

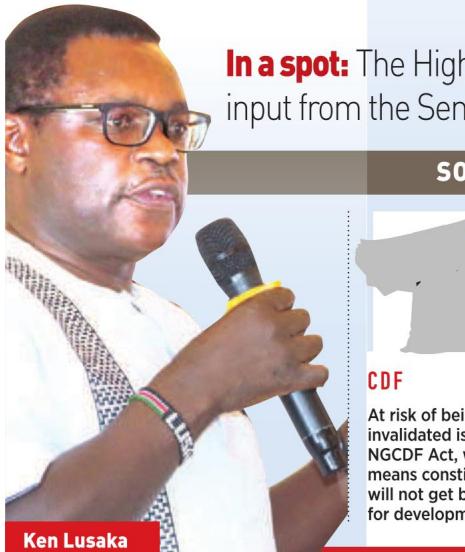


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Crisis looms after 23 laws become null



Ken Lusaka

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Fate of 23 laws in limbo as Speakers fail to meet

Speakers of the National Assembly and Senate were to discuss the illegality of the laws but have not met

by Anthony Mwangi

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The fate of the Constituency Development Fund (CDF), the National Youth Service (NYS) and the Huduma Namba hangs in the balance following the end of the nine-month window given by the High Court to Parliament to regularise the laws establishing them.

Hanging in the balance too, are all the taxes introduced in the National Assembly through the Finance Bill and which will stand nullified following the lapse of the nine months today.

People Daily learnt that as of yesterday, the Speakers of the two Houses, the National Assembly and the Senate had not convened a single meeting to regularise 23 pieces of legislation that had been unconstitutionally enacted by the former without the involvement of the latter as directed by High Court judge Jairus Ngaah last year.

"We are properly guided and in the circumstances of this case, we shall suspend our orders nullifying the impugned Acts for a period of nine months from the date of this judgement within which period the respondents ought to have complied with the provisions of the constitution and regularised these Acts," read the orders issued by Justice Ngaah on October 29, last year.

In 2018, a three-judge Bench had nullified 23 laws passed by the National Assembly without the input of the Senate declaring them unconstitutional.

In the ruling, the judges said the Senate's role in legislation is not optional and that it was illegal for the National Assembly to "ignore" it. The bench, comprising Justices Ngaah, Anthony Ndung'u and Teresiah Matheka, said the passage of the 23 laws was contrary to the Constitution since a number of the laws related to counties and the devolution process.

Conservatory orders

Among the Acts that were nullified by the court included the Kenya Coast Guard Service Act, the National Youth Service Act, the National Government Constituency Development Fund Act, the Finance Act, 2018, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Equalisation Fund Appropriation Act and several other finance related legislations.

The National Assembly has since moved to the Court of Appeal to appeal the decision of the High Court though it has not obtained any conservatory orders setting aside Justice Ngaah's ruling, leaving the fate of major initiatives in limbo.

"The Speakers have never met to discuss



High Court judge Jairus Ngaah



National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi

the matter as directed by the judges, not a single day," said a top official at the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) who requested anonymity.

National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi is out on an official visit to Turkey while his Senate counterpart Ken Lusaka remained non-committal on the matter, referring the writer to Muturi.

Kikuyu MP Kimani Ichung'wah, a former chairman of the Budget and Appropriation Committee at the National Assembly, said Parliament has no option but to comply with the court directives. "Unless the National Assembly appeals to a higher court, the laws stand abolished," he said.

A city lawyer Paul Elkington said the generality of judgment is that all the laws stand nullified if nothing has been done to rectify the anomaly. "The judgment does not require any interpretation; it is self-explanatory," Elkington said.

The lapse of the nine-month window given by the High Court will have great implications on the government and Kenyans in general as the National Treasury will not be able to collect taxes which are imposed through the Finance Bill.

At risk of being invalidated is also the NGCDF Act, which means all the billions injected into the fund will have to be stopped.

The Fund allocates billions of shillings to

the 290 constituencies for various development projects.

A senior official at the legal office of the National Assembly said the invalidation of the Kenya Coast Guard Service Act which establishes the Kenya Coast Guard Service will also be gravely affected.

The invalidation of the NYS Act will also see the abolishment of the NYS, which has provided voluntary work and educational programmes for many young people.

Erode gains

The NYS and the Kenya Coast Guard Service are part of President Uhuru Kenyatta's legacy projects, which if invalidated, will threaten the gains his administration has made. Also at risk of being declared unconstitutional include the Finance Act, 2018 and the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2018.

These Acts are the legal frameworks within which the National Treasury raised and collected taxes and thereafter appropriated billions of shillings to fund various national government development projects and recurrent.

The implication of the invalidation of these laws is that all taxes collected during the 2018 and 2019 period were illegal.

The Finance Act, 2018 and the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2018 will affect the funding of the Big Four Agenda including affordable housing and Universal Health Care.

In particular, the Finance Act, 2018 made provision for funding of UHC through payment of Excise duty at 16 per cent in respect of money transfer by cellular phone service providers and exemptions of goods used in construction and equipping of hospitals.

The Finance Act also established the National Housing Development Fund for affordable housing and was to be used by employees for financing the purchase of a first home. On the other hand, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2018 also made provision for affordable housing relief.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Interestingly, even the Huduma Namba, which Kenyans registered for and is meant to be used to access various services, will be a mirage

• The Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendment Act) of 2018, which introduced the National Integrated Identity Management System is one of the Acts that shall stand nullified.



Deputy President William Ruto (left) with Ruirii ward MCA Sammy Muraya (centre) join a gospel singer during the latter's thanksgiving party at Ruirii Stadium, Ol Kalou in Nyandarua, yesterday. PD/ DAVID MACHARIA

Ruto: I'll work with leaders ready to empower citizens

by DPPS
@PeopleDailyKe

ought to have focused on economic recovery instead of focusing on constitutional amendments.

He urged leaders to shun tribal politics and divisive politics and join progressive Kenyans in economic transformation talks.

Election date debate

The Deputy President said the country's politics was no longer about tribes, leaders needs and position of power but the economy and the needs of the people.

"This time round we are talking about the economy of ordinary Kenyans, the bottom up economic model that will uplift ordinary Kenyans."

Kilifi North MP Owen Bay faulted those who claim devolution is better than the bottom-ups economic model saying the model will compliment devolution.

Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria urged Uhuru not to allow Opposition leaders to use him to influence the 2022 presidential election.

"Knowing who will be president after you is the duty of Kenyans," said Kuria.

Dagoretti South MP John Kiarie faulted the opposition for conspiring to change the general election date because they are not ready to face Ruto.

He said those who are not ready for the general election should allow those who are ready to proceed and elect leaders of their choice.

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When debt recovery goes unconventional

Some mobile lenders have recently come under fire for using quite unconventional means to recover loans. Perhaps, they borrowed a leaf from these oddball debtors...

Borrow dreadlocks and risk shameful public date with barber

In all honesty, the odds of being surprisingly shaven by a gang while minding your business in the streets, are nearly astronomical.

But surprisingly, a Kenyan recently had his bad day with a vigilante barber, after receiving a

forceful shave in the middle of the streets.

In a viral clip, the man could be seen pinned to the ground, while his assailant unskillfully shaved off his dreadlocks.

The cause? The fellow allegedly got his dreadlocks on credit

and he had locked horns with the saloonist for failing to settle the debt.

If you are still indebted to your saloonist, it's time you consider paying your dues, before you meet your fate with another dreadlock-harvesting assailant.



Company auctions man online to recover unpaid dues

In 2016, a 21-year-old Russian man was put on auction after failing to pay off a debt. Aleksandr Kramarenko was listed for sale online by an online gift store called Pich Shop, and was supposed to marry the highest bidder for at least one year, in order to avoid being sued.

The strange listing was put on the company's website Pich-Shop.ru, saying that Aleksandr Kramarenko was available for marriage, with a 1 year warranty. The "product" was listed as "in stock" and featured a detailed description – including age, height, weight, zodiac sign and interests – and photos (both dressed and topless). The listing mentioned that Aleksandr was going to be auctioned off to be married to the highest bidder, and invited women no older than 35 to bid for the chance to become his wife for at least one year. The minimum bid was set at an equivalent of.

Gang releases 1,000 cockroaches at a restaurant's reception desk

Patrons at a restaurant in Taipei, were shocked to see cockroaches crawling all over the place after thousands of them were released on the premises by two masked men. According to police, two masked men entered the G House restaurant in Taipei holding large bags filled with over 1,000 cockroaches, which they simply released at the reception desk on the second floor of the establishment, before fleeing the scene. Roaches started crawling on the floor, walls and furniture, and it wasn't long before patrons enjoying their meals there started noticing them as well. The police investigation revealed that that this was a bizarre consequence of a debt dispute between the restaurant owner and a local mob. The five suspects identified in this case were members of an organized crime ring which the restaurant owner allegedly owed money to. After their threats went unanswered, the criminals apparently decided to simply ruin the man's business.



Company dumps three-tonne pyramid on man's doorstep to remind him of his debt

After having its written payment notifications ignored by a client, a utility company in Russia came up with an oddball way of coercing the debtor to pay dues – it dumped a three-tonne concrete pyramid in front of his door.

Samara Utility Systems Ltd. had long been trying to get the unnamed resident of Zubchani-novka, Russia, to pay his

Sh81,000 debt for unpaid water bills.

The company had sent him several notifications, had contacted him by phone, and even sent people to reason with him in person, but to no avail. So management decided to try something new.

They commissioned a three-tonne-heavy, 1.5m-tall concrete pyramid, plastered it with shame-

ful slogans and dumped it in front of his home, to serve as a reminder that he had a debt to pay!.

The heavy reminder featured slogans like "A Debtor Lives Here" and "You Must Pay Your Water Bill" on all four sides which the company hoped would be embarrassing enough to convince the man to finally settle his debt.



Where defaulters are shamed on the big movie screen

In 2018, authorities in Hejiang, China, came up with a controversial method of enforcing borrowers to pay up their debts – showing their faces and names during short clips played in cinemas before the movie starts. Called "Reel of Shame", the clip features borrowers' faces, names and other details on the big screen. To maximize the technique's effectiveness, authorities show the borrowers' faces in cinemas in their local area. "Public shaming has been an increasingly common tactic to punish defaulters ... along with other repercussions for failing to repay loans, including blacklisting and travel restrictions," Li Qiang, director of enforcement for Hejiang's courts said.

COUNTDOWN TO 2022

Negotiated deals to shape choice of 2022 leaders

An analyst argues negotiated democracy creates some symmetry in power balance, particularly in regions where minorities will never gather enough votes to win seats

by Rawlings Otieno
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The agreement on sharing of various political seats among communities in certain regions in the country is set to be put to test in the next General Election.

Focus will be Nakuru, Narok, Elgeyo Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kisii, Nyamira, Siaya, Bungoma, Teso, Vihiga, Kakamega, Teso and Migori counties where communities and clans have in the past determined election of leaders.

In Migori, for instance, while the dominant Luo community lands the post of governor, an informal political pact requires that the deputy hails from the minority Kuria. The same case applied in Narok where a Maasai is the governor while the deputy is a Kipsigis who constitute a considerable minority in the county.

In the case of Nakuru, the deputy governor has been a Kalenjin both in the reigns of founding governor Kinuthia Mbugua and incumbent Lee Kinyanjui, in order to accommodate the county's political demographics and ensure mutual coexistence among local communities.

In 2013, the Kuria negotiated with Luos to have Wilfred Machage serve as the first senator with Okoth Obado as governor while MP Dennis Ghati was elected as the Woman

Rep.

Ghati who is now a nominated MP said that negotiated democracy can only work if the people who have entered into such arrangements are honest.

"In counties where communities trust and respect each other, it works. For negotiated democracy to work, leaders of dominant communities must respect each other and work together. If this does not happen, it can never work," said Ghati.

Political analyst Matiko Bohoko argued that negotiated democracy creates some symmetry in power balance, particularly in regions where minorities will never gather enough votes to win seats.

Matiko, who hails from Migori County and mid-wifed the 2013 Migori power sharing deal, said the same is likely to be replicated in 2022.

"It is likely to occur in Migori once again. If Kurias were well organised, they could easily win the gubernatorial seat in 2022 if Luos field strong candidates on other parties for the same seat," said Bohoko.

Best leaders

United States International University don Macharia Munene however stated that negotiated democracy denies people a chance to pick the best leaders in an election.

However, he said the power sharing deals are only possible if there is an agreement among communities and the political actors involved.

"Negotiated democracy is a suggestion. For instance, a gubernatorial candidate in a cosmopolitan area might go for a deputy from another community, and may be voted

for because he is seen to be embracing diversity. This might not work in all areas," said Macharia.

He added: "Negotiated democracy has intensified parochial politics and compromised entrepreneurship, talent and skills. Proponents of negotiated democracy, the council of elders or sultans, have turned themselves into entrepreneurs."

