise in design and funding. In addition, the funds shall be required to have registered within the country.

"The post-retirement medical schemes will cover pre-existing and high-risk conditions, an area that most insurers shy away from or charge extremely high premiums," said Mugo.

A survey by Strathmore University and Enwealth Financial Services in May last year showed great distress among retirees, attributed to huge medical expenses they have to incur.

In the survey, 41 per cent of the retirees reported they had to pay cash for their medical bills. Only 32 per cent had medical insurance.

## NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
15.00	10.00	Eagads Ltd Ord 1.25	12.65		
425.00	360.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00	424.50		
101.00	80.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	99.75		
350.00	260.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00	320.00		
22.60	18.75	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	18.60	18.75	1,000
154.75	125.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	135.00		

## AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES

HIGH	LOW	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
76.00	20.00		56.00	62.00	200

## BANKING

HIGH	LOW	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
12.95	11.30		12.35	12.25	118,100
30.00	26.50	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	30.00	30.00	
60.00	54.25	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	57.00	55.50	500
53.00	49.00	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	49.30	47.80	845,200
3.60	2.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	3.04	3.17	10,800
22.00	19.80	I&M Group Plc Ord 1.00	20.30	20.15	21,600
46.00	43.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	43.05	43.30	281,400
10.00	23.00	NBCA Group Plc Ord 5.00	26.45	25.60	28,800
145.00	130.75	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	143.50	143.50	67,300
14.00	12.50	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.75	12.80	30,800

## COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	Deacons East Africa Plc Ord 2.50	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
5.10	0.45		0.45		
0.98	0.81	Eveready East Africa Plc Ord 1.00	0.85	0.85	1,900
4.30	3.80	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	3.95	3.95	100
0.00	0.00	Homeboy Entertainment Cplc 0.50	4.66		
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.83		
3.90	3.20	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	3.60	3.38	400
5.10	4.20	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 0.50	5.00	4.95	26,000
21.80	18.50	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	20.10	20.10	2,200
2.70	2.18	& sneer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	221	22.00	29,500
16.40	11.90	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	13.00	12.10	100
13.00	11.50	TPL Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	11.50	11.75	1,600
0.22	0.18	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.18	0.18	2,500
4.37	3.75	WP Scanprint Plc Ord 1.00	4.01	4.01	70,900

## CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
8.35	2.40		5.55		
37.50	34.05	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	36.00	35.45	6,900
39.55	34.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	36.00	36.00	8,400
1.21	0.96	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.09	1.00	9,400
7.10	6.30	EA Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	7.00	6.90	200

## ENERGY & PETROLEUM

HIGH	LOW	KenGen Co. Plc Ord 2.50	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
1.70	1.30		1.51	1.52	1,072,500
5.50	4.10	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc 4% Pref 20.00	4.11		
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00	6.00		
25.00	22.80	Total Energies Marketing Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	23.00	23.55	2,900
7.60	5.50	Umembe Ltd Ord 0.50	7.50	7.34	88,400

## INSURANCE

HIGH	LOW	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
7.10	1.98		2.03	2.08	94,200
280.00	260.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	274.00	261.00	100
2.30	2.15	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.23	2.20	18,900
7.18	5.64	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	6.10	6.14	100
13.55	11.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	11.20		

## INVESTMENT

HIGH	LOW	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
14.40	11.70		12.10	12.20	49,200
0.39	0.33	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	0.35	0.35	37,100
1500.00	1,500.00	Kuruthi Ventures Ltd Ord 100130...	1,500.00		
2.25	1.70	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 0.50	2.25	2.10	300
1.28	1.00	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.51...	1.17	1.19	800

## INVESTMENT SERVICES

HIGH	LOW	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
8.10	6.90		7.88	7.84	17,300

## MANUFACTURING & ALLIED

HIGH	LOW	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 500	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
510.00	420.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	488.25	491.25	600
13.20	10.00	Carbaid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	10.95	10.95	15,700
194.00	145.00	East African Breweries Plc Ord 2.00	150.00	151.25	332,600
1.45	1.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	1.26	1.29	500
14.00	10.40	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00	10.40		
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.27		
36.40	26.10	Ungia Group Ltd Ord 0.00	28.35		

## TELECOMMUNICATION

HIGH	LOW	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
45.25	33.50		35.05	35.10	4,939,800

## REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

HIGH	LOW	ILAM FAHARI II REIT Ord 20.00	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
7.48	5.80		5.54	6.54	14,900

## EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS

HIGH	LOW	ABSA New Gold ETF	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
2075.00	1780.00		2040.00	2035.00	3,100

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.31 points to close at 157.42

NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 1.58 points to close at 1855.86

NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 9.06 points to close at 3567.79

## MARKET WATCH

### TREASURY BONDS ISSUE

The auction outcome is summarised in the table below.

RESULTS OF 21, 24 & 26 DAYS TREASURY BILLS ISSUE 24/09/21, 24/10/21 & 27/10



# World News

## Macron faces 11 challengers in his re-election contest

President has limited his public appearances ahead of the first round to one big campaign rally

■ Paris, Thursday

Twelve candidates are running for the French presidency, as incumbent Emmanuel Macron stakes his claim for a second term.

Voters go to the polls in the first round on Sunday and, assuming no-one wins a majority, the top two candidates will take part in a run-off on 24 April.

The winner, to be chosen from four women and eight men, will have the power to shape France and its key role in Europe for the next five years. Although the race has been overshadowed by Russia's war in Ukraine, for most voters, the main issue is the cost of living.

When he became France's youngest ever president in 2017, it sealed a meteoric rise that came less than a year after he

launched a centrist political movement called La République En Marche! to challenge the traditional parties.

Five years on, aged 44, he continues to dominate French politics, but faces a strong challenge from Marine Le Pen, the far-right candidate he easily defeated in the second-round run-off in 2017. He entered the Élysée an unknown quantity, a former economy minister who had never run for elected office before. A protégé of Socialist President François Hollande, he swept away old political loyalties and, to many voters, set him apart from the ruling class. He has had to navigate choppy political waters to push through controversial reforms.

He made it easier for companies to fire workers, cut taxes and introduced tough **security** laws to tackle **terrorism**. But he was forced to scrap a proposed fuel tax in 2018 after weeks of unrest stoked by yellow-vest protesters, known as *gilets jaunes*.

Other reforms, including a promise to bring the jobless rate down from more than 10 percent to 7 percent by 2022, were

### ELYSEE CAMPAIGNS

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hit by the Covid pandemic, although unemployment is currently down to 7.4 percent.

He is now proposing full employment within five years, cutting taxes by €15bn (£12.5bn) a year for households and businesses, and paying for his programme by gradually raising the retirement age from 62 to 65. Increasing the pension age is unpopular with voters already facing a cost of living crunch. His opponents have also accused him of relying on expensive advice from US consultancy firm McKinsey.

He has had to rethink a controversial plan to make a back-to-work benefit for the unemployed called RSA conditional on 15-20 hours of work a week. Macron also wants to invest in the armed forces, doubling France's reserve force.

Macron has long been favourite to win the vote, but opinion polls suggest his main rival, Marine Le Pen, has narrowed his lead and would give him a strong challenge in the 24 April run-off. His poll ratings were initially boosted by his diplomatic efforts during Russia's war in Ukraine, but voters are more exercised by increasing bills.

Marine Le Pen was runner-up to Emmanuel Macron's in 2017 and this time, she is once again his closest rival. Her family has been synonymous with the far right in France for decades. She can no longer claim the hard-right vote to herself because of fierce rival Eric Zemmour. Although some of her team have defected to his camp, including her own niece, his more extreme views on Islam and immigration have made her approach appear more moderate.

- BBC and Xinhua

DIEGO MOLANO

**Extradition awaits all those who commit international crimes**

### BRIEFLY

#### Yemeni president relinquishes power

Yemen's president has sacked his deputy and transferred power to a leadership council in a major shake-up of the Saudi-backed coalition fighting Houthi rebels in the country's civil war. Abderrabbuh Mansour Hadi announced that the eight-member council would be led by former minister Rashad al-Alimi. He tasked it with negotiating with the Houthis to agree a permanent ceasefire and a political solution to the war. The move comes five days after the start of a two-month nationwide truce. Yemen has been devastated by a conflict that escalated in 2015, when the Iran-aligned Houthis seized control of large parts of the west of the country. - Xinhua



#### Colombia drug lord to be extradited to US

Colombia's Supreme Court has approved the extradition of the leader of the country's largest gang to the US. Dairo Antonio Úsuga, better known as Otoniel, led the Gulf Clan cartel and is wanted in the US on drug trafficking charges. His capture in October, compared to the fall of Pablo Escobar by President Iván Duque, ended a seven-year manhunt. The court's decision, ends attempts by Otoniel's lawyers to halt his extradition. Colombia's Justice Minister Wilson Ruiz had pledged to extradite Otoniel to the US after his capture last year, and Justice Department officials in Washington made a formal request in November. "Extradition awaits all those who commit international crimes," Defence Minister Diego Molano said at the time. - BBC

### Vending Sri Rama statues

Vendors unload statues of Hindu God Lord Sri Rama with wife Sita, brother Lakshmana and Deciple Hanuman to sell on a roadside ahead of the forthcoming festival of Sri Ramanavami, in Hyderabad, India, yesterday. AFP



## UN chief welcomes Somalia transition mission

■ New York, Thursday

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday welcomed the recent establishment of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).

Through a statement, the top UN official reiterated the "unwavering commitment" of the United Nations to Somalia and expressed his "full support" to AMISOM and the Somali

security forces in their ongoing fight against **al-Shabab**.

The secretary-general urged all partners to urgently ensure sustainable and predictable funding for AMISOM and resourcing of the Somali **security** forces in support of the country's **security** transition. The UN chief looked forward to working closely with the African Union, Federal Government of Somalia and all partners to support a phased handover of **security**

responsibilities to Somali **security** forces. Guterres also paid tribute to the significant achievements of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) over the past 15 years. He expressed his gratitude to the AMISOM troop- and police-contributing countries for their commitment to advancing peace in Somalia, and honored those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

- Xinhua



#### Ex-Nigerian leader Jonathan in accident

A motorcade of former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan was involved in a road crash in the capital, Abuja. The Wednesday evening accident claimed lives of two policemen attached to him. His spokesman Ikechukwu Eze told the BBC that the former president was not personally affected in the accident. Eze said it was only the vehicle carrying the policemen that skid off the road when the driver lost control. It occurred when Jonathan, who is a special envoy of the regional bloc Ecowas, was leaving the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport to his residence in the city. Jonathan has expressed deep sadness over the death of the two police officers, the spokesman said in a statement. - BBC

# Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted

Social media influencer and content creator Brian Mutinda is sandwiched by Guinness brand ambassadors Diana Ng'eno and Agnes Maina.