Busia County is dominated by the Luyhia and Teso communities. For the past two terms, Governor Sospeter Ojaamong who has been deputised twice by a Luyhia governor, is under pressure to endorse a Luyhia candidate to succeed him. In past elections, he has relied on the solid Teso vote aided by pockets of Nambale to win the governorship against a crowded field of Luyhia candidates.

And in Vihiga the contest for the seats revolves around power sharing deals between the majority Maragoli, the Banyore and the minority Tiriki.

In the last election, Governor Moses Akaranga picked a deputy governor from Bunyore and supported George Khaniri who hails from Tiriki for Senate. For his part, incumbent governor Wilbur Ottichilo who is from Bunyore, was forced to pick a running mate from Maragoli with Tiriki retaining Senator Khaniri.

Service delivery

In Uasin Gishu County, the battle is always between Nandi and the Keiyos; the dominant communities in the county.

Already, Keiyos have put a spirited case for the Uasin Gishu governorship currently held by Jackson Mandago who is serving his second term.

ODM North Rift coordinator Kipkorir Menjo said negotiated democracy might not play a major part in Uasin Gishu politics in the next General Election.

"The issue of negotiated democracy is fading away because we have a younger generation keen on service delivery and performance. As long as those elected respect the rule of law and equitably share the resources, nobody will care which tribe the governor or deputy governor comes from," said Menjo.

In Narok, the top seats are shared between the Maasais and the Kipsigis who occupy a considerable portion of the devolved unit.

Narok Senator Ledama Ole Kina said that in 2022, negotiated democracy in the Maasai land will not hold, since they are the majority.



Abdikadir Mohamed Yusuf (carried right) after winning Garissa Senate seat in April this year. The two Garissa major clans of Abduwak and Aulian agreed to back him in honour of the late Senator-Yussuf Haji. PD/PHOTO

"Negotiated democracy in this age is hogwash. We as the Maa community have decided that we welcome any other person to live and conduct their businesses in Narok but for the top leadership, non-locals should allow the locals to lead," said the senator.

Ledama further charged that it is only fair for the non-locals to vie for other seats like the Ward Rep and let the locals take up the governorship, Woman Rep and the Senate post.

In Siaya, top positions have been negotiated according to the three main populous sub-clans Ugenya, Alego and Gem who control the politics of the county while in Kisumu it's between Kano, Kisumu, Nyakach and Seme sub-clans that decide who gets what at the election.

In Siaya for instance, some leaders have said that Alego will shelve its ambition of fielding a gubernatorial candidate in 2022

2022

The year when the General Election is scheduled to take place and negotiated democracy is expected to play a major role.



From left:
Governors
Alfred Mutua (Machakos),
Charity Ngilu (Kitui) and
Kivutha Kibwana (Makueni).

PD/FILE

and Machakos County Assembly Speaker Florence Mwangangi hail from Mavoko sub-county leaving them with an option of selecting their running mates in the rural constituencies of Masinga and Yatta or even Kangundo, Kathiani and Matungulu.

In 2017, Ndeti who ran against Governor Alfred Mutua chose a deputy from Masinga constituency

while Mutua who hails from Mwala picked his deputy Francis Maliti from Yatta.

But residents of Machakos have ruled out electing a governor from Mwala; Mutua's home constituency which also happens to be home for County Woman Rep Joyce Kamene. Similarly, Maliti who hopes to succeed his boss next year will be forced to pick a deputy from urban

sub counties of Machakos town and Mavoko in order to balance the equation.

Kitui County has a similar landscape after residents of the rural constituencies of Kitui East and Kitui Rural have factioned themselves as 'Ndee Nation' (border region) and are a factor in 2022 countywide pick.

The gubernatorial seat has attracted at least five candidates who are: Former Governor Julius Malombe, former MP Kiema Kilongo, former Nairobi Deputy Governor Jonathan Mueke, former Senator David Musila and incumbent Charity Ngilu.

Notably; both Ngilu, Mueke and Kiema come from the same constituency while Musila hails from Mwingi. The people of the marginalized 'Ndee' regions have consistently bargained for a stake if any of the candidates was to get their votes.

Balancing equation dilemma for Ukambani hopefus

by Mutuku Mwangangi
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The choice of running-mates will be a major headache for candidates seeking the governorship in the Ukambani counties of Machakos, Makueni and Kitui.

Politicians wishing to succeed

Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana include Senator Mutula Kilongo Jnr, former KMTU chairman Philip Kaloki, Kibwezi West MP Patrick Musimba, Makueni County Woman Rep Rose Museo and Makueni

county executive Robert Kisuya. Both Kaloki and Musimba come from Kibwezi West constituency while Museo hails from Kilombe whereas Mutula is a native of Mbooni.

Kaloki considers Musimba as his biggest source of headache. Although the independent lawmaker has not publicly announced his gubernatorial bid his name has

dominated talks on succession politics in the countless Makueni public spheres.

Both Musimba and Museo are advantaged to pick their running mates from various possible regions but are said to be rooting for candidates from Makueni, Kaiti or even Kibwezi East.

Although Makueni MP Daniel Maanzo is said to be eyeing senator post, Kaiti and Kibwezi East regions pose a better place to pick running mates for the duo.

Makueni residents have argued that if the governor is picked from Kibwezi, then the senator and Woman Rep has to come from either Mbooni or Kilome regions. Kibwezi hails from Kibwezi west while his deputy Adelina Mwala hails from Kilome.

In Machakos, top gubernatorial contenders in Transport Chief Administrative Secretary Wavinya Ndeti, Mavoko MP Patrick Makau

and Machakos County Assembly Speaker Florence Mwangangi hail from Mavoko sub-county leaving them with an option of selecting their running mates in the rural constituencies of Masinga and Yatta or even Kangundo, Kathiani and Matungulu.

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COUNTDOWN TO 2022

Gentleman's arrangement haunts Luhya politicians



Sabaot community cry foul, accusing Governor Wangamati of sidelining them

by Dennis Lumiti and Yusuf Masibo
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A gentleman agreement between politicians from the north and southern parts of Kakamega County has returned to haunt aspirants eyeing the governorship in the next elections.

In neighbouring Bungoma, members of the Sabaot community are crying foul accusing governor Wycliffe Wangamati's administration of sidelining them, an issue that promises to feature prominently in the next polls.

In Kakamega, politicians from the two blocs are caught up in a war of words as the campaigns enter the home-stretch.

A section of those from the northern bloc claim that there was an agreement between leaders from the two zones, stating that they occupy the governorship and Senate seats for two terms on a rotational basis.

"Leaders entered into an agreement in 2013 where we resolved to occupy the two positions on rotational basis," said Lugari MP Ayub Savula who is one of those in the race to succeed Oparanya.

"That is why the voters rejected former Senator Boni Khalwale when he tried to dislodge Oparanya in 2017," he



Bungoma Governor Wycliffe Wangamati. The Sabaots have accused him of short changing them. PD/FILE

added.

Kakamega has 12 constituencies zoned into two. The Southern zone comprises of Butere, Mumias West, Mumias East, Matungu and Khwiseri while the Northern zone has Ikolomani, Shinyalu, Lurambi, Navakholo, Malava, Lugari and Likuyani.

But leaders from the southern bloc dismiss the claims saying there was no such pact.

"Who are these leaders and where did they meet and agree? How can two or three people meet in a room and decide for the over a million residents of Kakamega County?" posed former Cabinet Minister Amukwana Anangwe who is also in the race.

Anangwe said he should not be denied the chance to serve as the second governor of Kakamega, just because he hails from Butere constituency and Southern bloc like Oparanya.

Out of the 10 aspirants eyeing the seat, four: Savula, Khal-

wale, Deputy Governor Philip Kutima and businessman Leonard Shimaka hail from the northern side.

So is Senator Cleophas Malaal who, however, only settled in Milimani, Lurambi Constituency but is originally from the Southern bloc.

Running mate

The rest, Anangwe, Kenya Electricity Transmission Company boss Fernandes Barasa, his Metropol counterpart Sam Omukoko, Kakamega County Assembly Clerk Laban Atemba and businessman Michael Osundwa hail from the Southern bloc.

Each of the aspirants is eyeing a running mate from a different bloc in a bid to shore up support.

In Bungoma, members of the Sabaot community living in Mt Elgon feels shortchanged by Governor Wangamati after he denied them the slot of deputy governor.

The community which is mi-

nority in the county claims that they are not part of the Wangamati administration after he appointed his deputy from his Bokusu community.

The Former governor who is also Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka had appointed his deputy from the Sabot community.

Masuti Chemasuetti says that as the community they have a right to be given the position of deputy governor basing on their population.

"We are 200,000 people from the Sabaot community, with this number we definitely deserve number two position" said Chemasuetti.

He said although they did not vote for Wangamati overwhelmingly during the 2017 elections, that was not reason enough to deny them deputy governor's slot.

"Wangamati only got 7,000 votes from Mt Elgon but this does not warrant him to deny us number two slot in his government," he noted.

Political analyst Philip Muru- tu who hails from the region however disputed the Sabaot claim to the seat saying it was given to the Tachoni sub-group which is equally a minority.

According to Muru- tu, no governor candidate can win in Bungoma without accommodating minorities.

"In Bungoma it is either negotiated democracy or no democracy. It will be difficult for anyone to win a critical seat such as the governorship without entering a power arrangement that accommodates minorities even as the Bokusu remain majority," said Muru- tu.

IN KIAMBU COUNTY

In Kiambu politicians build alliances along the East and West.

● Kiambu town, Githunguri, Kabete, Kiambaa, Limuru, Kikuyu and Lari. Usually, the arrangement is that if a governor comes from the East, the running mate must hail from the West and vice versa.

● Currently, governor James Nyoro who hails from Kikuyu in Kiambu West settled for Joyce Ngugi; from Gatundu South as his deputy.

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Clannism to play crucial role in race to succeed Kajiado's Lenku

by Christine Musa
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Clannism is set to play a central role in Kajiado politics even leaders angle for various seats ahead of the 2022 General Election.

The Orok Kiteng' and Odomong'i clans dominate Kajiado and influences the voting pattern. Orok Kiteng make up majority of the Maa in the region standing at least 60 per cent but is sharply divided unlike Odomong'i which consistently rallies behind of their own during elections.

Already five candidates from the Odomong'i clan have declared interest in the governorship but there is a likelihood its members will eventually settle on one.

The incumbent governor Joseph Ole Lenku is the only candidate from the large Orok Kiteng clan.

Kajiado East MP Peris Tobiko, her Kajiado South counterpart Katoo Ole Metito, former National Transport Safety Authority (Ntsa) director Francis Meja, former Olkejuado County council chairman Tarayia Ole Kores and former governor David Nkedianye hail from Odomong.

Lenku and Katoo hold considerable support and will have to fight out in their Kajiado south home ground.

Key determinant

While Katoo is considered more popular among natives, Lenku has packaged himself as a darling of the immigrants in Loitokitok.

An analyst says Kajiado Central and Kajiado West which have 56,434 and 64,026 registered voters respectively are the two sub counties where clannism is likely to play a major role.

"Natives votes are key determinant

of wooing natives. The candidature of any interested contestant reaching out to the natives is judged on the basis of clan. The only leader who had managed to contain the clan politics in Kajiado is the late George Saitoti but currently the leaders are the ones advancing the clan politics and have managed to revive it," says David San-kori, a former Kajiado Central MP.

Nkedianye, and Tobiko hail from the same section increasing debate that one of them could step down for the other.

"In the Maa community on matters clan, a woman has an advantage. She gets married to a different clan and that means she can benefit from both sides. A woman has no age group and can get married by men of different ages. The Maa politics have changed and the community is embracing change," said Kintet Peshut, a political analyst.

for a candidate from the Ugenya sub-clan while the senatorial position will not go to Bondo.

Alego Usonga MP Sam Atandi told *People Daily* that they will share slots equitably among the five sub counties in Siaya County.

"Alego Usonga will take a break from fielding a gubernatorial candidate in 2022. Senator Orengo is our candidate for governorship. Alego will angle for the position of deputy governor while Bondo is pushing for Oburu Ogunga to be the next Senator for Siaya," said Atandi.

Although Kano in Kisumu boasts of being the largest populous sub-clan, it failed to recapture the governorship and ended up with the Senate slot which is occupied by Fred Outa, with the Seme-born Anyang Nyong'o clinching the governorship.

In Marsabit, Gabra, Burji, Rendille and Borana clans decide who becomes the governor, deputy governor, senator and the Woman Rep, while top seats are distributed evenly among the Degodia, Aljuran and Ogaden clans in Wajir.

East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) member Fatuma Ibrahim Ali contends that though clan elders will continue to influence which individuals are elected for various seats, the system disadvantages women.

Elders factor

"Negotiated democracy sometimes does not favour women especially from North Eastern region. The elders decide who vies for what seat and from which clan. They hold power on the issue of negotiated democracy," said Fatuma.

According to Fatuma, women are marginalised because they are not represented in the council of elders that allocate the seats and no clan wants to be represented by a woman.

In Mandera, the top seats are mainly occupied by the Garre and the Degodia clans while in Garissa it is mainly the Ogaden community that takes the lion's share with a few members from the Degodia clan.

In Central region, for instance Laikipia, the battle is between Laikipia East and Laikipia West. In Nyeri its North versus South and in Murang'a its North vs South.

In the three counties in the Mount Kenya region, if one side produces a governor, the deputy must be from the other side and vice versa.

Parents in last-minute shopping rush, complain of short school break

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Parents in Kisumu were at the weekend in a last-minute rush to prepare their children to go back to school for the new academic year.

There were long queues at bookshops and school uniform stores.

But even as the shops recorded booming business, some shoppers complained of high prices.

Some parents complained about

the short school holiday break, saying it had piled financial pressure on parents.

John Odindo, who has two children in boarding school, said paying school fees had become a big challenge for him. He said he was lucky to have received a bursary from the Kisumu East's NG-CDF.

"If it were not for the bursary, I don't know what I would have done. The government should have extended the break to enable us get money," he said.



An attendant helps John Paul of Nyabondo High School in Kisumu fit new shoes. PD/Viola Kosome

Jenifer Otieno said the short holiday had disadvantaged many parents especially because of the prevailing harsh economic conditions.

"Many parents who rely on salaries have to wait until the end of the month to obtain money. This means they have to reorganise themselves to ensure their children report to school on time," Otieno said.

But Joyce Achieng said the one-week break was sufficient, adding that children should not spend too much time at home.

Achieng said that when children are idle, some of them engage in harmful activities.

"I know the holiday period has been short but as parents we have to sacrifice for our children to take them back to school. I congratulate the government for giving a one-week holiday since the children overstayed at home last year," she said.

She added that she feels more at ease when her children are in school than when they are at home since there are more restrictions in school.

Learners, tutors brace for tight programme as schools reopen

Education minister last week directed public learning institutions to adhere to fees guidelines

■ by Irene Githinji
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Primary and secondary schools reopen today for the first term of the 2021 academic year to a heavily compressed programme.

It is a year with a difference, where learners and teachers will not only need to adjust to the new academic timelines that start in the middle of the year but also the rush to cover the syllabus in a shorter time.

It is also the first time that all learners will be at school at the same time since Covid-19 struck in March last year.

Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha has said that all was set for the new term, the government having disbursed Sh76 billion to learning institutions.

He said the money will cater for tuition and food, noting that no child should be left behind as learning resumes.

"The government has now given all the money required for schools. Some Sh17 billion was set aside for the public primary schools and Sh59 billion for public secondary schools. Each secondary school student has been allocated Sh23,000," the CS said.

The first cohort of Competency Based Curriculum (CBC), who have been at home since March, will be joining Grade Five.

Last week, Magoha ordered strict adherence to guidelines that reduced secondary school fees, saying the terms are shorter and will run for 30 weeks instead of 39.

Calendar review

Since the term will be nine weeks shorter, he said, it had been resolved that school fees be reviewed downwards, with learners in national schools expected to pay Sh8,500 less and those in other secondary schools Sh5,500 less.

"We have agreed, having consulted President Uhuru Kenyatta, that we should prorate downwards because the term will be nine weeks less for boarding. The government pays for everything except for the food," Magoha said.

The Covid-19 pandemic saw closure of learning institutions for nine months last year, a situation that necessitated a review of the school calendar.

Learners will take a three-day half term break from August 26-29 while the holiday will run for a week from October 2 to 10.

Second term will start on October 11 and end on December 23 while third term will



A parent buys second-hand textbooks in the streets of Mombasa. Parents had a busy weekend preparing for the new academic year. PD/Ndegwa Gathungu

TERM DATES

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Pupils who join Class Eight tomorrow will sit their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) from March 7-10 while those who join Form Four will sit the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam from March 11 to April 1.

Two national exams will be written next year because the 2022 candidates will sit their exams in November.

Normal school calendar is expected to resume in 2023.

From August 2, the 2020 KCPE class will join secondary school.

The government has issued scholarships to 9,000 needy children joining Form One next week under the Elimu Scholarship Programme (ESP), as it seeks to implement the 100 per cent transition policy.

He said ESP targets 110 sub-counties and 15 urban centres with informal settlements.

"This year we increased the allocation of learners from urban centres with informal settlements from 25 per cent to 33.3 per cent of the 9,000 slots to cushion the very vulnerable households and give hope to the less fortunate," he said.

Magoha warned schools against sending children home over school fees.

"You might be shocked to find that some of those being sent home have nowhere to go," said Magoha.

The CS said his ministry had prioritised quality based educational reforms, which

include implementation of CBC, with a focus on nurturing learners' potential.

"More focus is going towards rationalisation of existing and new infrastructure to ensure seamless implementation of the CBC with maximum benefits to all learners," said the CS.

Fewer transfers

The Teachers Service Commission (TSC) has said it is in the process of recruiting more teachers.

Secretary Nancy Macharia said teachers will be recruited and posted to schools in the course of the term.

The commission seeks to recruit 8,914 secondary school teachers to enable schools cope with the 100 per cent transition from primary school.

Some 6,000 interns will also be recruited to address the teacher shortage.

"The teacher is at the centre of effective curriculum delivery and we will do all we can to ensure the staff are well motivated to dispense their duties," said Macharia.

She said TSC was cognisant of the hard times teachers were going through during Covid-19 pandemic.

For that reason, she said, the commission had limited the number of teacher transfers to ensure stability in schools.

"The recently signed Collective Bargaining Agreement with teacher unions resolved to avoid transfers that can destabilise families," said Macharia.

BRIEFLY

MP lauds institution for pregnant girls

Machakos Woman Representative Joyce Kamene has lauded the initiative to establish a school that will cater for pregnant teenagers and those from a poor background. Kamene said Mbakaini Girls Secondary School provides an opportunity for students who became pregnant during the Covid-19 lockdown to go back to school. Speaking in Machakos, the MP said the school will enable teenage mothers to study during the day and go back home in the evening to take care of their babies. "Mbakaini Girls will suit girls who got pregnant during the pandemic since they can study and still go back home to take care of their children," she said. Kamene (*below*) said those who defile and impregnate girls must face the full force of the law. "We can't allow young girls' future to be ruined by a few people who cannot hold their horses," she said.

-KNA



Trader offers to pay needy student's fee

A Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examination candidate in Kakamega has secured a sponsor. Warren Lukunga scored 409 marks and was admitted to Friends School Kamusinga. His mother was, however, unable to raise school fees and other requirements. "I had given up hope on my son's chances of joining Kamusinga," said his mother Isabella Shikanga. But businessman Fred Ikana came to the rescue of the family yesterday when he paid them a surprise visit and offered to sponsor the boy up to university. "I heard about this case and I was touched because we would have lost a lot as a community if we left such brains to disappear. I will fully take over his education," he said. "I am so excited and will do my best not to let my sponsor down," Lukunga said.

-Dennis Lumiti



TENDER ADVERT-DISPOSAL OF VARIOUS ITEMS

KTDA (MS) Ltd on behalf of its managed tea factories and subsidiary namely Chai Trading Co. Ltd (CTCL) Mombasa invites sealed bids from tenderers interested in purchase of boarded motor vehicles, old & used machinery, scrap and other assorted items. The tender particulars are as follows:

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TENDER REF.NO.	KTDA/PROC/88/2021				
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1.0 BOARDED MOTOR VEHICLES & TRACTORS

REG. NO	MAKE	YOM	CC	VIEW AT/ LOCATION	VALUATION (KSHS)
KBE 465E	ISUZU FVR 23 H/ SIDED	2008	9800	MUNGANIA T. FACTORY	1,170,000.00
KBS 122T	ISUZU FVR 23 H/ SIDED	2010	9839	GIANCHORE T. FACTORY	2,750,000.00
KBF 988H	S/VITARA	2008	2400	KTDA HEAD OFFICE	790,000.00
KBR 341P	MITSUBISHI FH	2011	6557	GACHEGE T. FACTORY	1,200,000.00
KAW 637D	ISUZU FSR 33 H	2006	8200	KIONYO T. FACTORY	1,050,000.00
KBH 752C	ISUZU FSR 33 H	2009	8226	KIONYO T. FACTORY	1,310,000.00
KBB 791A	ISUZU FSR 33H	2007	7200	KINORO T. FACTORY	910,000.00
KBP 022Q	ISUZU NQR	2010	4334	KEBIRIGO T. FACTORY	930,000.00
KBG 972E	ISUZU FVR 23 TIPPER	2008	9839	KEBIRIGO T. FACTORY	1,680,000.00
KTCB 676G	MF 440 TRACTOR	2010	4100	KANYENYAINI T. FACTORY	870,000.00
KBF 534N	ISUZU FVR 23 H/ SIDED	2008	9800	KANYENYAINI T. FACTORY	1,050,000.00
KBL 347W	ISUZU FVR H/SIDED	2010	9800	EBEREGE T. FACTORY TEA	2,100,000.00
KBM 291P	ISUZU FVR H/SIDED	2010	9800	GACHARAGE T. FACTORY	2,420,000.00
KAP 151N	M/FERGUSON 4270	2002	6000	GACHARAGE T. FACTORY	650,000.00
KBM 861P	TOYOTA HILUX S/ CAB	2010	2494	KAPSARA T. FACTORY	750,000.00
KBN362F	NISSAN NAVARA 4WD	2010	2488	IMENTI REGION 4 OFFICE	590,000.00
KAW 550Y	ISUZU FVR H/SIDED	2006	8200	CHINGA T. FACTORY	1,860,000.00
KAV 440F	ISUZU FSR 33H	2006	8200	SANGANYI T. FACTORY	1,400,000.00
KAX 362U	ISUZU FSR 33H	2007	7200	KIEGOI T. FACTORY	1,160,000.00
KAW 084B	ISUZU FVR TIPPER	2006	9839	ITUMBE TEA FACTORY	2,190,000.00

2.0 USED MACHINERIES AND FOLK LIFTS FOR SALE

ITEM	MAKE/MODEL	YOM	RATING	VIEW AT/ LOCATION	VALUATION (KSHS.)
KBA 148K	HYSTER FORKLIFT 2.0 FT	2007	75HP	CTCL	230,000.00
KBJ 243W	HYSTER FORKLIFT 3.0 FT	2009	2600	CTCL	140,000.00
KBN 768V	HYSTER FORKLIFT 3.0 FT	2010	2200	CTCL	160,000.00
KBB 237R	HYSTER FORKLIFT 2.0 FT	2007	2600	CTCL	140,000.00

BOILER	FKL BABCOCK DOBEY, OLDBURY	1993	10,000 LBS/HR	NGERE T. FACTORY	980,000.00
BOILER	FKL BABCOCK DOBEY, OLDBURY	1993	10,000 LBS/HR	NGERE T. FACTORY	950,000.00
BOILER	RICKFIELD	1995	4500 LBS/ HR	KEBIRIGO T. FACTORY	7,000,000.00

3.0 OLD ASSORTED ICT ITEMS

ITEM	VIEW AT/ LOCATION	QTY
PRINTERS, SCANNERS AND OTHER ITEMS	KTDA FARMERS BUILDING	LOT
ASSORTED DESKTOPS-LOT A	KTDA FARMERS BUILDING	LOT
ASSORTED DESKTOPS-LOT B	KTDA FARMERS BUILDING	LOT

4.0 SCRAP METAL, BATTERIES AND OTHER ITEMS

ITEM	VIEW AT/LOCATION	QTY
SCRAP METAL	MUNGANIA T. FACTORY	APPROX. 20 TONS
ASSORTED MILD STEEL SCRAP METAL	KINORO T. FACTORY	9,000 KGS
STAINLESS STELL SCRAP METAL	KINORO T. FACTORY	500KGS
USED COPPER WIRE	KINORO T. FACTORY	300KGS
OLD ASSORTED TYRES & SPARE PARTS ,RIMS AND COMPLETE SUZUKI GEAR BOX	KTDA FARMERS BUILDING	LOT
BATTERIES (CHLORIDE EXIDE) INDEX, FB	KTDA FARMERS BUILDING	LOT
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Completed tender documents together with the **original receipt** obtained from **KTDA Cash office must** be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked **"Tender Ref. No: KTDA/PROC/88/2021 - DISPOSAL OF BOARDED MOTOR VEHICLES AND OTHER ASSORTED ITEMS"** and deposited in the tender box at the reception on ground floor, KTDA Farmers Building, Moi Avenue Nairobi and be addressed to:

**THE MANAGING DIRECTOR,
KTDA MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD
P.O. BOX 30213-00100 GPO, NAIROBI.**

So as to be received not later than 9.00 am on Tuesday, 17th August 2021.

The submitted bid documents will be opened on the same day and the outcome shared with all bidders thereafter.

KTDA is not bound to accept the highest or any bid or give reason/s for its decisions thereof. Canvassing will lead to

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How Raila plans to save crippling public service

Opposition leader says to improve performance, he will promote meritocracy, end graft and nepotism

by Hillary Mageka
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Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) party leader Raila Odinga yesterday outlined his vision to revolutionise the civil service as the foundation of nation building and development.

Raila, who seems to have revived his bid to succeed President Uhuru Kenyatta next year, gave a highlight of what he believes the country needs to do to modernise the public sector.