## IT'S PARTY TIME

■ by Njenga Kung'u

The East African Breweries Ltd through its stout beer brand Guinness recently hosted hundreds of music and sports lovers to a fun-filled party at the Quivers Lounge in Nairobi. The event was the afterparty for the company's inaugural edition of the Guinness 5-a-side football tourney held at the Ruaraka Grounds last weekend. Hip-hop artiste Khaligraph Jones was the star of the night, taking the stage with a storm, much to the joy of his enthusiastic fans. He thrilled the revelers with back-to-back performance of his hit jams including Tuma Kitu, Yes Bana, Mi Siogopi, Kasheshe and Kwenda.

PD/NJENGA KUNG'U



Joyce Mwangi with Liban Hassan admire some of the products.



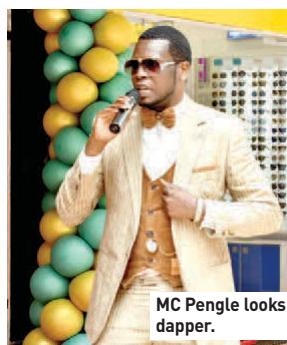
## New fragrance in town

■ by Chebet Korir

Turkish men's wear brand D'S Damat and David Walker Fragrance recently launched their inaugural East African stores on Kaunda Street, Nairobi. Chief guest Philip Waweru, the National Organisation of Peer Educators executive director,

said the launch of the two brands in Kenya will create employment opportunities, especially for the youth, as he urged the government to create a suitable environment to make such businesses thrive. Also present was former Mr World Kenya 2002 Odafah Okello, and MC Pengele.

PD/ALEX MBURU



# OF GENDERLESS FASHION



There is a newfound sense in how Kenya's mainstream and underground artistes are approaching fashion. Fashion fluidity is fast becoming the new showbiz identity. But how long will it last? **Jackson Onyango** explores the dynamics dictating the new fad

No matter the angle you look at it, the fashion and apparel circles in the country are beginning to fully embrace fashion fluidity, a thing that is not sitting well with conservatives. There is a nerve struck by cross-dressers who turn the toxic masculinity divide on them when they share their photos in their polarising outfit online.

Recently, *Furaha* hit singer Iyani was a subject of public debate, especially online, after he put on a see-through ensemble at Arrow Bwoy's red carpet listening party. A lot of mainstream media outlets and spectators were distraught at the fashion-forward singer's attempt to dress up for the occasion with bloggers even

questioning his sanity. "This was an inspired outfit. As an artiste, I wanted to do something unique. From an artiste's perspective, you want to start a conversation and challenge people's way of thinking through your creativity. This was simply a fashion statement, and it was a moment I took advantage of to educate the Kenyan masses on different designers and a way of dressing. And I believe I achieved what I wanted by having social media talking about it for days, because now you are able to see where we are as a people based on those opinions," Iyani tells *Spice*.

#### Split opinion

While the singer rattled many people's feathers, the conversation came mostly from parents who thought that his outfit was setting a bad precedent for the youth. Others took to Twitter where they were vocal about cross-dressing, associating it with homosexuality. But from what we have found out, such perspectives on the issue do not scare fashionistas, designers, or the fashion community at large.

"From family, I wouldn't say backlash, but there is silent judgment from the extended part of it. But my nuclear family is very open and supportive of what I'm up to," says queer multidisciplinary artiste Bakhita.

She adds, "My friends are also supportive because we are all expressive and experimental. The society is divided right in the middle over this issue. While the queer people give me complements about my sense of style, the corporate world is full of negative feedback and more questions than answers. But to me, it doesn't matter to be honest."

Sauti Sol band stylist Brian Babu says people deserve to "be educated on the history of African fashion" and "eradicate Western idealism" from their thinking. He argues that Africans have traditionally worn kilts, hides, and ornaments, whereas trousers were only introduced by the white colonialists.

"Differ-

ent cultures have different ways of dressing. Africans have always worn *shukas* and cross-bodies. So, at what point did the issue of cross-dressing become a topic of discussion?" he poses, adding that double standards and lack of information are taking centre stage on the modern people's androgynous approaches to fashion.

#### Format of expression

Fashion designer Edi Patrick Muyishime is a believer that fashion is just a form of expression and creativity. He has championed the LGBTQ community on the other hand for their boldness, and supported designers that challenge the norms through their works.

"When it comes to style and design, just trust your eyes and how you feel in a garment regardless of what everyone else thinks. Life is too short; so be yourself and wear whatever you want. My opinion on how you dress shouldn't matter and so should anybody else's," says the couture designer.

The conversation in Kenya seems to revolve around creativity versus societal standards. Paris-based Kenyan-Rwandese model and fashion icon Emelyne Spencer is a huge fan of Nairobi's fearless fashion practices based on her previous experiences in the city.

"I really love the fashion scene in Nairobi. I admired how people dressed, especially in the events I attended. I think there's a little freedom in Kenya when it comes to fashion and style. It's always about where you go, as some people wouldn't mind how you dress while others would be disturbed about it. I've been to queer events in Nairobi called Metamour and you'll see how people embrace it. I've seen people embrace their fluidity in Nairobi and it's beautiful to see that they aren't afraid to be themselves," she says.

The Kenya's pop culture has always been laden with controversy when it comes to issues to do with fashion fluidity. Despite applauding bongo star Diamond Platnumz for adorning a *shuka* at the BET Awards in 2021, the same masses ostracised Dennis Oliech for pulling up in a kilt at a public event in 2012, denounced Junior Nyong'o for wearing a dress during the 10th anniversary of Blankets and Wine music picnic event in 2018 (and a few more times in 2019), and now Iyani in 2022.

#### Beyond artistry

Recently, creative artist Kabi Kimari was tapped to be in a lead team to creatively direct a shoot for musicians Boutross and Benzema. These acts have long been able to stir the pot of different subject matter through their music. However, their fashion had not yet been presented in a more avant-garde manner until they shot editorial content for luxury magazine YM Life. Kabi explains that Nairobians within the fashion world have always been progressive with their sartorial choices, and the public is only catching up on a mass scale at this moment.

"I don't think it's a new identity. People in Nairobi have been dressing like this for a long time. I think it's just getting attention from the public now. I don't think there is anything like genderless fashion."



Emelyne Spencer



Kabi Kimari



Junior Nyong'o

Clothes don't have any gender and anyone can wear whatever they want to express themselves and their gender. So, I don't think the public has a choice in being ready because people should be able to wear whatever they want," she intones to Spice.

Emelyne acknowledges Nairobi as a fashion hub and one of the globe's most exciting fashion scenes currently. She says: "Long gone are the days of 'you can't wear that, it's for girls'. As a society, we are becoming more open and accepting as a whole. The lines of feminine and masculine are becoming more and more blurred. At the end of the day, you can't make everyone happy, because they are always going to talk and criticise. But as long as you're comfortable with yourself that's all that matters," she stresses.

She goes on to intimate that a return of the Nairobi Fashion Week would be a really plausible idea, and that creatives such as Thrift Social, Luca Kenya and Metamour's upward trajectory in the fashion world is a testament enough that Kenya will continue producing icons that will propel the local fashion industry to more global glory.

#### Entertainment value

Beyond the correlation of gender, clothing and entertainment, gender-fluid school of thought is fast growing in Kenya. Today, men can be seen wearing nail polish, cross-body bags, tote bags, make-up, without necessarily identifying as gay, and the culture is quintessentially growing, a fitting elaboration that fashion and gender identity can exclusively co-exist. More glaringly, in the wake of the conversation, female artistes also use the "Tom boy" brand to excel. A good example is Xenia Manasseh, who is known for her singing prowess much like her edgy fashion sense.

In 2020, performer Kabochi epitomised the current generations' rebellion and open-mindedness as far as gender fluidity is concerned, when he hit the stage wearing a wig and nail polish. He used the moment to confront the stereotypes on male dressing, saying that everybody was free to wear whatever they felt comfortable in without being judged.

Such fashion statements are synonymous with American hip-hop stars such as Asap

Rocky, Playboi Carti, Lil Uzi, Tyler The Creator, Lil Yachty and even more senior artistes such as Pharrell Williams or retired basketball star Dennis Rodman.

"I'd like to see more openness in terms of expression in Kenya. Africa as a whole has some of the most vibrant fabrics, so why shouldn't our style and fashion reflect this? This fashion shouldn't be limited to just creatives, but all Kenyans," stresses Bakhita.

The debate of how receptive Kenya and its institutions is willing to allow creative license to embrace liberal fashion ideals beyond artistes and entertainment are growing in online groups and communities. Kenyan content creator and former Machachari actor Ian Nene reveals that he left Kenya for their rigid approach to various things including fashion.

"I moved to the UK essentially because to some extent one may not feel represented back home. For example, someone like me gets called 'gay' just for being flamboyant and artsy, but places like the UK don't discriminate against people like me, but embrace them," he intimates.

## SWEETNSOUR

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### Actress Anne Mwaura to use new avenue to confront mental health

Bubbly actress and broadcaster Anne Mwaura is taking the next step with the launch of her website that will act as a brand consultancy firm. The media and brand consultancy outlet will double up as a mental health platform, an aspect she admits she is keenly passionate about. "Mental health is in everything I do. I remember opening this section of my DMs (direct messages), and saw missed messages from 2019 from

people asking me for various mental health needs. I was seeing this in 2021 and mind you these were CEOs, teens, men and women. I did not want to make that mistake again; I didn't want to miss any messages. Having an easier mental health area on the website means we get to your questions and needs much faster and more efficient," she told Spice.