Taking to his social media pages; Facebook and Twitter in what appears to be his new strategy to communicate his ideas of the Kenya he envisions under his tenure, the former premier noted nations begin to fail when the civil service begins to fail.

Raila said he envisages a civil service defined by discipline, hard work, high morale, efficiency and high ethical standards.

According to the former premier, this will be achieved by promoting creativity in the civil service at the same time eliminating conflict of interest which is the main cause of corruption, public mistrust, poor and delayed services that have come to be associated with public sector.

Mere hostages

"Kenya has maintained a comparatively functional civil service. But there remains tremendous room for improvement," Raila said adding that nepotism, tribalism and favouritism in the civil service need to be nipped in the bud.

"These three ills have demoralised so many officers, who then become mere hostages to a system they believe does not appreciate them," Raila said adding: "Frustrated officers stay on just to secure pension and turn to other ways to supplement income and get fulfillment. They become brokers where they are supposed to be moderators," he said.

Raila's latest statement comes barely a fortnight after he unveiled an economic blueprint to transform rural economies.

Barely a week ago, Raila released snippets of his 2022 blueprint that will anchor his presidential run.

Although he has not stated publicly that he will seek the top seat, Raila has em-



THE PROPOSALS

● Raila has promised to create linkages between government and private sector, particularly the think tanks such as National Economic and Social Council.

● Refresher courses for civil servants will be a must to steer officers away from what has worked in the past to what addresses current and anticipated challenges.

barked on key activities including consolidating his traditional support bases, leaving no doubt that he will vie. Raila's men have also made it clear that their leader will go for the top seat.

If given the nod by Kenyans to ascend to presidency next year, the African Union special envoy stated that he will design and adhere to a clear career progression path for civil servants that stands no matter which party or leader takes power in Kenya.

"It's possible to run a civil service that thrives on seniority and merit-based promotions," he said.

The ODM leader cited conflict of interest in the civil service as the main cause of corruption, public mistrust, poor and delayed services that have come to be associated with public sector.

"When government procurement officers are also suppliers, the consequences are obvious," stated the ODM boss.

ODM leader Raila Odinga (centre) with National Assembly Leader of Majority Amos Kimunya (left) and Mvita MP Abdulswamad Nassir (right) in Mombasa last week.

PD/BONFACE MSANGI

Citing his experience the world over, Raila said Kenya needs to promote creativity in the civil service as they tend to play safe, merely taking and implementing instructions.

"Kenya is not any different. We have to change this and institutionalise ways to enable civil servants who have different ideas on how to do better, bring their ideas to the table," he held.

Strategic thinking.

Raila said he advocate for a total overhaul of public service and devise a way through which civil servants can be allowed to spend time in the private sector and return to public service.

According to him, such a system creates an understanding in the public service of how the private sector works and how the two sectors can complement each other.

"We must enhance the capacity of the civil service to engage in strategic thinking. Many times, civil servants are caught in routine office work," the former premier said.

He promised to create linkages between government and private sector, particularly the think tanks to enable civil servants pursue routine work and engage in strategic thinking at the same time.

Gideon accuses Ruto of intimidating rivals ahead of 2022 election

by Seth Mwaniki
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Kanu chairman Gideon Moi has accused Deputy President William Ruto of allegedly instigating tribal clashes to intimidate voters in Rift Valley ahead of next year's elections.

Speaking during a fundraiser in aid of AIPCA Chaka in Kieni constituency, Nyeri county, Gideon claimed that Ruto's supporters have started sending thinly-veiled warnings to those opposed to his presidential candidature that they will be targeted if they do not support him.

"We as residents of the vast Rift Valley are aware that people are being intimidated to vote for a particular candidate and if not they are being told that they will be finished. I want to say such threats are overtaken by time and we will not allow it to happen," said Moi.

Moi, who was accompanied by Baringo Woman Rep Gladwell Che-ruiyot warned that Rift Valley was not Deputy President's bedroom and as such, Kenyans must be allowed to exercise their democratic right without intimidation.

"I want to say that contrary to as-

sertions that Rift Valley is already locked by a particular candidate, that is not true, it is not anyone bedroom," said Moi.

The Baringo senator, who is locked in a supremacy battle with the Deputy President, welcomed politicians from the Mt Kenya region to join the One Kenya Alliance (OKA), promising that they would be accommodated on the negotia-

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Month when Kenyans will elect new leaders according to the constitution.

tion table geared towards forming an all-inclusive movement.

"Central region should not think that it has been overlooked, we will involve you. We want a progressive movement that will change this nation," said Moi.

Moi was responding to a request by Kieni MP Kamini Kega to include leaders from the region in their One Kenya Alliance political matrix.

"I want to tell Gideon that they need to involve Central Kenya, without the region's input, this country cannot be properly governed," said Kega.

Sapit warns against delaying polls, asks leaders to obey law

by Alvin Mwangi
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The Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) has warned against any move to postpone next year's General Election or extend President Uhuru Kenyatta's term.

In a statement, Archbishop Jackson ole Sapit (pictured) said the 2022 General Election should be conducted as stipulated in the Constitution.

He asked leaders seeking to postpone the elections to allow the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to do its work.

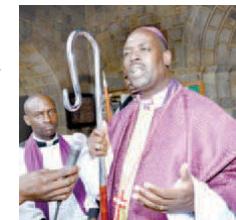
"The country cannot afford another disruption after Covid-19 pandemic and locust invasion," said Sapit adding: "In order to have peaceful and credible elections, we urge the following to be addressed: Elections must be held as stipulated in the constitution and those calling for the postponement cease to do so."

Avoid chaos

The cleric also called for proper preparations of the election by providing IEBC with adequate resources to facilitate voter registration and civic education.

Calls to postpone the elections have triggered criticism with Deputy President William Ruto and Amani National Congress leader Musalia Mudavadi maintaining that polls should be held at the stipulated time to avoid chaos as witnessed in 2017.

Mudavadi, who was speaking in Nyandarua over the weekend disagreed with the African Court on Human Rights which gave a green light for the postponement of elections citing the impact



OLE SAPIT

The country cannot afford another disruption after Covid-19 pandemic and locust invasion

of Covid-19 on African countries.

"The Supreme law of this country is the Constitution of Kenya. That is the law. If there are any other treaties or external agreements, they have to be domesticated in the context of Kenya's Constitution. You cannot have a treaty or advisory from outside the country that can override the supreme law of the nation. Our Constitution comes first and we have to follow it to the letter," Mudavadi said.

Ruto termed calls to postpone polls as just propaganda. "Elections will be held on the second Tuesday of August next year as is required by the law. Don't listen to those who want the poll postponed, those are just empty threats," he said.

However, Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) secretary general Francis Atwoli has been vocal calling for the postponement of the elections, arguing that "it is out of the reality that the outcome of such elections would have a negative effect on the welfare of workers."



Raila, Mudavadi allies split over Uhuru Western tour

Savula claims there is covert plot to sideline ANC leader during President's visit of the region

by Dennis Lumuti
@PeopleDailyKe

Western Kenya leaders are divided about the planning of President Uhuru Kenyatta's tour of the region this week.

Some politicians have questioned the viability of some of the projects to be launched by the President during his visit.

But the main bone of contention is who should "host" Uhuru during the tour, with politicians allied to Amani National Congress (ANC) leader Musalia Mudavadi demanding that he must accompany the President during the three-day tour.

They claim the visit had been hijacked by some governors in cahoots with forces from outside the region.

They accused ODM leader Raila Odinga of scheming to accompany the Head of State in a bid to revive his political fortunes in the region.

Lugari MP Ayub Savula said yesterday that Western politicians would only be part of the visit if Mudavadi will be in charge.

"They are trying to sideline Musalia to deny him support in his home turf. We will not accept that," said Savula.

Raila's role

Former Cabinet Minister Amukowa Anangwe said Uhuru should be welcomed and accompanied by Mudavadi the same way Raila does whenever the President visits Nyanza.

Some local leaders protested when Raila showed up during the President's visit of Ukarbani region early this month.

But Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya told off the ANC leaders, saying the visit was strictly about development

and not politics.

Oparanya, who is the ODM deputy leader, said all leaders from the Western region would be involved in the tour.

He said he and fellow governors were involved by the national government to identify projects that needed to be launched or restarted.

"We have no intention of campaigning for or sidelining anyone. I will hold a meeting with all leaders before the tour so that we can have a common stand," he added.

During the tour, the President is expected to inspect and launch various projects in Kakamega, Vihiga, Busia and Bungoma counties.

The projects include the construction of a Sh100 million Gold refinery plant at Iguru in Ikolomani Constituency, Kakamega County.

Mumias Sugar

Uhuru, who will be operating from the Kakamega State Lodge, is also expected to inspect the Sh6 billion Kakamega Teaching and Referral Hospital which is set for an upgrade from Level Five to Six.

The main focus, however, will be the revival of the Mumias Sugar Company, a controversial issue that leaders say the President must address.

He is also expected to address calls for capital injection into the struggling Nzoia Sugar Company.

In Bungoma, Uhuru is expected to commission construction of the Matulu Air-strip in Webuye, Chwele Open Air Market and Kanduyi Stadium.

He is also scheduled to award a charter to Kaimosi University College in Vihiga.

He will also inspect the Vihiga Water Cluster Project and launch the construction of a granite factory.

In Busia, Uhuru will issue a charter to Alupe University.

Also in his itinerary is the inspection of the Western and

Sh100m

The cost of constructing a Gold refinery plant at Iguru in Ikolomani Constituency, Kakamega County.

Eastern by-pass roads from Mundika to Busia town, besides Otimong to Angorom.

ANC-allied politicians said that while they support the projects, Mudavadi must be involved in the tour.

"All these projects need funding from the national government and must be ap-

proved by Parliament. As MPs, we must be at the centre of the visit. And so should our party leader," said Savula.

The MP, who is Mudavadi's deputy in ANC, said they would not be part of a visit "disguised as developmental yet it is meant to revive political fortunes of an outsider".

But Oparanya said he was not aware that Raila would be accompanying the President during the visit.

Ikolomani MP Benard Shinali said his constituency would be among beneficiaries of the President's tour.

BRIEFLY

Politicians warned against stoking up ethnic suspicions

A lobby group in Borabu, Nyamira County has urged politicians to embrace tolerance to ensure next year's General Election is peaceful. Borabu ODM Political Arena secretary Osugo Kombo said tensions rise towards elections and urged the government and leaders to be proactive in preventing violence. He said no Kenyan should be threatened, injured or killed due to political differences, adding that Kenyans live peacefully and the election should not divide them. "Politicians should be careful in their utterances so that they do not incite chaos," Kombo said. He appealed to presidential candidates to spell out measures they intend to take to curb corruption which, he said, had contributed to the poor economy. "One cannot tackle economic challenges without first fighting corruption," he said.

-Robert Ochoro



ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi (left) with Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia second (left) when the former toured the county at the weekend. PD/DAVID MACHARIA

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Support teachers, learners in new term

Schools re-open today, which marks the beginning of the 2021 school calendar. It is a period that comes with a set of challenges.

Teachers and learners will have to adjust to the fact that a new school year is starting in the middle of the year.

They will be expected to contend with not only new but also strained timelines required to cover as much as a normal school year.

Schools are also resuming after only a week of rest, which means that they have had very minimal rest compared to the norm, where school holidays go for about a month.

Being an academic year with a difference, we believe that both learners and teachers will require encouragement and immense support to make it through the strained time-lines.

On a normal term, school half term breaks go for a week but this time round, they will only rest for three days. It is also a rush for parents who will be required to pay school fees in shorter intervals than usual, since the second term begins in early October.

A review of the 2021 calendar year came about owing to the nine-month disruption of learning owing to Covid-19 pandemic.

The government had to work out a new schedule in a bid to cover for the lost time.

Even as schools resume, it's also important for the government to see to it that all directives it has issued are strictly observed. For instance, the Ministry of Education said last week school fees for secondary schools has been reduced — Sh8,500 for national schools and Sh5,500 for the rest.

Another directive the ministry has issued is on sending children home over school fees, saying that the assumption should not be that all the children come from a family that has money.

The ministry has also stated that at least 75 per cent of high schools are day, which means they are free and in the case of boarding, no one should extort money from parents in the name of a feeding programme.

Similarly, ahead of the start of the new school year, Teachers Service Commission will today release findings of a survey on preparedness of teachers to navigate the Covid-19 environment under the full resumption environment.