### Music collective Kabisa Sounds set to release experimental album

East African Music collective Kabisa Sounds will today release their eponymous maiden Extended Play (EP) titled Kabisa Sounds. The plethora of African artistes first united in February 2020 at the Dhow Countries Music Academy five-day residency in Stone Town, Zanzibar, where the concept of the EP was birthed. The music production involves reuniting traditional instruments of ancient common ancestries such as the orutu, inanga, kalimba and adungu with complimentary genres including hip-hop, singeli and electronic. The collective's members are DJ Mura and orutu player and singer Labdi (Kenya), DJ Msolopa and Msaga Sumu (Tanzania), DJ/producer iZaya and multi-instrumentalist Lawrence Okello (Uganda) and DJ Eric Soul, rapper Angel Umutoni and Inanga player Deo Munyakazi from Rwanda.



Bakhita

### MC Japollo shines at the E360 Awards 2022

It is another major win for MC Japollo, following his recent award as MC of the Year at the E360 Awards 2022. The awards are an iconic and one-of-a-kind event that allows artistes from all genres to be nominated and voted for by their fans. It is an open process in which individuals can have their efforts recognised and re-

warded. "It was kind of a tricky one because participants were competing through online support by voting their preferred contestants and the one with the most online votes won the nomination.

Winning goes hand-in-hand with good feelings, actually it gives me an opportunity to keep working extra smart for bigger achievements," he shares.



# You ► It's all about Life & Style

# Jokes aren't always funny

While a comedian's overarching intention is to amuse, not to offend, there is a thin line between being humourous and insensitive



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**A**merican actress Jada Pinkett Smith has been open about her struggle with hair loss due to alopecia. However, that doesn't mean her husband, Will Smith, is okay with people making jokes about her bald head. Will went as far as slapping comedian Chris Rock during the 2022 Oscar's live event. While it is not clear if Chris was aware of Jada's medical condition before making Oscars joke, the event shines the spotlight on the thin line between humour and offensive comments.

Here in Kenya, comedians have been accused of telling stale tribal jokes, among other issues.

## Tread with caution

Kenneth Ndichu Otiemo, an emcee, understands the power of comedy. At events, comedy helps in winning people's hearts, making them understand issues and also, keeping the occasion lively. "I make a lot of jokes as this helps me connect with people. Even when people are looking for a Master of Ceremony (MC), they look for one who can crack jokes," he says.

He shares that he makes situational humour—a genre of comedy and jokes that rely on a set of characters, a place, and an event. Apart from ensuring that every person in the crowd is not offended by his jokes, Kennedy also observes the timing and occasion. For instance, if he's

a wedding MC, he ensures that he doesn't crack jokes in Church, where the wedding is officiated, but at the reception due to the seriousness of the venue. Comedy in clubs can be as raunchy as it gets, but certain settings such as offices or schools are entirely off-limits to such jokes.

Kennedy observes that one of the mistakes that event MCs and comedians make is cracking jokes at the expense of other parties.

"Make jokes that are relatable, acceptable, that make people happy about themselves, or praise them. Also, it's good to know when to stop, especially when you are going overboard. Not everything should be said on a light note," he shares.

Experience has been the best teacher for Kennedy. He shares how a joke he told went wrong. "I was an MC at a certain event and I was actually insulted by a guest, who I had singled out after learning that he was from the UK. I commented that he had come from the royal family. I didn't know that he indeed was and he called me all the swearing words. He really felt offended," he recalls.

Timothy Maina, a psychologist, says hu-



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psychologist.



Kimari Maina,  
event MC.

## AT GLANCE

- Researchers have theorised that a sense of humour is made up of six basic variables: the cognitive ability to create or understand jokes; an appreciation and enjoyment of jokes; behaviour patterns of joking and laughing; cheerful or humorous temperament; a bemused attitude about life; and a strategy of using humour in the face of adversity.

- Humour can be positive, when it's not intended to belittle or harm others, or when one laughs at one's own circumstances. It can also be negative, when it attacks others or when one belittles oneself.

- It is the comedian's responsibility to recognise his or her enormous power in affecting people's attitudes and beliefs.

mour has the power to trigger one's mind and remind someone of painful issues they have dealt with. It's like relieving the moment again. It can make one feel unwanted and that no one cares.

The expert shares how humour has an effect on others too, who are connected to the person affected. "If it's a disease, other people who may have desired to share their experiences might be compelled to keep quiet because they are scared of ridicule. It also makes it harder for those experiencing the issue to seek help," he says.

"I understand the need to find a niche in comedy, and I understand that it is difficult to find your place in a highly competitive career, but one can't justify the desire for that niche by saying offensive things. The other thing is that the Internet never forgets and you will always be reminded of the comments you made," he shares.

## Tough balancing act

Joking about a topic that was previously off the table enables us to discuss a real life problem without whispering or sugar-coating it. The late Joan Rivers, American comedian, actress and TV host explained, "by making jokes about it, you brought it into a position where you could look at it and deal with it. It was no longer something that you couldn't discuss and had to whisper about. Some comedians believe there are limits to who can joke about what, but others say that if we value freedom of speech, no topic should be taboo.

For comedians and MCs, however, the line between sensitive and insensitive jokes is thin, hence one should always discern when they cross the line. There is a growing feeling that comedians can no longer say anything without offending somebody. All it takes is one joke to be taken out of context. For the comedians, their outlook is understandable on a human level: being sensitive to other people's feelings all the time can be hard and stressful. "As a rule of thumb, comedy should never be at the expense of a person or a group of people. This is not to say one can't make jokes around a person. However, should an MC choose to take this route, they should be sure this person (or people) laughs with them as opposed to being laughed at. Admittedly, it's a tricky balance," advises Kimari Maina, an event MC.

Kimari adds that one unfortunate and common mistake that a comedian can make is continuing down a path of comedy that is evidently already offensive. "An MC should always be able to read the crowd; and the more intuitively, the better. And so, should one realise his content is not fetching the desired response, he should readjust accordingly. An MC's job is to first and foremost, efficiently lead the event and guests through the programme. It's very okay for an MC to refocus on this alone, if his entertainment script is not being well received," he notes.

Additionally, we are all part of different social groups, and that will affect our approach to humour. Because as well as reflecting culturally shared values, comedy reflects our aspirations and our sense of what we would like to find funny.

Public figures, Timothy says, should be careful when making insensitive comments since it sets a pace on how other people will also react to such issues.

"When you also do it as a public figure, you are showing others that they too can be

## BRIEFLY

### What you shouldn't tell your love when angry

Anger can give you a rush of energy and emotions. The problem is that when angry, we do not have full control of the part of our brain that problem-solves and foresees consequences. Essentially, we act out with the least resources to resolve the conflict. Anger makes it easy for hurtful statements to slip through. Here are some of the phrases to avoid when arguing:

**Invalidating statements:** Any language that make your partner think you have no interest in their perspective is a big no no. Phrases like "Who cares?" or "So what?" need to be jettisoned because they make your partner feel invalidated and unheard. No, you don't have to agree with them, but it's important to hear them out.

**Words that intentionally push their buttons:** Everyone has triggers, subjects, words, or phrases that hurt them, irritate them, or produce a volatile reaction. Chances are you know your partner's quite well. Needless to say, purposely referencing them is petty and unproductive, only serving to lengthen the argument and cause it to branch off into other, less positive directions.

**Any past resentments you've been sitting on:** In all likelihood, there's something in your relationship that's unresolved. An annoying issue you at first ignored, but has since grown much larger. Or maybe a past fight that was never truly settled. In the heat of an argument, you may be compelled to reference one or the other. This is, frankly, a terrible impulse. Dredging up past comments, fights, or resentments will only cause the argument to spiral out of control.

**Words that attack character:** During a heated argument, no one's good qualities are on display. But that doesn't mean that you need to target them, especially when those negative qualities are not related to the issues the two of you are dealing with.

**Name calling:** Name-calling is, at best, childish and, at worst, wounding. Calling your partner swearing words or whatever mean-spirited term springs to mind in the heat of the moment adds nothing to the conversation. It can, however, subtract a great deal from the relationship. You cannot take these words back, so just don't say them.

**References to score keeping:** A relationship is a partnership, and no one person's achievements or shortcomings should be counted up against the other's in the heat of the moment. Even if you feel you have done more for your partner, or that they have somehow done less for you, keep it out of the discussion. If you love them, you shouldn't feel the need to keep score.

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insensitive to their audience. I would advise such people to avoid ridiculing others to gain mileage because it hurts people. Also, never forget that what you ridicule might one day affect you since you never really know about life issues. Ask yourself by the end of the day, are the laughs and recognition worth hurting other people," he says in ending.

# Boma ► Home of Property & Leisure

With a fast growing urban economy, the land characterised with many hills and valleys has recorded fast population growth exerting pressure on land prices

by Noven Owiti  
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**K**isii town has witnessed remarkable real estate growth in recent times, which is evident mainly in areas bordering the Central Business District (CBD).

Potential development areas in and around the town have recorded a sharp rise in land prices recently. This is attributed to among other factors, the latest infrastructural developments and established commercial businesses.

The upgrade of key roads in the agricultural town, especially in areas along the newly constructed Kisii-Isebania Road are further attracting rising demand for land, resulting in corresponding rise in market values.

Egesa Estate, along the Kisii-Kisumu Road, for example, which was previously shunned by land buyers, has seen a lot of property developments coming up.

An eighth of an acre at middle class residential estates near the town centre, such as Nyanchwa, Jogoo and Gesono initially used to go for Sh400,000 in late 2000, but now is valued at between Sh2.5 million and Sh3 million.

Other estates surrounding the CBD are Mwembe and Egesa, where an eighth of land ranges between Sh1.5million and Sh2 million.

The same an eighth plot is sold between Sh10 million and Sh20 million in the town centre.

On the other hand, the market value for a quarter acre plot in these estates within the town peripheries is estimated at between Sh3 million and Sh5 million depending on the locality.

In Nyakoe area, a distance of 7km from the town centre, an acre of a plot used to go for slightly less than Sh1 million in the past decade, but right now it sells at between Sh10 million and Sh15 million.

Real estate agents say the rising demand for land that is hardly available has led to huge spike in prices.

They say population pressure has resulted in intensive demarcation of land in the area, even as scarcity of plots is seemingly in sight in the town.