We are optimistic that findings of the survey, which seeks to help the Government work with all teachers adequately, will also consider the well-being of tutors so that they can deliver effectively.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

ANTHONY J. D'ANGELO

Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

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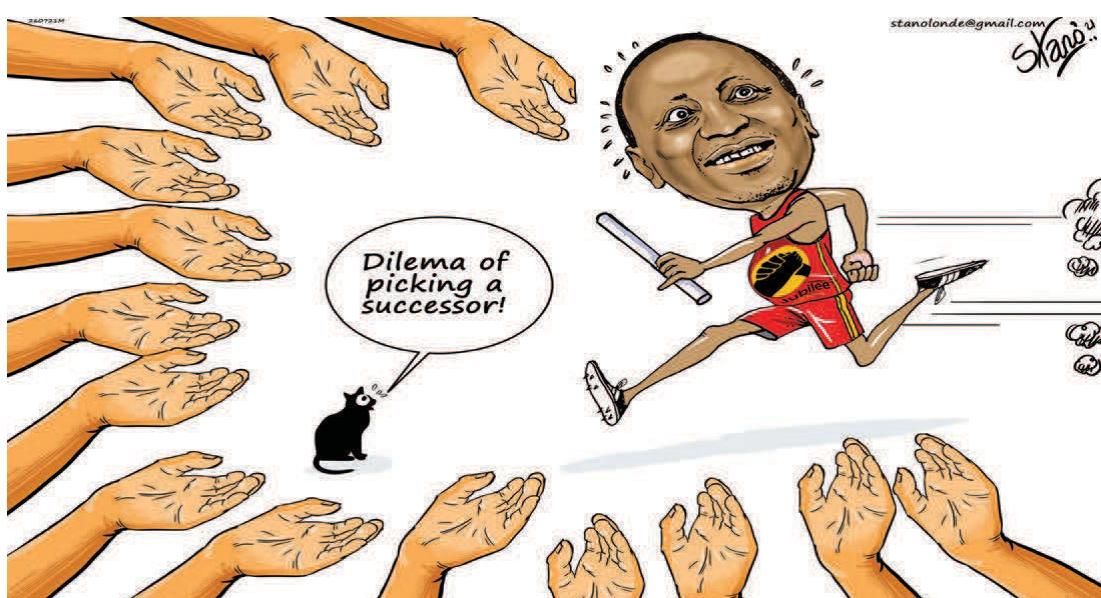
We are ready to support a presidential candidate, who will be ready to negotiate, reward us as Mt Kenya and give us a good share of the national cake. We will not follow people blindly.
MERU SENATOR MITHIKA LINTURI



For negotiated democracy to work, leaders of dominant communities must respect, be honest with each other and work together. If this does not happen, it can never work.
NOMINATED MP DENNIS GATHI



The country cannot afford another disruption after Covid-19 and locusts' invasion. Elections must be held as stipulated in the Constitution and those calling for the postponement should cease from doing so.
ACK ARCHBISHOP JACKSON OLE SAPIT



We must divorce graft fight from politics



HESBON OWILLA

If political differences is our route to nabbing the corrupt, then why not?

his support for the Deputy President William Ruto. He has been articulate and consistent in his support for the DP and it is great to see politicians take political stand on issues and articulate themselves on those issues.

Therefore, it would be a great statement on the war against graft if Gachagua's arrest is treated as a corruption allegation and the process expedited to ensure that this hustler narrative that he is being persecuted is debunked.

Granted, corruption allegations are adjudicated in courts of law and whereas Gachagua made it clear that he is happy the courts will deal with these allegations once and for all, how the Hustler nation supporters have consistently politicised and trivialised does speak loudly about what lies ahead; if we board the hustler nation. Sh12 billion is an amount that can finance three counties annual budgets. That is the amount we are talking about.

Whether it is politicians settling their scores or not, Kenyans have this one question: did you steal public money? The crux for Kenyans is not politics but theft of public funds and therefore, if political differences is our route to nabbing the corrupt, then why not.

This route should not be looked as the end in itself, but the means. It is the means for the accused to clear their names, and the surest route to prove that thieves cannot hide behind political differences. At the end of the day, our courts have the task of separating corrupt individuals from those who are followed because of their political persuasions.

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The recent happening in the country are unfolding just like a few political pundits have predicted. Postponement of the August, 2022 General Election and the race to succeed President Uhuru Kenyatta will be dominant in the public domain for some time, maybe until the elections are held.

Infrastructural development that will anchor the next president's efforts in taking Kenyans out of economic insecurity, the fight against corruption, uniting Kenyans and the President's development prowess in distribution of grand development projects all over the country, speak of an interesting campaign period ahead.

No region has remained untouched in a big way by the grand development. The projects were launched in Nyanza region, Ukambani, the Sh10 billion fisheries project in the Coast among other projects.

Counties like Kakamega, Tana River, Taita Taveta and Murang'a among others have leveraged on grand infrastructural investments, to tap on opportunities to work on markets beyond Kenya. The fight against graft has seen the President give the political goodwill and the multi-agency approach is bearing fruit already.

In a nutshell, political campaigns will have to address continuity and just like one politician opined recently on a national television; the President may want to take some time towards the turn of the year, and showcase the great strides he has made in investing in projects that have changed the lives of Kenyans.

But corruption is emerging as a real issue that will define the evaluation of the political class. It is one ill that has affected this country and as a society, we have continued to either aid or abet theft of public funds. If I may echo the words of Dr Ouma Oluga: we cannot afford to trivialise, tribalise and politicise corruption. In doing so, we will essentially be glorifying if not perpetuating corruption.

Unfortunately, politicisation of corruption has become the new normal and any graft suspect has normalised the art; taking advantage of the mediatised society to self-broadcast their cries as martyrs being persecuted for their political affiliations. The arrest of Mathira MP Rigathi Gachagua, is a case at hand. The Hustler nation led by the chief hustler himself has gone overboard arguing that this is not prosecution, but persecution of hustlers' chief proponents.

Anyone who follows Kenyan politics keenly would definitely be a big fan of Gachagua. Not necessarily for his political stand or political history, but for how steadfast he has been in

Property auctions wiping out Kenya's middle class

Data from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) shows that mortgages registered the highest increase of all non-performing loans between March 2020 and 2021, rising 48 per cent to stand at Sh70 billion, a frightening statistic.

Mortgages are a critical indicator of the financial health of individuals, as well as the growth of personal wealth through the stock of property held by nationals.

This has been one of the major economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, as the stringent measures government imposed to contain the spread of the virus led to a virtual economic collapse.

Another category of property owners who have been badly hit are those who had taken loans to purchase plots for building homes or commercial properties.

Mortgage holders have lost jobs, leaving them with no means of servicing their loans. Businesses have crashed or slashed expenses, leaving entrepreneurs without income to service loans such as mortgages.

Banks and other financial institutions that lent money for acquisition of this property are now holding onto property worth hundreds of billions, representing dead stock.

In a bid to recover their money,

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banks have resorted to their last recourse – auctions. Newspapers are now awash with thousands of properties being auctioned. This has been going on for months.

This means that every day, hundreds of Kenyans are becoming newly impoverished. The bottom line is that, majority of the people who had taken out mortgages to buy homes and loans to purchase and develop plots are the middle class.

So, what is happening is that the middle class is being decimated. It's an economic disaster in the making. Many, if not most, of those whose properties are being auctioned, will never recover. Basically, they have now joined the ranks of the poor.

By the time Covid-19 crisis is over, Kenya's middle class will be all but over. It has taken five decades to build it to its current economic strength, wealth quantum and ability to mobilise finance. Covid-19 is wiping this away.

What's worse is that the properties on auction have no takers, since the

economy is experiencing a seizure and those sold are being flogged off at throwaway prices literally, destroying economic value. This is bad for the economy.

CBK and the Treasury remain mute, just sitting by presumably as spectators, as one of the major economic Kenyan power blocks is washed away, taking with it a good chunk of the economic growth engine and tax base. This property base represents what makes the middle class what it is. Wipe that out, and they join the ranks of the poor. The country cannot just sit back.

CBK and the Treasury needs to make a strategic economic decision and intervene.

Create a fund that "buys" the distressed properties from banks and financial institutions. This fund will be a debt-buying institution that will intervene strategically in cases of real estate like houses and commercial properties whose owners have defaulted due to economic collapse occasioned by Covid-19.

The government can finance this fund through a contribution from the Treasury as well as subscriptions from the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and other multilateral lenders and bilateral agreements. If the government can find billions to finance a failed private entity like Kenya Airways for strategic reasons, it can find ways to finance this fund.

The debt fund will take over ownership of the properties from the banks through negotiated discounted terms that will enable the banks to remove them from their books of bad loans. The debt fund will then negotiate with the property owners more concessionary terms with the appropriate grace periods that will enable them (owners) to maintain ownership in the long term as the country awaits the economic rebound.

This will be a win-win situation for everybody concerned, and the country. It will relieve the massive economic stress all players in the economy are currently undergoing and ease cashflows for all concerned. The government needs to put in place such a mechanism without further delay.

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STREET TALK

Water agency's turf wars claim three scalps

A titanic war pitting senior officials of a water agency has claimed several scalps. Three officials have already been sent packing, with one of them being accused of misconduct. The differences have been simmering for the last few months. A letter from a higher authority stopping all meetings, citing the poor running and ego fights in the board sent a shocker through the system. A clash of interests in a multi-billion shilling water project in Nyanza is rumoured to be the catalyst for the wars with several players fighting to control the project.

Rivals use harambees to fight female legislator

A woman MP from the Nyanza region is accusing her faceless rivals of giving her a hard time in the constituency. According to the lawmaker, her rivals have been conspiring to include her name on the cards of fundraising meetings in villages without confirming with her office whether she would be available. And in cases where she fails to attend because she was committed elsewhere or was unaware, the rivals use the absence to attack her. The MP has vowed to do everything in her power to bring to book the people behind her woes.

Jilted leader unleashes bloggers on governor

A former gubernatorial candidate, who, after losing out in the primaries, negotiated a working formula with the incumbent, is now a bitter man. The arrangement, which would have seen the middle-aged man join the incumbent's Cabinet, backfired and has now left him bitter and broke after waiting for four years for an appointment in vain. The man's hopes vanished last month when he missed a plum position that he had been promised in the deal. In retaliation, he has unleashed a pack of bloggers who criticise the county boss's every move.

Do more to protect rights of persons with disabilities



RAPHAEL OBONYO

Persons with disabilities are more likely to experience higher rates of violence and neglect.

that make them vulnerable to severe symptoms of Covid-19 if they contract the disease.

They may also have increased risk of contracting the virus because of information sharing gaps about the pandemic, such as the symptoms and prevention, which is not provided in accessible formats such as braille, sign language interpretation, captions, audio provision and graphics.

Barriers to full social and economic inclusion of persons with disabilities include inaccessible physical environments and transportation, the unavailability of assistive devices and technologies, non-adapted means of communication, gaps in service delivery and discriminatory prejudice and stigma.

Persons living with disabilities are more likely to experience adverse socio-economic outcomes such as less education, poorer health outcomes, lower levels of employment and higher poverty rates.

Many persons with disabilities have additional underlying needs

As a country, where 10 per cent of the population is disabled, we must devise a new strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities.

They have a right to have good conditions in the workplace and equal opportunities to fully take part in the life of their communities. It is an obligation, as a community, to ensure their full participation in society.

There are many stories where people living with disabilities have been denied support in education which denies them an opportunity to compete with others on an equal footing, such as securing decent jobs.

Persons with disabilities are more likely to experience higher rates of violence, neglect and abuse. And, when crises grips communities, they suffer most. Promoting inclusion

of persons with disabilities means first recognising and protecting their rights.

These rights touch on every aspect of life: the right to go to school, to live in one's community, to access health care, to start a family, to engage in political participation, to take part in sports or to travel — and to have decent work.

There is need for different actors to work together—governments, United Nations entities, civil society, organisations of persons with disabilities, the private sector and communities of experts. This is the only way we can effectively implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and tackle the obstacles, the injustices and the discrimination that they suffer.

Protecting the rights of persons with disabilities is crucial to fulfilling the core promise of the 2030 Agenda — to leave no one behind.

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TRUTHIS: Confession is agreeing with God about our nature.

#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR

The hidden medals in Olympics

@acobbo3: If African countries don't compete beyond the big headline track and field events at the Olympics, and go hunting for glory in sports like fencing, archery, rowing, judo, equestrian etc, they'll never top the medal rankings. There are a lot of medals hidden in those events.

Amina was right about CBC books

@GracieShiro: Do you remember the people who made the most noise when Amina said we weren't ready for CBC 'publishers' and the reverse is true. And Kenyans later joined the banter in the name of parental involvement. Now the same parents are stressed when it's a little late to turn back.

Welcoming maiden flight to Kenya

@tunajibu: We are pleased to welcome 150 passengers in Mombasa - on Eurowings Discover, maiden flight; the newest leisure airline within the Lufthansa Group. Eurowings Discover will have two weekly flight services from Frankfurt, Germany to Mombasa, Kenya. #MagicalKenya

Civil service key governance cog

@JamesOleKiyapi: The civil service is a key cog in the country's wheel of development. Kenya is endowed with comparatively strong human capital - PM you and President Kibaki had great success because of creativity/diversity and depth of critical thought within senior echelons of civil service

Impeachable Sources

Power is harmful to your health, Kenyan parties warned

Power is a very dangerous poison that kills political parties, experts have revealed.

Citing the ruling Jubilee Party's current woes, the experts say the surest way for a Kenyan political party to meet its premature end is to win an election and rule for five or more years.