## Difference in 10 years

"Areas which have attracted sharp rise in land value in the recent decades are particularly the surrounding estates about one to two kilometre radius from the town centre," says Duncan Simani, the director of Simani Property Management Limited.

Simani observes that land prices in Kisii town have skyrocketed over the past 10 years, a situation, which has been influenced by a number of factors, including revitalised business activities, good road network in the town and the scarcity of land which has triggered the rise in demand for land.

Additionally, he says the massive economic growth of the town has brought about high demand for business spaces, creating the need for expansion, hence a corresponding rise in the value of plots.

He recalls that the aftermath of the

# Kisii town witnessing major growth in the property market

2007/2008 post-election violence saw Kisii town's economic fortunes begin to grow after various business communities relocated to the town from other neighbouring towns of Migori, Homa Bay, Narok, Kericho and Kisumu since it was considered a peaceful town then.

"The decision by businessmen from other communities coming to settle in the town progressively raised the demand for land by over 100 per cent and this has seen an equivalent rise in prices," Simani says.

### Crafty greedy brokers

Apart from recent upgrade of the road networks in the town and its environs, which have made accessibility easier and opened up nearby estates for development, the entrepreneur cites unlicensed brokers' activities and uncontrolled real estate developments as other factors dictating land values in the town.

"Due to high demand for land and its shortage thereof, brokers tend to take advantage of people who are not well conversant with the issues of land transactions as a money minting opportunity," he says.

Dan Moseti, a land valuer in the town, says rising of the value of land also being accelerated by the ongoing property, infrastructural and other social amenities development.

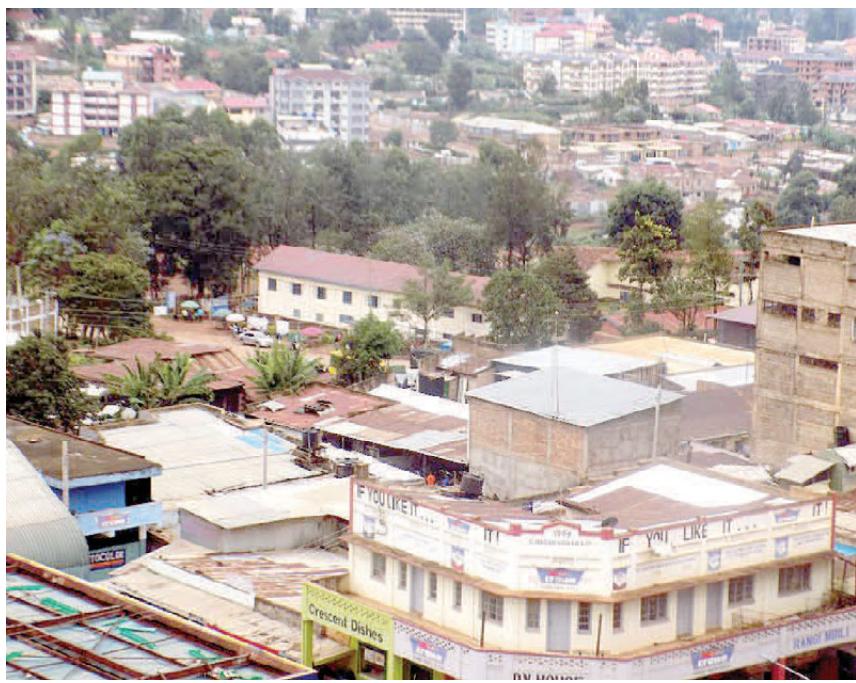
He says buyers are largely attracted by the availability of water, electricity and good road network.

Previously, he recalls that there was not much development around Kisii town, which equally slowed down the demand for land.

Cumulatively, the valuer says land prices in the area have gone up by 20 per cent to 40 per cent in the last three to four years.



BELOW: Aerial view of a section of Kisii town. The town has seen increased development in the past few years.  
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-Simani

"Unlike in the other far-flung places where no much development is going on, the average value of land in the town is steadily rising," Moseti says.

Charles Ouru, a land surveyor in Kisii town, agrees saying depending on the locality, land prices in Kisii town have either doubled or tripled in some areas.

"In some instances, you may find that there is no more land for sale. It is extremely hard to get an acre plot in the town," he says.

### Double land allocation problem

The land dealer cites poor administration and record-keeping at the local lands registry as major challenges facing the sector.

Consequently, he stresses the need for implementation of strict regulations to guide the procedure of land transactions in Kisii town in order to ensure smooth development.

Previously, he says there have been rampant cases of double titles and people selling plots, which they do not legitimately own. "A lot of land processes take too long to be concluded. Sometimes crucial documents can also go missing and this interferes with the transaction procedures," Ouru says.

Simani shares these sentiments, saying poor land use and interference by unregulated brokers are also compounding the problems facing land administration in Kisii town.

As such, he urges developers who intend to acquire land in the area to deal with reputable licensed real estate agents for them to get professional advice regarding issues of land and ensure credibility in their transactions.

"Kisii town is largely known for land dispute cases, the number of court cases emanating from fake titles and land being sold to more than one owner might surprise you. Therefore, investors need to have the tendency of working with professionals rather than brokers from the streets," he states.

A new strategic plan being developed by the Kisii Municipality is expected to guide land use. Lack of proper land-use has been blamed for haphazard growth of the town in recent years.

Ouru predicts the scarcity of land for development in the peripheries of Kisii town could escalate in future. However, he says the situation presents a perfect opportunity to open up the surrounding areas for further growth.

He states that the outskirt areas, such as Suneka and Ogembo estates still have enough space which potential property investors can tap in for real estate development.

Simani concurs, saying land space for development in Kisii town is becoming scarce by the day, noting that in the coming years some estates like Nyanchwa, Daraja Mbili and Jogoo are likely to be part of the CBD. "Recently some go-downs have started doing their operations inside the residential estates since there is no more space in the CBD. This signals the need to further open up the town for development," he says in conclusion.



5.00 Inuka  
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 6.00 K24 This Morning  
 9.55 Wisdom Moments  
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 11.00 Daily Brief  
 1.00 K24 News Cut  
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 2.00 Save A Life- Rpt  
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 3.30 Akili & Me  
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 7.30 Boomerang  
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 7.30 Save A Life  
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12.00 Football Review- Rpt  
 6.00 Morning Express  
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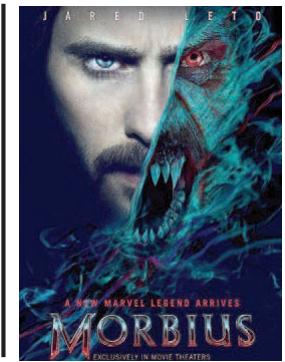


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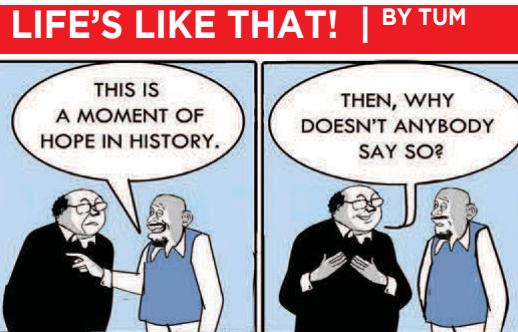


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 9:00 Lay'd Back  
 9:30 Classic Tales  
 10:00 Dally and Pals  
 10:30 Mtaani  
 11:00 Beautiful Ceci  
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 1:00 Lunch Time News  
 1:30 Business Defined  
 2:00 Kwa Raha Zangu  
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 11:00 CCTV News  
 12:00 Lay'd Back BBC

## HOROSCOPES



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

Try to have patience and refrain from being judgmental. You must get out and mingle. You can learn a great deal if you listen to those who are older or more experienced.

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

If you're single, get out there and you'll meet someone new. Don't let someone try to bully you into doing things their way. Arguing won't help.

### GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Get out and about. You will communicate easily and should be able to accomplish all that you set out to do. Don't expect romantic encounters to be lasting.

### CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Your attitude is changing rapidly and your plate is overloaded. This is a great day to start that new health regimen you've been talking about.

### LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)

You can easily wrap up overdue personal legal matters that have caused problems for you.

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

Networking will be a necessity. Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. Your uncanny insight will help you make the right choices.

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

Don't neglect these problems; deal with them once and for all, then move on to more pleasurable tasks.

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

Don't let others bait you into arguments. Don't use emotional blackmail on someone you love. Your intellectual wit will bring greater popularity with your peers.

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

You have to know what your boss wants if you expect to do your job correctly. Lending and borrowing may be a problem.

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

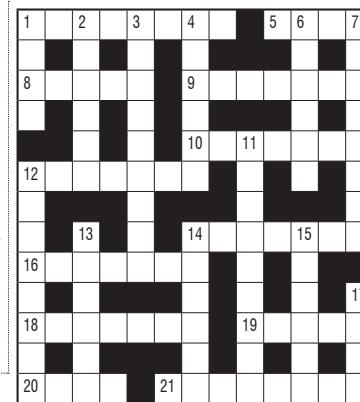
You can make wonderful contributions to any organization that you join. You will be appreciated for the competence you exhibit and for taking on responsibilities.

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

Don't be too eager to give a piece of your mind or your opinion today. Your hypnotic eyes will capture the hearts of those who interest you.

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

You may be sensitive concerning friends and their situations. You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS	DOWN
7. Bathrobe	1. Gallop
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9. Slam	3. Pontoon
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11. Aporos	5. Gala
12. Genes	6. Recipe
15. Joist	13. Entropy
17. Fastest	14. Massage
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22. Ream	18. Slave
23. Trim	19. Scant
24. Negative	21. Jump

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 21. Changing (8)  
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 6. Largest Latin American country (6)  
 7. Ragged (8)  
 11. Listen secretly (9)  
 12. School bags (8)  
 13. Line of latitude (6)  
 14. Engaged in games (6)  
 15. Sightseeing trip in Africa (6)  
 17. Dull car sound (4)



**MEDIAMAX NETWORK LIMITED**

**INVITATION FOR TENDERS - CCTV AND BIOMETRIC**

Mediamax Network Limited is a leading organisation in the media industry in Kenya. The company prides itself of 6 Radio Stations; 2 TV Stations, a print newspaper and a dynamic digital platform - K24Plus. News, information and entertainment is critical in our content strategy.

The company now invites interested bidders/vendors to participate in the bidding of **CCTV** and **Biometrics** as follows:

**Scope of Work**

Supply, install, test and commission high quality Biometric Access Control and IP CCTV Surveillance system along with software, server(s), power supply, power distribution and required accessories throughout facilities of the organisation.

**CCTV**

- 1. All cameras shall be true IP Camera, 4MP 1080p or higher resolution and Power over Ethernet (PoE).
- 2. All CCTV cameras shall have connectivity to Owner's PoE-powered dedicated local area network.
- 3. Video management software shall offer both video stream management and video stream storage management.
- 4. Support for multi-user and multi-user group environment in addition to classified/hierarchical access for archived footage.
- 5. Surveillance system shall include centralized recording solution with Video Management Software, Network Video Recorder and storage for minimum 90 days.
- 6. Provide a local storage solution with the option of cloud-based storage.
- 7. Secured recording for evidence purposes and user authentication to protect data integrity.
- 8. Power supply, power distribution and required accessories installation.
- 9. System should allow a distributed or centralized architecture with support to any number of cameras and any number of clients that may be added in the future.

**BIOMETRICS ACCESS CONTROL**

Access Control System is designed for the entrances and corridors of main buildings of Mediamax Network Limited (MNL):

- Entrance of each function/department.
- Entrance of server rooms, power rooms and any other protected facilities.
- Access control system shall be based on proximity (Facial, Fingerprint, Card & PIN) technology in order to restrict the entry of unauthorised people.
- Access control system shall be centrally managed together with CCTV.

**Successful bidder shall be responsible for:**

- Undertaking survey and providing report.
- Installation and Configuration of the solution.
- Provide basic access control, attendance report for Biometrics and Enrollment Management.
- Training & handing over of all materials, equipment and appliances.
- Provision of any other items/accessories required for installation, testing and commissioning of the CCTV system.

**Evaluation Criteria**

Interested bidders/vendors are expected to submit all the mandatory requirement to ascertain their compliance with the legal requirements. Mediamax Network Limited (MNL) reserves the right to confirm the authenticity of all documents submitted. Any attempt by bidder to misrepresent themselves by submitting documents that are not genuine will lead to automatic disqualification.

Bid documents with necessary details are obtained from the **Procurement Office** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DSM House along Kijabe Street, Nairobi on normal working days between 8.00am to 5.00pm upon payment of non-refundable fee of KShs1,000 (One thousand shillings only) per set, payable to **Mpesa Paybill Number: 200202**, Account name: **MNL - CCTV**.

Duly completed bid documents must be submitted in plain sealed envelopes clearly marked MNL - Invitation for Tenders – CCTV and Biometric addressed to:

The Chairman, Adhoc MNL Committee,  
Mediamax Network Limited,  
P.O. Box 24943 - 00100,  
Nairobi.

To be deposited in the bid box provided at Third Floor, so as to be received on or before **21<sup>st</sup> April, 2022** at 12.00 Noon.

**MNL reserves the right to accept or reject the bidding document in whole or in part without giving reasons for rejection or acceptance.**

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FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT** (No. 13 of 2019)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTIFICATION FOR PROPOSED EXTENSION OF USE**

The registered owner of Plot L.R No. Mahiga/Kitomo/237 located in Kiambere area proposes to Extend the use of Agricultural land to include Commercial (Shops) Use, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The C.E.C.M – Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Nyeri, P.O. Box 1112-10100, Nyeri.**

Name of the Registered Planner Gitonga K. Ritho Reg. No. PP0270

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

Duly instructed by our principals, in exercise of their statutory powers, we shall sell by public Auction the under mentioned motor vehicles on **16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022** at 10.30 am AT 1. PANGANI MOTOR CENTRE 2. INSTO 3. STARTRUCK CAR YARD & STORAGE 4. PANGANI AUCTION CENTRE.

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Name of the Registered Planner Silas Mbao Gichuru Reg. No. 0249

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT** (No. 13 of 2019)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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The registered owner of Plot L.R No. Mweiga Block 1/labura/216 located in Macharia area in Kieni West Sub-County, proposes to change the use from Agricultural to Commercial Hotel, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Individuals, institutions, members of the public etc. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

**The County Executive Committee Member Lands, Housing, Physical Planning Urban Development, County Government of Nyeri, P.O. Box 1112-10100, Nyeri.**

Name of the Registered Planner Kelvin Gitonga Reg. No. 0270

**DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT**



**MZEE ALOYS PAUL CHISAKA TULESI**

We regret to announce the untimely passing on of Mzee Aloys Paul Chisaka Tulesi which occurred on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 following a road accident.

He was the son of the late Ibrahim Chisaka Tulesi and the late Mariamu Murabula Chitechi. The late Aloys was husband to the late Mama Virginia Makokha, Maria Okusima, Mary Chitechi, Prisca Aswani, the late Rose Nguku, Christine Chibayi and Lydia.

He was brother to the late Oloo Tulesi, the late Calistus Wang'a, the late Arrest Tulesi, Nelson Chisaka, James Chisaka, Dismas Chisaka, the late Samuel Chisaka, Filigona Nchekwa, Arnold Okwanga Tulesi, the late Benedict Tulesi, Francis Tulesi, the late Maurice Chisaka, Angeline Opondo, Christopher Wanga among others.

He was father to the late Rose, Michael, the late Stephen, Vincent, Ignatius, the late Crusifxa, Moses, Rosemary, the late Beatrice, Susan, Janet, Leonard, Involuta, Catherine, Gaudencia, Andrew, Phaustine, Boniface, Ibrahim, Anastacia, Caroline, Constance, Nancy, Lawrence, Jackline, James, Lillian, Angeline, Robert, Martin, Violet, Jacinta, Dennis, the late Felistias, Jane, Peter and Lydia.

Mzee Aloys was father-in-law to many and a doting grandfather and great grandfather to many.

He was also an uncle to many.

The cortège will leave St. Mary's Mission Hospital mortuary today, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 for a requiem at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 9am.

Burial will take place tomorrow, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at his home in Butunyi Village, Lushe Lubini Ward, Mumias East Sub-County, Kakamega County.

*May his Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.*

FORM PLUPA/DC/3 (r. 3(3)(xi))  
**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT** (No. 13 of 2019)

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**The CECM - Lands, Housing, Physical Planning and Urban Development, County Government of Othaya, P.O. Box 1112-10100, Othaya.**

Name of the Registered Planner Gitonga K. Ritho Reg. No. PP0270.

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**THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT**

(NO. 13 OF 2019)

**CHANGE OF USE**

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KCB Bank Staff Sam Nyaoke in action at a recent event. PD/ EDWIN OTIENO.

## Over 300 golfers tee off for Chairman's prize in Ruiru

**Saturday's highlight of competition is Club's 100 years celebrations that coincide with end of term for outgoing chairman Peter Mwaura**

by Edwin Otieno  
@PeopleDailyKe

Ruiru Sports Club will on Saturday host over 300 golfers for the Club Chairman's Prize sponsored by KCB.

The day-long competition is set to bring together professional golfers and some of the country's top amateurs from across Kenya who will be battling it out for the top honours.

KCB Group Director, Marketing,

Corporate Affairs and Citizenship Rosalind Gichuru said the sponsorship is part of the bank's goal to continue nurturing emerging and established talent in golf. The bank is the biggest sports sponsor in East Africa, with footprints in football, volleyball, rugby, golf, athletics, and chess.

The event will kick off a series of celebratory activities as the Club marks 100 years of existence this year and marks the end of the term for the outgoing Chairman Peter Mwaura who has completed the mandatory 2-year term. He previously served for two years as the Golf Captain and two years as the Vice Golf Captain.

"We are beginning a series of celebratory activities to mark our 100th anniversary and what a better way than to launch it with a big tournament as we honour the exiting Club Chairman," said the incoming Club Chairman Dominic Chege.

He added: "The past two years have been a great success and have

placed the Club in a great position to achieve its growth ambitions."

KCB has been the platinum sponsor for the Ruiru Sports Club Chairman's Prize for the past eight years and has spent over Sh500 million on golf in the past 10 years across the country.

Over the past 19 years, for example, KCB has invested over KShs.1.2 billion in sponsoring motorsports primarily through rallies and auto-cross circuits, through the Kenya Motorsports Federation (KMSF). Additionally, in the past 10 years, KCB has invested Sh820 million in supporting the Bank's sports teams—football, volleyball, rugby, and chess over the past decade.

The Chairman's Prize kicked off on Monday with a caddies competition which attracted over 100 caddies drawn from different clubs. Yesterday, there was a Chairman's Prize Curtain Raiser Club night to set the ball rolling.

"We have set up our golfers and guests for a fantastic experience on and off the course.

## GOLF DRAWS

**● Vet Lab:** Today Rotary Club of Gachie Charity Golf; 1st Tee 7:00 Karanja Mbugua, A. Mukui, P. Ngina, P. Ng'ang'a; 7:40 J. Kimeu, M. Githinji, S. Gachoki, P. Wanyeki; 8:00 Jorda Kahi, Ano, Ano; 8:10 P. Kiboi, M. Murimi, B. Ngugi, D. Njoroge; 8:20 E. Hunja, L. Kimotho, Gicheru Kimani, A. Koche; 8:40 M. Mworia, A. Nderitu, James Mworia, B. Mutera; 8:50 Shawn Njoroge x4; 11:20 H. Gichuru, Belinda Mulindi, Ano; 11:30 C. Injera, M. Mwiti, N. Ong'alo, H. Kayange; 12:00 K. Bosire, Ano, Ano; 12:10 R. Wanjiku, H. Mugure, M. Wambugu, J. Waweru; 12:40 M. Njogu, Ano, Ano; 12:50 Wachira Mahihu x4; 1:00 Erie Mug'aa x4, 10th Tee 8:10 M. Oyugi, Ano, Ano; 12:20 E. Cheruiyot, Moses Kimutai, P. Nderitu; 1:00 Ken Nyagada, C. Kadikinyi, Ano.