Impeachable sources say some parties have all along known about this peculiarly Kenyan tragedy and have never dared touch power with a nine-foot pole.

The experts say they arrived at the conclusion after years of keen observation and in-depth study. For that reason, they are warning parties to keep off power if they don't want to meet the fate of Kenya African National Union (Kanu), the National Rainbow Coalition (Narc) and the Party of National Unity (Pnu), all of which once bestrode the nation like a colossus but are now dead or in various stages of death.

"It can't just be a coincidence that all these former ruling parties no longer make a bleep on the political radar. Something about power must very poisonous," said Hema Wanyora, a renowned political expert.

She said some parties such as Ford-Kenya, which have markedly avoided power for 30 years, had remained hearty and healthy.

"Look at Ford-K for example. For three decades it has been on its endless Grand March to State House. Thanks to this healthy physical activity, the party has remained lean and

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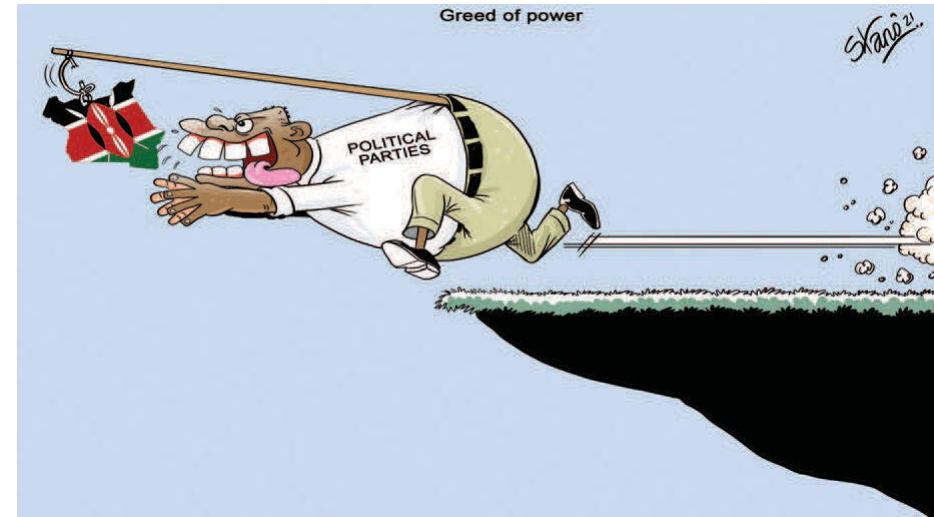
lively for all those years," Wanyora observed.

Another expert Prof Peter Kiwanja said power has a way of messing up a party's internal organs, eventually leading to massive organ failure, coma and death.

Among the organs that are highly prone to the harmful elements of power, he said, are the National Executive Council, the National Governing Council and the Parliamentary Group.

"Power tends to squeeze the vibrancy out of these organs, rendering them less functional. With their deterioration, the party dies," said Prof Kiwanja, adding that the disease usually spreads fast to other organs of the party.

The experts warned that a party does not necessarily have to be in power to suffer from its effects, saying second-hand exposure to power can



be as harmful.

Parties that have joined coalition governments can suffer this fate, with the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), which shared power with PNU between 2008 and 2013, being a good case study. "ODM had its biggest health scare when it was in the Grand Coalition Government. Because of second-hand exposure to power, the party lost almost all its five limbs, popularly known as the Pentagon," said Wanyora.

Because of the amputation of the limbs, she added, the party could not compete effectively in the 2013 race.

Prof Kiwanja said the only sure way for a party to avoid death is to completely abstain from power, saying having it in moderation is not an option.

"It's pure poison and there is nothing like being a social user of power. For one, it is highly addictive and the more you use it, the more you crave it. The only wise option is to avoid it altogether," he said.

Sources say some parties have listened to the experts' advice and are doing their best to avoid winning power in next year's election.

The sources say the health-

conscious parties will do whatever it takes not to win the presidential election, including not presenting a presidential candidate and staying away from the campaign trail.

"These are the parties that know what is good for them. They watched with horror as former ruling parties wasted away and died and learnt an important lesson, which is that winning an election is the beginning of the end for a party," said a source, who requested to remain anonymous.

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From the Counties

How my press briefing to make big announcement failed to take off



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There was no way I was going to part with any money before the services were rendered. I had once burnt my fingers

Finally, I made up my mind to publicly declare my candidature for governorship. There were also strong rumours my main rival, Mufi Sadi, the area MP, was also about to announce his bid for the same seat. Of all the likely hopefuls, he is the most formidable. The two terms he has served in the National Assembly have financially armed him well and doesn't try hard to hide this fact.

"Bw Gwinso, instead of using your meagre resources in trying to become a governor, which you cannot, why don't you just become my running mate?" he once told me. "Do you even know how much it takes to run a gubernatorial campaign?" he asked with the look of contempt on his face making me tell him off instantly.

So, following my decision to go public, I needed to hold a press briefing. I consulted my event planner, Mokonyonyo Spoiler, aka Moks.

"In fact I have been wondering what you have been waiting for all this time," he effused. "Don't let the MP make his announcement before you and get all the attention."

"Go ahead and plan for the press briefing. Invite all the media fellows you know around, especially the TV ones. Let's have the press event on Friday morning," I told him.

Since it was to be a very brief session, I drafted a short statement which I would read in front of the cameras: "Ladies and gentlemen of the press, I must confess I have been overwhelmed by the number of requests, pleas, overtures and entreaties to become the governor of this great county. For this reason, I have finally accepted to serve as governor come 2022. Thank you."

I would then invite a few questions.

Come Thursday afternoon, Moks called me. "Mhesh, we have forgotten something crucial," he said sounding alarmed.

"What is it?"

"We need a small crowd around you. You cannot make such a serious announcement without your supporters next to you."

This was very true. I wondered how this simple fact had escaped us. A few serious-looking faces nodding and grunting in agreement after each of my sentences would add punch to the event. I gave him the go-ahead to source for the faces.

"Moks, I will need to see them and probably we will have a short rehearsal before the event," I said.

"No problem. Give me just an hour and I will be at your place with the guys," Moks assured me.

True to his word, Mokonyonyo and a group of about 10 walked into my compound that evening. From the looks on their faces, Moks could

not have found a better crowd to stand next to a governor *mtarajiwa*.

"Ladies and gentlemen, you all know why you are here," I started.

"Yes," they responded in unison.

"Without wasting time, let's rehearse a bit. Assume I am reading my statement and you are standing next to me facing the cameras. Remember to keep social distance."

I stood facing them as I read my statement, and I must confess I was impressed. These were indeed professional nodders!

"I am happy. Let's meet tomorrow at 9 o'clock in my office," I said and dismissed them. Surprisingly, none of them moved. "Anything the matter?" I asked.

"Mheshimiwa, what about payment?" one asked.

"Yes, payment," several voices joined in.

"Mhesh, they are normally paid upfront," Moks added.

I would not budge. There was no way I was going to part with any money before the services were rendered. I had once burnt my fingers by doing this.

"No, let's just meet *kesho*. I will sort you out after the briefing," I said trying to sound reassuring. They walked away reluctantly. I could see disappointment written all over their faces.

The following morning by 9am, I was in the office all set for the briefing. Moks and a few media people were around, too. By 10am, I became restless and gave my handler a curious look.

"Watakuja tu," he murmured. He did not look worried at all.

At midday, I received a call from MP Mufi. "Bw Gwinso, please be a little patient. Your friends are coming. They were still helping me with my own presser. Next time pay them in advance, they will not let you down."

The lump in my throat would not let me say anything in response. When I asked Moks what had happened, all he could say was, "See... You should have paid them first." Needless to say, I cancelled the event. *Ikoo shida!*

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Cops on spot over death of key witness in murder case

Family claims police chased them away after they went to report Kevin Omwenga top witness death

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Police officers at Nairobi's Riruta Police Station are on the spot following the mysterious death of a key witness in the murder case of car dealer Kelvin Omwenga (*pictured*).

An inquiry has been opened to probe the death of Wycliffe Omwenga, who was the star witness in the case in which fake gold dealer Chris Obure and his security guard Robert Bodo Ouko are charged with the murder of the car dealer.

Wycliffe was the younger brother to Kelvin, who was murdered in August 2020 over a fake gold deal that he was scheduled to seal in Dubai.

Wycliffe was the key witness in the case in which fake gold dealer Chris Obure and his security guard Robert Bodo Ouko are charged with the murder of the car dealer.

Detectives are now piecing together details to determine whether the murder of Wycliffe could be in any way related to the ongoing case

against Obure and his co-accused.

An inquiry file has been opened at Riruta Police Station after the officers on the fateful day Wycliffe was murdered allegedly chased away his family who went to report the incident, and similarly declined to record it in the Occurrence Book (OB).

Suspicious

Wycliffe's body was found in his house in Riruta on Wednesday July 21 with a "few bloodstains".

His uncle Kennedy Ongwae said although they are yet to establish Wycliffe's cause of death, they remain suspicious over the manner in which police officers at the station behaved.

"As a family, we are in shock given the mysterious death of Wycliffe which has happened less than a year since his brother was brutally murdered. We are seeking answers from authorities," he said.

He said he had talked to Wycliffe on phone a day before his body was discovered and sent him to an insurance firm for some transactions.

"On Wednesday, he did not pick his calls, thus forcing us to send a boda boda rider and my sister to his house who discovered the body," he said. His body was found in his bedroom. The house was apparently locked from inside. Police said they are looking for an unidentified



IN BRIEF

- Kevin Omwenga was to seal the gold deal in Dubai on the weekend he was allegedly shot dead.

- Gold dealer Chris Obure and his security guard Robert Bodo Ouko were arrested and charged with the murder.

Kevin's young brother Wycliffe Omwenga was a key witness in the murder case.

woman, who was allegedly seen leaving the house late July 20.

Officers at the station are now on the spot for failing to register the death as required by law. This was after the family said when they went to report the death, they were chased away from the station.

A team of detectives from the DCI headquarters has joined the probe into the death with an aim of establishing the motive. "He could have been killed by parties who have an interest in many issues at hand. And given the manner in which officers at the station acted, it raises many questions," DCI boss George Kinoti said.

On Friday, the team revisited the scene where the body was found and interrogated neighbors and witnesses. They also interrogated police officers at the station over their conduct. The relatives of the deceased said they were forced to use their private means to transport the body to the mortuary after the officers at the station claimed they did not have a vehicle.

They had to beg the officers on duty to give them a note to show the caretaker of the five storey building where Wycliffe lived to be allowed to break into the house and remove the body.

Wycliffe was yet to testify in his brother's murder case.



Malanga residents in Gem sub-county in Siaya county mill around the scene where 13 people died after a fuel tanker collided with a lorry and burst into flames last weekend.
PD/VIOLA KOSOME

Two more tanker fire victims emerge to seek treatment for burns

Two victims of last weekend Malanga fire incident who had been nursing their burns at home have emerged from the village to seek treatment at the Yala sub-county hospital in Siaya county.

According to the Siaya County Governance Executive Dorothy Owino the two were immediately admitted at the sub-county hospital, bringing to 27, the number still receiving treatment at various hospitals in the county.

Speaking while receiving contributions towards an emergency kitty started by Governor Cornel Rasanga to help fund the treatment of the petrol tanker fire victims yesterday, Owino appealed to those who were injured during the incident to visit the nearest public health facility for treatment.

Owino, who was flanked by Siaya county secretary, Joseph Ogutu and other senior county government officials said the death toll from the tragedy still stands at 20 adding that the county government will foot the burial expenses of those who perished in the inferno.

Owino said the emergency fund targets to raise Sh7 million towards the medication of the survivors of the tragedy, adding that already, it has managed to raise Sh430,000.

DOROTHY OWINO



Those who were injured during the accident should visit nearest the hospital



Celebrating achievement

Some of the Oxford Brookes University students celebrate after successfully completing a diploma course in Palliative Care at Nairobi Hospice at the weekend. A total of 10 graduates from different economic sectors were awarded diploma certificates. According to the Ministry of Health, cancer is the third cause of death in the country. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

BRIEFLY

Garissa county, Unicef unveil plan to eradicate female 'cut'

Garissa county government and United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) have launched an initiative aimed at eradicating Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early marriages in Lagdera sub-county.

Speaking on Saturday, County Gender executive Zeinab Digale said the initiative dubbed "Stop the Cut" targets at least 450 community members and 1,000 girls, who will be mentored to become gender advocates. "One of the objectives of this initiative is to assess community perception

and level of knowledge on FGM and child marriages. We need to root out this vice once and for all," she said.

Unicef representative Zeinab Ahmed said the initiative's scope entails community dialogue sessions, mobilisation and awareness creation.

Lagdera Assistant County Commissioner Ezekiel Kiplagat assured both the county Government and Unicef of the necessary support in the campaign to eradicate the outdated cultural practice.

—KNA

Stop using war on graft to silence government critics, says Kiunjuri

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The Service Party (TSP) leader Mwangi Kiunjuri (*pictured*) has accused the government of using security agents to antagonise politicians who are opposed to it.