**Tomorrow:** May Monthly Mug1st Tee 6:30 S. Gadiraju, K. Reddy, Ano; 6:40 P. Mwatha, S. Mwatha, Ano; 7:00 C. Munyori, C. Maitho, D. Lubanga; 7:10 M. Chavda, P. Gow, J. Chavda, K. Patel; 7:20 B. Akun, S. Dean, B. Akun 2, B. Akun 3; 7:30 W. Burugu x4; 7:40 Allan Mugisha x4; 7:50 Dhruv Kavia x4; 8:00 Hansil Tank x4; 8:10 J. Ojowa, S. Nyamanya, J. Kosgei, F. Nurani; 8:20 J. Osoro, K. Ondiek, R. B. Shah, M. Bector; 8:30 P. Karing'u, F. Musila, D. Mwangi, P. Okemwa; 11:30 M. Kombo, Rohit Shah, K. Gretton, Ano, Ano; 11:40 Umesh Raikundalia, S. Thakkar; R. Lakhani, H. Joshi; 11:50 J. Raithatha, S. Samani, Dipan Thakkar, C. Jobanputra; 12:00 T. Thanawalla, S. Siyani, D. Mukabi; 12:10 B. Mengai, G. Kamau, B. N. Kamau, G. Gathitu; 12:30 Lee Njoroge, Ian Njoroge, R. Wekesa, D. Chambadie; 12:40 H. M. Obino, Ano, Ano; 12:50 D. Waithaka, Ano, Ano.

10th Tee 6:30 S. Woo, J. Seo, C. Kim;

7:30 P. Githua, S. Okello, Ano; 7:40 G. Karuga x4; 7:50 M. Muiruri, V. Wan-yoike, Mwambu M, A Mbindyo; 8:00 H. Ileti, R. D'souza, E. Munene, N. Kariuki; 8:10 M. Kiunjuri, A. Lada, M. Kiunjuri (2), M. Kiunjuri, Ano; 11:30 F. Kimani, L. Gitau, I. Mukuria, C. Kamari; 11:40 J. Orente, K. Njenga, L. Ongori, K. Boisre; 11:50 L. Munuya, P. Kanari, Ano; 12:00 G. Waigano x4; 12:10 Robinson Owiti, M. Kituyi, Ano; 12:20 G. Otieno, A. Kimondo, W. Kimondo, W. Aluku; 12:50 J. Kabiru, Ano, Ano;

**● Railway: Tomorrow**, Popular Four-Ball Golf Day, 7:20 G Moturi, G Orora, M Gikonyo, Ano; 7:30 M Chirchir, G Yego, B Mugisha, D Kinuthia; 8:10 S.H.O Onyango, T Osoro, R Omwansa; 8:20 J Wung'u, N Meely, L Kinyori; 8:30 B. Kinyanjui, F.K Muibia, Paul Njogu, Ano; 11:00 W Willlis, P Kis-ingiu, Ano, Ano; 11:10 P.J.G Karanja, J Gachoya, Ano, Ano; 11:20 P Mong'ony, P Kabiru, Ano, Ano; 11:30 O Obiero, O Chacha, F Muthamia, Ano; 11:40 E Manywanda, J Marucha, C Kositanyi, W Onyino; 11:50 N Njogu, M Mello, F Mwanza, K D Mbatia; 12:00 S Tuwei, B Gikonyo, L K Rono, Ano; 12:10 Dr Gachuno, V Ongera, A Kihara, Ano; 12:20 O Ndegwa, L K Njagi, J Kehara, R Mwangi; 12:30 J Nangah, A Ndegwa, J Makau, Ano; 12:40 M. Kiplagat, D Muthusi, K Saiti, Joseph Gathumbi; 12:50 N Njogu, Ano, Ano, Ano; 1:00 S Karanja, Ano, Ano, Ano; 1:10 Fn Kung'u, P Wahome, M Nderi, P Wainaina; 12:30 T Ruhui, G K. Maina, N Gichuhi, G Kamau; 1:30 J Kinyua, F Ombara, S Patel, Ano.

**● Kiambu: Tomorrow;** KARUME CUP 2022 GOLF TOURNAMENT; 6:46 F Gichomo, FN Ndegwa, M Gachugi,

Ano; 6:54 J Njogu, J Mwaura, 7:02 P Njogu, J Wakahora(l), P Wakahora, S Njorogel(l); 7:10 M Karanja(l), D Njorogel(l), M Mburi(l), D Muthua; 7:18 P Nganga, A Mukui, M Bugging, M Kariuki(l); 7:26 R Njogu(l), D Gathogol(l), A Njoroge(l), C Kimani; 7:34 W Murgage, N Gachoka, C Mwangi, M Thiga; 7:42 J Mwangi(l), R Ngui, B Ndichu(l), F Mwangi; 7:50 BK Kibiku, J Muchigi, J Kimani, J. Kimotho; 7:58 JN Kinuthia, C Njorogel(l), H Muhi(l), P Ndegwa; 8:06 N Nderitu(l), T Mwangi(l), S Mbugua, S Wainaina; 8:14 J Muhu, K Barnard, S Kiarie, Ano; 8:22 G Chege, D Kamwarol(l), J Kamaul(l), M Mburi(l); 8:30 G Njorogel(l), P Waiharo, MK Njogu, J Kimani(l); 8:38 M Karago, D Maina, J Ndegwa, B Muchokhi; 8:46 GK Muriuri, C Maina(l), E Ngure, Ano; 8:54 J Kimanzi, K Muriungi(l), A Kimani(l), B Njorogel(l); 9:02 S Macharia, G Kibell(l), M Kimerim(l), Hon. Njakiwe; 9:10 Dr. Jerry Okal(l), S Okundi(l), L Mutua, J Njorogel(l); P.M. 10:54 E Kabugi(l), S Kanyor(l), J Chege(l), Ano; 11:02 C Maina(l) x4; 11:10 S Waweru(l), E Njoroge, G Mwaniki(l), N Mwangi; 11:18 M Mwai(l), P Mbugual(l), F Kimani(l), A Githegi; 11:26 S Wan-jema, J Njenge, S Njoroge, Ano; 11:34 A Njogu, SN Gitau, JM Karanja, EN Chege; 11:42 G Muriuri, D Wambugu, J Kiai, J Kahari; 11:50 A Ndehi x4; 11:58 C Thuo, JK Biriri, M Njogu, P Muigai; 12:06 Captain's Time; 12:14 J Kangethe, J Mapesa(l), Dr. F Mugambi(l), Ano; 12:22 DG Kariuki, H Karuma, M Kamau, Ano; 12:30 N Mbugua, N Mwangi, G Warukira, E Njoroge; 12:38 FN Njagi, Eng. N Kamunge, L Njue, D Nyaga; 12:46 D Mwaura, JT Maina, J Kimani(l), Ano; 12:54 M Nene, C Gitahi, D Mwaura, S Muriu; 1:02 J Karuga, G

Githere(l), R Chutha, C Waweru; 1:10 GW Kuria, D Wahome(l), J Mugane(l), J Kamau(l); 1:18 L Njue, D Ndirangu, M Nyaga, N Kimondo; 1:26 J Kinuthia, F Nyaga, P Kahuhu, S Thumbi; 1:34 Sponsor Guest x 4. NOTE: "PLAYER'S TO OBSERVE DRAW TIME"

**● Ruiru: Tomorrow:** Chairman's prize (Peter Mwaura) : First Tee: 6:46 K Muchiri, C Njeru, E Njeru, S Mbuchi ; 6:54 N Kingori, D Muiruri, J Wangari, A Kimani ; 7:02 D Mukeyi, J Njenga, M Kibera, E Kariuki ; 7:10 G Wachira, J Ndome, A Muigai, E Njagi ; 7:18 A Njoroge, M Kimotho, Fr Gaitho, J Njeru ; 7:26 Dr Karanja, Sponsors x 3; 7:34 S M Kihiro, L Mwangi, L Wachira, J Mwaura ; 7:42 D Kithaka, K Minju, E Nyaga, J Iseme ; 7:50 P Wanyeki, G Muraguri, KCB x 2; 7:58 G Gacheru, D Gateru, A Kariuki, M Gakio; 8:06 D Kaburi, F Wagura, W Mwangi, P Kariri; 8:14 E Kiragu, E Wachira, S Waweru, J Ndungu ; 8:20 B Kanyi, P Kiarie, Jimm K. Nduati; 8:28 R Kamau, V Pandya, L Njogu, T Kiragu ; 8:36 J Gitau, P Wanarua, S Kimani, T Mwaura ; 8:44 K.C.B X; 8:52 N Githe, P Mungai, Brig Mohamed, R Kithuka ; 9:00 M Njogu, J Makau, K Kaburu, M Gachimo; L Kisua, C Angeno, J Mapesa, Grace W; 11:00 Peter Mwaura x4 ; 11:08 J Ndegwa x4 ; 11:16 Dr Njagi, Fr Kariuki, Fr Mukua, N Mwaura; 11:20 N Nguithi, J Mathege, E Mwangi, J Waweru ; 11:32 K. Kamuti, T Mwenda, A Njenga, E Njuki; 11:40 Z Muiagi, S G Njogu, S N Mbugua, J Mwaura; 11:48 M Kamau, M Kairu, A Kariuki, J Ndirangu; 11:56 PMK X4; 12:04 B Kimani, T Kiiuru, D Kamau, P Wamae; 12:12 J N Maina, M Mbuthia, L Nganga, Dr Gachuno ; 12:20 M Mwangi, P M Mwangi, K Nganga, M Kairu; 12:28 T Wanjiku, Oscar, J Karanja, W Kamau; 12:36 G Muthwale, J Kambo, J Wahome, J G Mwangi; 12:44 KCB X4; 12:52 G W Kuria, June W, C Wakaro, T Thal; 13:00 P Wangondi, Maj Mbugua, J Theuri, J Muracuia; No post entries allowed.

## South Rift regional championships to be held in Kericho

■ by Philip Yegon  
@PeopleDailyKe

Prominent and upcoming athletes are set to lock horns during South Rift Regional championships slated for 16th April in Kericho County.

The track and field events which will be used to pick a team to represent the region in the national championships will be staged at the Kericho Green Stadium and other pitches within Kericho town. World

U20 Athletics Championships 3000m bronze medallist Faith Cherotich is expected to continue stamping her authority in the athletics arena during the championships.

Mercy Chepkemoi and Benson Sigei who were the stars in 5000M race for both women and men categories during the South Rift regional U20 trials last year will also be participating.

Lemotit Athletics Training camp coach Paul Kemei (*pictured*) said that

he will be sending a total 16 athletes (the highest) to compete in various races at the event.

Fancy Chepkorir, Mercy Chepkorir Kirarei, Joyline Chepkemoi and Diana Chepkemoi from the camp will participate in the 5000m.

Those lining up for 3000m Steeple-chase include; Trizah Cherotich, Diana Chepkemoi and Sharon Chepkemei. Miriam Chemutai, Ann Naasisho, Sharon Chepkemei and Isca Chelangat are among those who

will battle it out in the 1500m race. In the 800m, the camp has picked Florence Chepkoech, Dorcus Chepkemoi, Vivian Cherotich and Miriam Chemutai to fly high its flag during the championships. Vivian Cherotich will also represent the camp in 400m hurdles.

"They have trained well and I am upbeat they will make to the national championships. So I want to say they are raring to go," Kemei told People sport on phone yesterday.





# Tuchel blames squad

**UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE RESULTS**

Quarter-finals, first leg  
Chelsea 1-3 Real Madrid  
Villarreal 1-0 Bayern Munich

**Blues boss vents his anger on players after Real clash which threatens their reign at Champions League**

■ by London, Thursday  
@PeopleDailyKe

Thomas Tuchel turned on Chelsea's players as the Blues boss let his frustration pour out after their dismal 3-1 defeat against Real Madrid in the Champions League quarter-final first leg.

Tuchel's side are facing the end of their reign as Champions League holders following a bitter night at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

Karim Benzema's hat-trick, comprising two masterful

headers and a ruthless finish after Edouard Mendy's howler, left Tuchel conceding Chelsea have no chance of progressing to the semi-finals.

Asked if the tie was still winnable, Tuchel replied: "No. Not at the moment, no."

"Because we have to find our level back, I don't know where it is since the international break.

"If things change, maybe, but how many clubs in worldwide football could do what we need, three goals difference? How often does this happen?"

Tuchel's blunt admission laid bare his anger at Chelsea's defensive miseries, wayward finishing and abject failure to match Real's energy.

The spluttering performance was completely unrecognisable from Chelsea's dynamic run to the Champions League title last season and, more recently, their six-game winning streak before the March international break.

Coming just five days after a humiliating 4-1 home defeat against Brentford in the Premier League -- the first time they had lost to their west London neighbours since 1939 -- the capitulation against Real was too much for Tuchel to take.

He barely had time to sit down for his post-match press conference before he let rip at his players.

"It was one of the worst first halves that I saw from us here at Stamford Bridge. It's very disappointing," he said.

"We lost shape and sharpness. I don't have an explanation. Before the international break we had a long winning streak and were very competitive.

"We can speak about the same defensive performance from five days ago. It is seven goals conceded. It's alarming. Nothing has changed in our approach."



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## Oilers mourn fallen rugby star Oduor

■ by Alex Njue  
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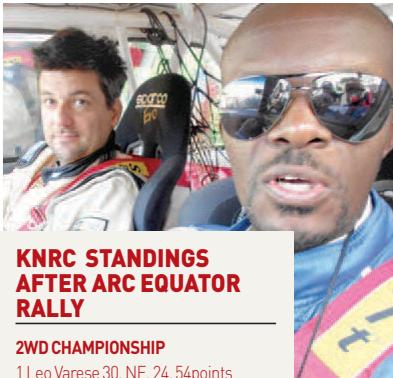
Menengai Oilers Rugby Club is in mourning following the demise of one of their front-rowers Vincent. Cause of his death remains unknown after initial report indicated that the forward died after collapsing. Confirming the death, the club described him as an outstanding mechanical engineer and a rugby player worthy of emulation by the young generation.

Oduor last played for the Kenya Cup finalists in 2020, before taking a Sabbatical to work on his career during the period when

sporting activities were suspended in the country due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"It is with deep sorrow that we have learnt of the passing of Vincent Oduor, who passionately played for the Oilers in several campaigns at the front row and hooker position specifically. He will be remembered as a hardworking and dedicated player whose commitment to the game is something to be emulated by the upcoming generation. We will fondly remember his contribution to the game, running till February 2020 when he took a break from the game to concentrate on his career," Oilers statement read.

Leonardo Varese navigated by Kigondu Kareithi in full flight during the ARC Equator Safari Rally in Naivasha on 3rd March 2022.  
P/D PHILIP KAMAKYA



### KNRC STANDINGS AFTER ARC EQUATOR RALLY

#### 2WD CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Leo Varese 30, NE, 24, 54points
- 2 Rio Smith DNEDNE 30 30points
- Sameer Nanji DNF, DNE, DNE

#### KNRC OVERALL

- 1 Karan Patel 33, 33, 36, 102points
- 2 Jasmeet Chana 26, 26, 27, 79points
- 3 Leo Varese 15, 13, 8, 36points
- 3= Steve Mwangi 22, DNF, 14, 36points
- 5 Kush Patel 17, 17, DNF, 34points

#### KNRC DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1 Leo Varese 30, 24, 24, 78points
- 2 Zameer Verjee DNF, 30, DNE, 30points
- 2= Rio Smith DNE, DNE, 30, 30points
- Sameer Nanji DNF, DNE, DNE
- Rajveer Thethy DNF, DNE, DNE

**DNF** - Did Not Finish

**DNE** - Did Not Enter

**DNS** - Did Not Start

**NE** - Not Eligible for Points

# Varese daring to go places in low power car

Driving a two-wheel-drive Toyota Auris he beat all odds to lead in Division 3 during Equator Rally, moving third place in Kenya National Rally Championship overall standing

by Edwin Otieno  
@PeopleDailyKe

Two Wheel Drive and Division 3 leader Leonardo Varese remains optimistic he has the guts to keep fighting at the sharp end of this year's Kenya National Rally Championship.

The Sportpesa Rally Team driver consolidated his 2WD Championship lead after his third event of the year at ARC Equator Rally in Naivasha. He drove to the top of the Division 3 log and also moved up to third place in the KNRC overall standings contrary to all expectations.

Asked about his fairy tale placing in the KNRC series after the Equator Rally, Varese explained: "We are placed third on the KNRC overall standings behind Karan Patel and Jasmeet Chana but we're not very

keen on that bit of competition as we know our limitations and nature of the car."

"But then again, for a two-wheel-drive driver to be placed third in the overall standings is historic and a bit of an embarrassment to those running expensive state-of-the-art machines. For sure, since the late 90s, no 2WD was anywhere near the top of the KNRC championship."

"We drive the most underpowered car in the Championship but we compensate for it with guts, reliability and attention to detail. We've always remained resilient in the face of adversity as it's not an easy task to achieve results in an under-powered car." Varese also attributed his brave Naivasha outing to his longstanding navigator and former classmate at Brookhouse School. "Having Kigondu Kareithi call our pace notes is like music to my ears.

I mean, 16 years together and back on the FIA African Rally Championship front against sophisticated machinery at the weekend was such a great feeling for us," narrates Varese.

Kareithi guided Varese to the 12th overall position at the ARC Equator Rally and indeed settled for the second position in the KNRC Two-Wheel Drive category behind 19-year-old Rio Smith.

## BRIEFLY

### Global Olympics board gives nod to volleyball at 2024 Summer Games

**PARIS:** The International Olympic Committee executive board has approved the volleyball and beach volleyball qualifications system for Paris 2024 Olympic games. In a press release, the board said that 12 teams per gender will participate in the Olympic volleyball competition at Paris 2024. As the host nation, France the current men's Olympic volleyball champions, has secured its place in both the men's and women's competitions. The other eleven quota places per gender will be allocated

through a two-step qualification process that ensures the best volleyball nations can participate at the event while observing the principle of universality. In particular, six Olympic quota places per gender will be contested during the Olympic Qualification Tournaments (OQTs) to be held in September to October 2023. Here, the top 24 teams as per the FIVB Volleyball Senior World Ranking (WR) not yet qualified will be split into three pools of eight teams.

-Kiprono Ericson

### Doctors remove metal plate from ex-India skipper's skull 60 years on

**MUMBAI:** Doctors have removed a metal plate from the skull of India's former cricket captain Nari Contractor, 60 years after it was put in following a near-fatal bouncer by West Indies' Charlie Griffith. The nasty blow to the back of his head when facing the Barbados fast bowler in a 1962 tour game put a premature end to Contractor's international career after 31 Tests and left him seriously hurt. Contractor underwent numerous operations including having the titanium plate installed that same year.

-AFP



His son Hoshedar Contractor told AFP that the former skipper, now 88, was recovering well after the implant was taken out in a Mumbai hospital on Wednesday.

### Fans allowed in Kasarani stadium during the World Continental Tour

**NAIROBI:** Athletics Kenya (AK) targets over 50000 spectators during the third edition of the 2022 World Continental Tour scheduled for May 7 at the Kasarani Stadium, Nairobi. It will be the first time the event is allowing spectators in the stadium after the October 2020 and September 2021 editions that were held under strict guidelines due to Covid 19. Speaking at a press conference at Riadha House Nairobi yesterday, AK execu-



tive director Barnabas Korir urged sports enthusiasts to come out in large numbers to experience golden moments at contest

-Vincent Voiyoh

# Road runner Ekiru pulls out of Boston Marathon, cites injury

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Abu Dhabi Marathon champion Titus Ekiru has opted out of the Boston Marathon, USA slated for April 18. Ekiru withdrew from the race due to an injury.

"I was looking forward to a good debut in Boston but due to an injury I decided to withdraw," Ekiru said.

Ekiru who trains in Kapsabet Nandi county won Adnoc Abu Dhabi Marathon last November when he crossed the finish line in a time of 2:06:13, below the timing of the first two editions (2:04:04 in 2018 and 2:04:40 in 2019) of the race. His first marathon was in Casablanca, Morocco, running 2:15:43 for second place in 2016, a time

he improved by exactly eight minutes in winning the Seville Marathon the following year.

In 2017, Ekiru made his

Honolulu Marathon debut, finishing fourth (2:12:19) and in 2020, he won the Mexico City Marathon (2:10:38) before pacifying Britain's Mo Farah to victory at the Chicago Marathon in October. He later travelled back to the middle of the Pacific Ocean in December, winning the Honolulu Marathon in 2:09:01, threatening compatriot Lawrence Cherono's course record of 2:08:27 set in 2017. Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele, the second-fastest marathoner in history, and Sara Hall, the third-fastest American female marathoner in history, have also withdrawn from the Boston Marathon. Bekele, 39, was due to race the world's oldest annual marathon for the first time.