Reacting to last Friday's arrest of Mathira MP Rigathi Gachagua, the former Cabinet minister claimed the office of Directorate of Criminal Investigations was being used in the current war.

"We support the fight against corruption but the exercise should not be used to silence government critics," he said.

He noted that this could not stop politicians from criticising the government terming the

arrests as uncalled for and dictatorial.

The outspoken politician accused the DCI of using alleged corruption cases to intimidate governors and MPs, who were against the State of arrest. "We have seen the DCI issuing threats to some 23 governors but no arrests have been made and this is part of the government's plans to antagonise them," he said.

Merging of parties

Kunjuri was speaking in Magumu during the burial of Peter Ngugi Karuku, father of Dominic Murani, Nyandarua county ICT executive. He, at the same time, dismissed calls for political parties to merge noting the current wrangles in Jubilee Party was an indication of the effects of merging parties.



Circumcision rites plan for 3,000 Maasai boys

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More than 3,000 Maasai boys from Kajiado South sub county have undergone a special ceremony in preparation for circumcision and a new age set of *Irmiponyi* age group.

The boys aged between nine and fifteen years old underwent an intense cultural training at Rombo Loitoktok in a colorful Maasai ceremony known as *Enkipaata Oo Layiok* that ended yesterday.

Unlike the other ceremonies held before which take up to four months, the ceremony was conducted within three days since the participants are learners.

The ceremony which is conducted once every 10 to 15 years and presided by the boys' fathers of *Irkiponyi* age group (aged between 30 and 40 years) entails being taught cultural practices revolving around integrity and responsibility.

The boys are made to spend three days

nights outdoors to test their endurance.

During their stay, the boys purely fed on traditional foods including milk, blood and meat with the festivities featuring folk songs, proverbs, riddles and history with a significant Maasai past that aimed at strengthening their pride of identity. This year's teachings focused more on the importance of formal education among the *morans* as it emerged that more attention has been given to the girl child education.

The boys declared readiness to pursue formal education at a high level and fight retrogressive culture including female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early marriages.

Elite community members led by youth activist Samuel Parashina participating in the event said it is possible to embrace formal education and preserve meaningful culture.

"This year's ceremony marks a major



Boys of Irmiponyi age group traditional entertainment session during the Enkipaata Oo Layiok ceremony at Loitoktok. PD/CHRISTINE MUSA

milestone in the life of a Maasai *moran*. In the past this ceremony was a license for a boy to make life decisions including freedom to drop out of school. Life has changed and the young boys are now learners who we are encouraging to pursue education at a high level," said Parashina.

Police probe sudden death of colleague

by Roy Lumbe
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Confirming the incident, Kuresoi South Sub-County Police Commander Henry Nyaraga said they have since arrested the girlfriend Lucy Chepkorir to shed more light in the case.

He, however, said they are awaiting a postmortem report to reveal the cause of death before more inquiry into the matter could progress.

"We have the suspect in our custody and we have handed her over to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations for further questioning," he said.

Coronavirus leaves Kisumu children in streets, hawking

Statistics reveal a growing population of youngsters forced into child labour by parents to make ends meet

by Viola Kosome
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It is about 6pm and two young girls are frantically calling for customers as they attempt to hawk items at the crowded Kisumu Bus Park before the 7pm curfew time.

One of the girls with two boxes containing facemasks rushes after a moving car as she hands the driver change after selling him a facemask. A motorbike misses her by a whisker as she resumes her position at the sidewalk. Her sister Joyce Achieng (not her real name) was hawking bottles of liquid soap.

From a distance, one can easily praise them for their bravery but that perception disappears when you move closer to them. They are young, tired and hunger is written all over their faces.

But for the two girls, this is their new life as the effects of Covid-19 pandemic push young children to the streets to compete with adults in the hawking business.

They are part of the growing number of children forced into child labour by their parents and guardians in order to complement their family incomes as more families struggle with the effects of the pandemic.

In April 2020, Kenya Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) made a report that around 1.72 million people in Kenya lost their jobs since the start of the pandemic, which in return resulted in families sending their children to work.

Hawking items

"Every day after school we come to hawk the items at the bus park and around town," says Achieng.

There are days she says they have been missing school because they have to sell the goods and give her parents the money.

Aged just 13 years old, the minor has already mastered the secrets of the trade and has been at the forefront in helping convince customers to buy liquid soaps. The



A young girl and her brother hawks liquid soaps along the streets of Kisumu. Cases of child labour has been on the increase in the lakeside city as families feel the pinch of Covid-19. PD/VIOLA KOSOME

prizes range from Sh20-Sh200.

"There are days I make about Sh250 or even more and I give them to my mother," she says.

Despite their young age, they are now part of the growing number of children across the globe condemned to child labour to help their families.

According to a new report from the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and UNICEF, the number of children engaged in child labour has risen to 160 million worldwide, which is an increase of 8.4 million children in the last four years.

KNBS indicates that 8.5 percent of children, or 1.3 million, are engaged in child labour.

And this is the grim reality that several young girls have found themselves. There is a greater chance some of them could drop out of school or become pregnant.

For Achieng however, her greatest fear is being arrested by city askaris who have been cracking down on hawkers along the streets.

She says they have always been living in perpetual fear every time they step out of their house in Nyalenda slums to go and

sell the goods at the bus park.

At times boda boda operators, other traders and rogue customers who view them as beggars, harass them she says. Along the bus park stretch and the market next to Moi Stadium, several young girls have been compelled to engage in child labour which denies some of them chances to attend school.

They hawk a variety of goods including food stuffs and meals. Only a handful of them operate with their parents.

Schools closed

Traders at the market claim that the situation is worse when schools are closed and all learners are at home. The market is always a beehive of activity with some of the children selling ice-cream and water.

When People Daily visited Victoria Park, another young girl was hawking sweets to a few people who were passing time at the park. The girl aged about 12 years old was too shy to speak but confirmed she is in class five.

Rose Akinyi (not her real name), single mother who has also compelled her children to sell liquid soap and beverages along

the streets claimed that hard economic times had forced her to include her children in business.

She claims she was fired from a hotel she was working in late last year and has been unable to find another job to fend for her family.

Up until now, the single mother of four has never been called back as the hotel where she was working was closed down indefinitely due to lack of tourists who were frequent visitors.

She was now forced to open a small stall in Nyalenda slums where she stays and she has been depending on that to pay for her children's school fees and also to survive.

Due to the hard economic times, she told People Daily that she was forced to give three of her children some stuff including liquid soap and tomatoes to hawk to make ends meet.

"Life has been hard for me as I struggle to fend for my children and that is why I was forced to give my children the items at least to help us put food on the table," she said.

Downplaying issue

Although, authorities do not have the exact figure of the number of young girls engaged in child labour, they claim the numbers could be high. The children's department however downplays the issue but admits that several children have been hawking items along the streets.

According to the Kisumu County Coordinator for Children Services, Humphrey Wandeo, child labor is not a major issue within Kisumu County but small subjects of labor exist in parts of Kisumu city.

He claimed that the bus park, Corona Market and Dunga beach are some of the places they have spotted rampant cases of child labor.

He explains that shop owners, hotel owners and bus operators for the purposes of cleaning hotels, vehicles and utensils, always regularly employ children living in the streets.

In Dunga Beach, he said that the children are employed to sell food items, hawk in open air markets and also work as potters carrying goods. "Many times during school holidays, most especially during Covid-19 period, we saw a spike in the number of school children in town hawking with most of them selling vegetables, soap, and stools among other items," he said.

Wandeo told People Daily that most of the time these children would do this work and would at times return back to their families late in the evening after sacrificing to help out in their homes.

Linturi hits out at 'invading' Mt Kenya leaders

Meru senator describes leaders as 'political tourists' being used to divide the region

by Dorcas Mbatia
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Meru Senator Mithika Linturi and Tigania East MP Joseph Kabeabea yesterday accused a section of Mt Kenya leaders who held a meeting in the region of 'invading' the county to advance selfish political interests.

Linturi pointed a finger at governors Lee Kinyanjui (Nakuru), Anne Waiguru (Kirinyaga), James Nyoro (Kiambu), Ndiritu Muriithi (Laikipia) and acting Nairobi governor Anne Kananu who were hosted by Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya on Saturday as 'political tourists' being used to divide the region.

Area politicians led by governors Kiraitu Murungi (Meru), Muthoni Njuki (Tharaka Nithi) and their Embu counterpart Martin Wambora snubbed the meeting.

"Which unity are they talking about when they came here to announce they will field a presidential candidate from Mt Kenya when we people from the East are not consulted? So we think they came here as tourists and we hope they enjoyed the Meru view," said Linturi.

He accused their Mt Kenya East counterparts of being selfish, claiming they have

escorted them to power for many years and now it was time for them to reciprocate by supporting the East to reach to the high table in the next formation.

"We are only ready to support a presidential candidate who will be ready to reward us as Mt Kenya and give us a good share of the national cake through negotiation because we have strength of numbers but we are not ready to follow people blindly and pushed like cows without knowing our benefit as people from East," added Linturi.

Education bursary

Addressing residents during the issuance of Sh8 million Antuanduru Day Secondary School bus and education bursary funds to needy students, Linturi said area leaders will not agree to be fooled by their West neighbours to support a presidential candidate of their choice.

"Our presidential candidate is Deputy President William Ruto and Meru region is behind him so if they think they will plant another candidate and force us to support him, we are telling them to forget it," added Kabeabea.

Kabeabea asked Ruto to pick a running-mate from the east of the mountain which has for many years been left out of active power.

Accusing Munya and his team of trying to divide Mt Kenya votes, Linturi further asked President Uhuru Kenyatta not to endorse anybody but leave the field to Kenyans to elect their preferred next head of



Meru Senator Mithika Linturi at a past function.
PD/FILE

state after his retirement.

Speaking separately Meru county deputy governor Titus Ntochia and Meru county assembly majority leader Victor Karithi also trashed the Saturday meeting that was held at Kenya Methodist University saying it was illegal.

"We will not allow Munya to dictate to us on which direction to follow ahead of 2022 and we don't recognise the meeting because even the governor of Meru and MPs were not invited so the meeting was only convened by a team of political cartels advancing their own political agenda and not that of the region," added Ntochia.

Agency warns of bad weather, severe drought

by Kirera Mwiti
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National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) has warned of harsh weather between August and December across the country, which could lead to severe drought.

The warning comes as the number of counties currently affected by the ongoing drought rose from eight to ten with fears that the numbers could increase in the coming days.

Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa says the government was working round the clock to assist vulnerable families affected by the drought.

He identified Garissa, Isiolo, Kilifi, Mandera, Samburu, Tana River, Wajir, Lamu, Marsabit and Turkana as the ten counties hardest hit by the drought.

"The National Drought Management Authority has new data that indicates that the current drought situation could get worse between August and December hence the need for action," he said.

Wamalwa was addressing the press in Lake Naivasha Resort after attending a consultative meeting with MPs from Marsabit and Turkana on how to address the current challenges. He said that FAO had committed Sh1.5b and EU Sh500m towards assisting the vulnerable families.

Postmortem failure adds confusion to officer Kangogo send-off in Iten

by Wycliffe Kipsang
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Confusion looms over the burial of police officer Caroline Chemutai Kangogo after her postmortem failed to take place on Friday.

Corporal Kangogo's burial was scheduled for Saturday but officials at the County Referral Hospital mortuary in Iten declined to release the body after government pathologist failed to turn up for the autopsy.

According to Kangogo's brother Mark Kangogo, the burial has been pushed to a later date with the post-mort-



tem slated for tomorrow at the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) mortuary, Eldoret.

"As a family, we've agreed with chief government pathologist Johansen Oduor to have the postmortem done on Tuesday at MTRH," said

Kangogo.

Oduor was initially scheduled to conduct the post-mortem in Iten on Friday but failed to turn up to the surprise of the family who were ready for the burial on Saturday at the officer's home in Nyawa, Elgeyo-Marakwet County.

The family was planning to collect the body immediately after the autopsy on Friday.

People Daily established that the family had spent Sh400,000 on funeral arrangements including food for visitors. Caroline is said to have shot herself in a bathroom at her parent's home on July 16.

BRIEFLY

Boy, 17, kills uncle over land boundary row

A 17-year-old boy from East Kabuoch location, Ndiritu constituency is reported to have killed his 42-year-old uncle in a land boundary dispute. The boy, stormed his uncle's homestead armed with a panga to avenge his mother who was reportedly assaulted earlier, and fatally slashed his uncle Kennedy Ndeda. The boy who sat his KCPE exams and is awaiting to join Form One was allegedly an-

gered by his uncle for assaulting his mother over a land boundary dispute. Confirming the incident, area assistant said the two families were fighting over land boundaries. On learning about the death of Ndeda, angry neighbours stormed the suspect's home where they caused chaos, burning down the homestead. The suspect is still at large.