The former 5000m and 10,000m world-record holder on the track, made his marathon debut in 2014 and ascended to win Berlin in 2016 in 2:03:03, then the second-fastest time in history.

Since then, Bekele started eight marathons with these results: a win (in Berlin in 2019 at 2:01:41, missing Eliud Kipchoge's world record by two seconds), a runner-up, and a third, two sixths and three DNFs. He also withdrew before the 2020 London Marathon.

Hall, 38, cited a tendon injury emanating from tripping on a run in early February and slamming her knee on a rock.

"I want to enjoy this sport for many years, and don't want to make shortsighted decisions that cut my career short or my ability to enjoy running for many years," Hall posted on social media.

She has been on a tear since dropping out in the 23rd mile of the February 2020 Olympic Marathon Trials. Hall plans to race the world championships marathon in Eugene, Oregon, in July.



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4, 09/04/2022	17:00	Cheltenham vs Portsmouth	2.88	3.38	2.37	21:00	4849	Virtom vs Lommel United	3.61	3.61	1.82
5, 09/04/2022	17:00	Bolton vs Sheffield Wed	2.69	3.19	2.64	21:15	4506	FC Aarau vs FC Winterthur	1.87	3.74	4.04
6, 09/04/2022	19:30	Hertha BSC vs Union Berlin	2.71	3.26	2.61	21:30	2034	Stuttgart vs Borussia Dortmund	3.90	4.00	1.81
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8, 10/04/2022	14:00	Strasbourg vs Lyon	2.60	3.35	2.65	21:45	1149	Queen of South vs Partick Thistle	3.09	3.34	2.26
9, 10/04/2022	15:15	Servette Geneva vs FC Zurich	2.40	3.53	2.74	21:45	2308	Drogheda Utd vs Bohemians FC	4.47	3.48	1.81
10, 10/04/2022	16:00	Sivasspor vs Basaksehir	2.54	3.34	2.69	21:45	2695	St Patricks vs Dundalk FC	2.07	3.24	3.64
11, 10/04/2022	16:00	Angers vs Lille	3.21	3.21	2.29	21:45	4959	Shelbourne vs Shamrock Rovers	5.57	3.68	1.83
12, 10/04/2022	16:00	Brentford vs West Ham	2.76	3.31	2.56	21:45	5265	Larne vs Coleraine FC	1.76	3.69	4.14
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14, 10/04/2022	16:00	Brest vs Nantes	2.43	3.24	2.94	22:00	3061	Lorient vs St. Etienne	2.38	3.10	3.15
15, 10/04/2022	17:15	Espanyol vs Celta Vigo	2.81	3.16	2.61	22:00	4263	Sevilla FC vs Granada	1.42	4.41	8.01
16, 10/04/2022	17:30	St. Gallen vs FC Basel	2.42	3.58	2.69	22:00	5383	Newcastle vs Wolverhampton	2.25	3.16	3.41
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# AK names star studded team for Oregon

Long distance runners Ruth Chepng'etich, Geoffrey Kamworor make list as Brigid Kosgei, Peres Jepchirchir, Gladys Cherono, Vivian 'Pocket Rocket' Cheruiyot are left out

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World marathon champion Ruth Chepng'etich will lead Kenya's marathon team to the World Athletics Championships due on July 15-24 in Eugene, Oregon, United States.

Chepng'etich who last month rallied to record the second-fastest ever women-only marathon at the Nagoya Women's Marathon will be keen to defend her title when the Championship heads to the United States for the first time.

"It is an honour to be named to represent your country," Chepng'etich told People Sport.

"It will not be easy but I am keen to defend my title in July," she added.

Also named in the female team are Judith Jeptum, Maureen Jepkemoi and Angela Tanui. The male team will be led by Valencia

Marathon champion Lawrence Cherono. Others are two New York City marathon winners Geoffrey Kamworor, and Barnabas Kiptum while former world champion Geoffrey Kirui was named to the reserve team.

Athletics Kenya president Jack Tuwei yesterday also named a team of six marathoners for the Commonwealth Games that will be held from 28th July – 8th August 2022 at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, Great Britain.

The ladies' team will be led by Margaret Wangari, Purity Changwony and Stella Barsosio while Viola Cheptoo Lagat is the reserve.

Philemon Kacheran, Erick Kipitanui, Jonathan Korir and Michael Githai (reserve) have been named to the men's marathon team for Birmingham.

However, some marathon champions will skip the world championships among them world marathon record holderin

London Brigid Kosgei, Olympic champion Peres Jepchirchir, former Berlin winner Gladys Cherono, and Vivian Cheruiyot are the key absentees in the women's team.

Also missing will be two-time Olympic marathon champion Eliud Kipchoge, and world bronze medallist Amos Kipruto. Tuwei said the team has started training in different regions while insisting the selection was on merit and availability.

"We picked the team on availability. This is a very strong team.

## Feel contented

Though our top athletes disregarded the invite, we feel contented with the team selected," he said.

At the same time, Tuwei noted that the national trials for Oregon will be held on 24th and 25th June 2022 at Kasarani Stadium insisting that participation in these trials will be on the invitation.

"Athletes must have met all the anti-doping requirements set by Athletes Integrity Unit (AIU) as per the attached Athletics Kenya Anti-Doping Obligations in preparation for 2022 World Championships.

The first two athletes across the line during the trials will auto-

matically be selected while the third will be selected by the panel of coaches," he said.

Meanwhile, AK announced that all wild card holders from the 2019 Doha World championships and 2021 Diamond league winners will earn automatic selection.

But in the event where two athletes each holding a wild card of the league wins, AK said that it will recognize the wild card of the fast finisher among the two athletes irrespective of their finishing position in the trials.

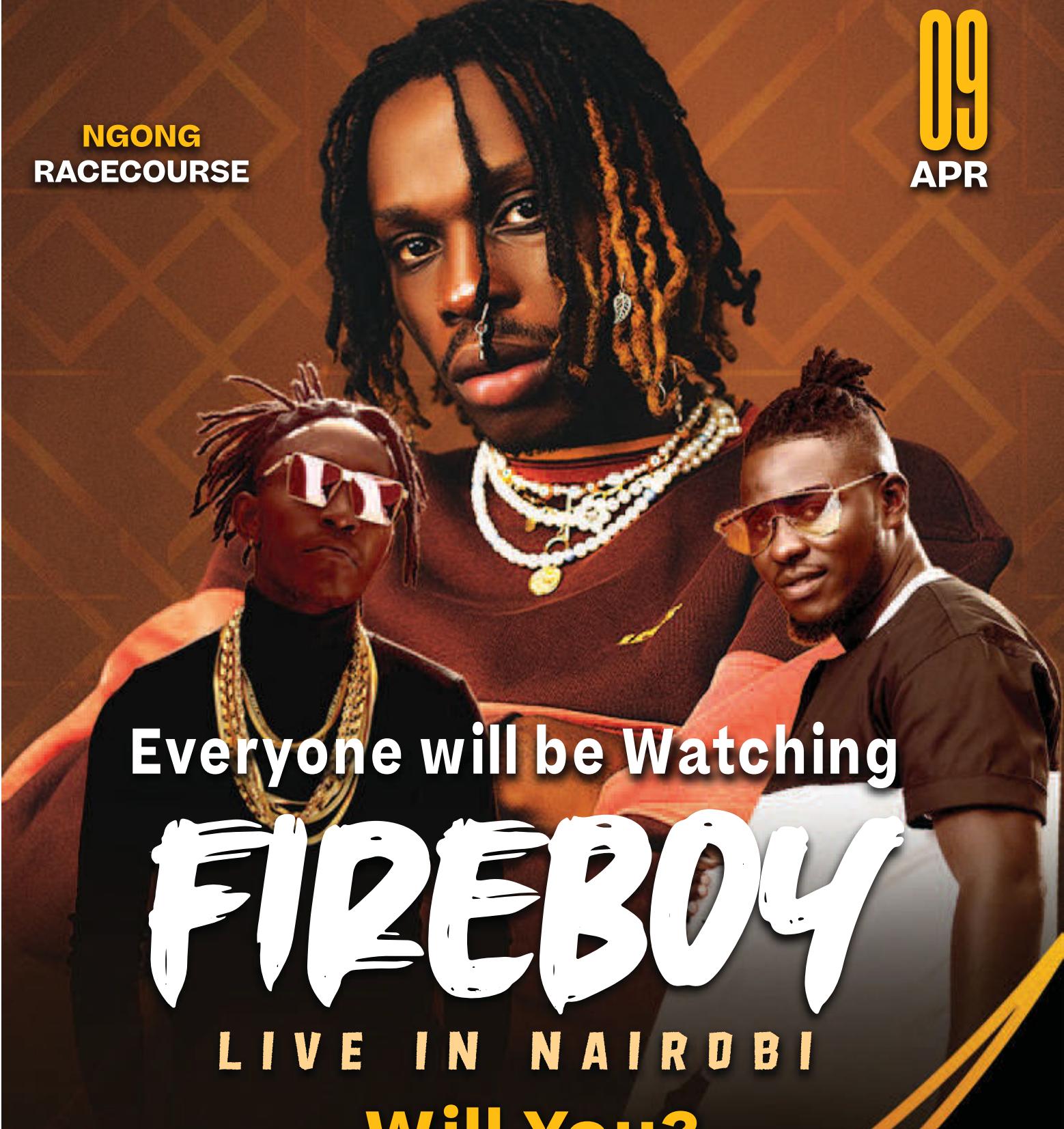
Tuwei also revealed the Commonwealth Games trials will be held on 20th and 21st May 2022 at Kasarani Stadium, and that the number of athletes that will be entered will depend on the quota allocated to Athletics Kenya.

"It is possible to have athletes doubling in Oregon and Birmingham for those who are interested, I think it is possible for all events except marathon events," clarified Tuwei

AK National Athletics Championships cum Trial for African Championships will be held from 28th to 30th April 2022 at Kasarani where a team for Senior African Athletics Championships to be held in Mauritius from June 8th to 12th will be selected.

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