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The pace of the recovery slowed in June following the strong improvement witnessed in May

Capital markets defy effects of Corona to register growth

Investor wealth at stock exchange, for instance, grew by 10.88pc to record Sh2.7tr as the bourse continued to recover

by Steve Umidha
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Kenya's capital markets registered an impressive performance recording a 392.16 per cent jump in deals during the financial year ended June 30, despite the debilitating effects of the Coronavirus. Capital Markets Authority (CMA) said the market recorded increased activities with 1,506 deals being concluded in the period under review compared to 306 deals in the previous quarter.

The latest industry figures show that equity turnover, for instance, rose by 19.69 per cent to register Sh37.99 billion, while market capitalisation grew by 10.88 per cent to register Sh2.7 trillion.

During the quarter under review, an estimated 1.1 billion shares traded up from 997.75 traded in the previous quarter, a 4.39 per cent increase, while Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) 20 Share Index closed the quarter at 1,927.53 points, a 9.40 per cent increase. NSE All Share Index registered 173.53 points while 36.04 per cent increase was realised in bond turnover to Sh 271.23 billion.

Similarly, the industry regulator fingered recent policy changes such as the amendment of the Central Depository Act to allow for opening of omnibus investment accounts by persons investing on behalf of others in the securities as well as the amendment of the Capital Markets Act which improved sector operations.

The latter for example, CMA noted, is further expected to see the Capital Markets Tribunal hear and determine any appeal within 90 days while the amendment of the VAT Act is also hoped to exempt the transfer of assets into REITs and Asset Backed Securities from taxation.

"These incentives will come in handy in facilitating the Authority in the achievement of its twin mandate of regulating and developing the Kenyan Capital Mar-



The market has been rallying during the quarter under review in spite of Covid-19 pandemic. (INSET) CMA chief executive Wyckliffe Shamiah. PD/FILE

MARKET FIGURES

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kets Industry," noted the in its quarterly statistical report released last week. In recent months, a certain calm has returned to financial markets, presumably driven by optimism around an economic recovery – as lockdowns and movement restrictions ended across major parts of the country.

Economic projections

While there have been improvements in the sector amid the pandemic, many experts such as the Stanbic Bank Kenya Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) are surprised by these improvements in market sentiment, considering economic projections and expectations which continue to be dismal despite substantial efforts by the government to support its citizens.

"The pace of the recovery slowed in June following the strong improvement witnessed in May when some of the stringent public health restrictions were lifted," said Kuria Kamau, Fixed Income and Currency Strategist at Stanbic Bank while commenting on the PMI Survey which posted 51 points last month compared to 52.5 registered in May.

While fiscal, monetary, and regula-



tory policy-makers have moved quickly since March to preserve financial-market functioning and support households and businesses, CMA warns that greater policy action and partnerships will be needed to ensure that financial risks do not lead to greater economic dislocation.

According to Wyckliffe Shamiah, CMA's Chief executive the capital markets regulator remain grateful to all stakeholders who in the past year have shown resilience despite the challenging operating environment. "I would also urge all market players to continue embracing a collaborative approach towards making the Kenyan capital markets an investment destination of choice," he said.

Agony for farmers as buyers reject tea on Munya pricing cap

by Nicholas Waitathu
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Kenya Tea Development Agency affiliated farmers are suffering as buyers continue to reject their tea at the Mombasa tea auction.

However, Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya insists the reserve price set for the purchase of the produce will not be reversed. He said the government has secured enough warehouses to store the

produce until that time when the price will be in favour of the farmers.

Tea worth Sh1 billion was rejected during last week's auction when Sale 29 average price increased slightly to \$1.58 (Sh170.956) compared to \$1.55 (Sh167.71) registered during Sale 28.

Offered for sale

East African Tea Trade Association (EATTA) during Sale 29, half of the total tea offered for sale was reject-

ed. "Out of 189,120 packages (12.4 million kilos) available for sale six million kgs were sold. At least 50.37 per cent remained unsold due to irregular quality and KTDA reserve prices resulting in many more teas remaining untold," said manag-

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Estimated value of tea rejected during last week auction when Sale 29 average price increased slightly to Sh170.956.

ing director Edward Mudibo. Only buyers from Egypt, Kazakhstan and other CIS nations expressed appetite for Kenyan tea. While packers from Pakistan, Bazaar UK, Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries, Russia, and Sudan and local packers reduced their support for the commodity. But KTDA insist the recently introduced price reserve has started bearing fruits, and the volume for smallholder tea factories reflect a positive response.

BRIEFLY



KBL Innovation Manager Faith Nyambura, KBL Mr Dowell's Brand Manager Rose Makau and Senior Innovations Manager, Effie Thiong'o during the relaunch in Nairobi.

KBL relaunches Mr Dowell's Whisky

Kenya Breweries has relaunched Mr Dowell's Whisky, an international brand into the local market, with an eye on the young, upwardly mobile and fun-loving consumers of both genders, with adjusted packaging.

Innovations Manager Faith Nyambura described Mr Dowell, as a smooth and fairly-priced whiskey with an unmistakable golden colour that signifies its quality as well as aesthetic appeal. She said Mr Dowell's Whisky is not new in the market only that the brewer is relaunching it with a reduced price and adjusted 250ml and 750ml packaging. "Mr Dowell's is an internationally renowned whiskey made from a blend of Scotch whiskey, imported malts and a select African spirits," she said during the relaunch in Nairobi. Packaged in a tamper proof bottle that is also aesthetically designed to give it a contemporary look, Mr Dowell's was introduced into the local market as part of Kenya Breweries response to the ever-changing tastes and preferences of Kenyan consumers and also to meet the growing demand for spirits in the market at an affordable price.

– Bernard Siegi

Kenya mulls ways to revive tourism

Kenya has developed a comprehensive strategy to promote the untapped incentive tourism niche and hasten the sector's revival after a slump occasioned by Covid-19 pandemic, officials said. Muriuki Mureithi, a senior officer at Kenya National Convention Bureau (KNCB), said the government will tap into local and overseas incentive travellers to boost tourism sector recovery, create jobs and generate revenue to the exchequer. "We have positioned the country as a safe destination for incentive travel and are confident of its potential to revive the tourism sector that is gradually emerging from pandemic downturn," he said Mombasa during the arrival of a chartered flight from Romania carrying 53 incentive travellers who are slated to visit different scenic attractions in Kenya. Mureithi said the Romanian tourists who are on a week-long vacation in Kenya will help promote the country as a safe destination after easing of Covid restrictions.

– Xinhua



PROUD WINNERS : Patrick Busaka Okido (left) and Violet Kavochi Asiligwa (right) celebrate after Tatua3 ambassador and Mitele FM presenter Chris Da Base presented them with a brand new motorbike and a Popcorn Machine respectively for winning Tatua Bonanza Live Show at the firm's headquarters in Nairobi. PD/GERALD ITHANA



COURTESY CALL: Africa Logistics Properties CEO, Richard Hough, Dharmini Shah, Deputy Country Director and Head of International Trade at Department for International Trade and Isaac Kahara, UK Export Finance during a courtesy call at the ALP facility. ALP recently broke ground for phase two, three and four of a modern warehousing facility in Limuru, Kiambu County. PD/Alice MBURU



CELEBRATING SUCCESS: KAMU Ltd MD Biki Kangwana, Broking Manager, Monarch Insurance Eunice Ngano, Association of Insurance Brokers chair Anthony Mwangi, Monarch Insurance CEO George Nyambuti, and Monarch Insurance director CAS Zachary Ayieko cut a cake during the opening of firm's Westlands Branch, Nairobi. PD/JOHN OCHIENG

TOURISM BOOST: Some of the tourists who arrived at Moi International Airport Mombasa on board the Lufthansa Group's newest airline Eurowings Discover. The leisure carrier touched down in Mombasa yesterday with 150 tourists on board. The charter flight arrival indicates a recovery for the global tourism market source that has slumped since Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU



BUILDING ALLIANCES: Githii Mburu, KRA Commissioner General presents a souvenir gift to Auditor General Nancy Gathungu during a courtesy call on her. The taxman seeks to enhance structured stakeholder relations as part of its corporate mission to sustain revenue mobilisation through tax simplification and technology-driven compliance. PD/Alice MBURU



GOING GREEN: Institute of Human Resource Management Chair Joseph Onyango waters a tree at Voi Vocational Training Centre in Taita Taveta County as part of HR Month celebrations. Looking on is Taita Taveta Deputy Governor Majala Mlagui (right). The two attended the closing ceremony of a three-day CV and Interview Skills training workshop to mark the HR Month. PD/NDEGWA GATHUNGU



WRITING SKILLS: Pwani Oil Products Brand Manager Chris Gitonga, Lisa Adhiambo, a pupil at Amani Primary School in Mikindani, school's headteacher Roselyne Ayieko and teacher Grace Kabonoki pose for a photo during the launch of essay writing competition targeting Grade 6 and 7 pupils across the country. The contest is dubbed "Colors in Life".



HELPING THE NEEDY: A Wings to Fly beneficiary receives a cheque from Kiambu Deputy Governor Joyce Ngugi at Thika High School. Looking on is Equity Bank's MD Gerald Warui. More than 160 academically promising scholars from humble backgrounds who sat the 2020 KCPE examinations have been commissioned to join Wings to Fly, Elimu Scholarship programmes in Kiambu County. Equity Group has been at the forefront of championing secondary school education scholarships for 11 years now. PD/MATHEW NDUNG'U

World News

March against vaccination

Protesters take part in a protest against the compulsory vaccination for certain workers and the mandatory use of the health pass called by the French government, on the "Droits de l'homme" (human rights) esplanade at the Trocadero Square, in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Since July 21, people wanting to go to most public spaces in France have to show a proof of Covid-19 vaccination or a negative test, as the country braces for a feared spike in cases from the highly transmissible Covid-19 Delta variant. AFP



India monsoon death toll hits 135, search mission ongoing

...as the Meteorological Department warns of more downpour in next few days

Mumbai, Sunday

More than 135 people have died from flooding and landslides triggered by heavy monsoon rains in India, with rescuers searching for dozens more missing on Sunday.

The country's western coast has been inundated by torrential rains since Thursday, with the India Meteorological Department warning of further downpours over the next few days.

In Maharashtra state, 114 people have been killed, including more than 40 in a landslide that hit the hillside village of Taliye, south of Mumbai, on Thursday.

Villager Jayram Mahaske, whose relatives remained trapped, told the AFP news agency that "many people were washed away as they were trying to run away" when the landslide hit.

Flattened dozens of homes in a matter

of minutes, leaving just two concrete structures standing and cutting off the power supply, local residents told AFP.

"My entire team is engaged in rescue operations now," Rajesh Yawale, National Disaster Response Force inspector who was coordinating rescue operations in the village, told AFP, adding that many bodies were washed away, with some found stuck among trees downstream.

A dozen others were killed in two separate landslides, also south of Mumbai.

In parts of Chiplun, water levels rose to nearly 20 feet (6 metres) on Thursday after 24 hours of uninterrupted rain submerged roads and homes.

Eight patients at a local Covid-19 hospital also reportedly died after the power supply to ventilators was cut off by the floods.

In neighbouring Goa state, a woman drowned, state government officials told the Press Trust of India, in what Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said were the "worst floods since 1982". In the coastal plains spanning Maharashtra and Goa, flood-water levels remained elevated after rivers burst their banks.

THE MESS

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Terrified residents climbed onto rooftops and upper floors to escape swelling waters.

Further south in Karnataka state, the death toll rose from three to nine overnight, with four others missing, officials said. Power supply was disrupted in the 11 affected districts and officials added that there were crop losses across vast swathes of land.

Flooding and landslides are common during India's treacherous monsoon season, which also often sees poorly constructed buildings buckle after days of non-stop rain.

Four people died before dawn on Friday when a building collapsed in a Mumbai slum, authorities said.

The incident came less than a week after at least 34 people lost their lives when several homes were crushed by a collapsed wall and a landslide in the city. Climate change is making India's monsoons stronger, according to a report from the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) published in April.

- Xinhua

RAJESH YAWALE



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BRIEFLY

Nigeria kidnappers abduct ransom man

Kidnappers in Nigeria have seized a man who was sent to deliver a ransom payment to secure the release of dozens of abducted school children. The elderly man was sent by the children's parents after they managed to raise 30m naira (\$73,000; £53,000) by selling land and other possessions. But they have been left feeling hopeless following his kidnapping. The north of the country is in the midst of a wave of school abductions carried out by criminals for profit. Ransoms are frequently paid, but this is a rare case where the person carrying the cash has been taken. The kidnappers called up the school's headteacher to say that the money delivered was not the agreed sum.

- AFP



Protest erupts at Myanmar prison

A protest has erupted at a prison in Myanmar's commercial capital of Yangon against what activists said was a worsening Covid-19 outbreak at the jail, which is used to hold opponents of February's military takeover. The protest on Friday was one of the first of its kind since the February 1 coup in the Southeast Asian country, where people across the country demonstrate daily against military rule. Protest chants in opposition to the military government could be heard from inside the colonial-era Insein Prison early on Friday in videos recorded from outside the prison and posted by local residents to Facebook. "End the dictatorship! Our cause! Protest, protest! Start, start! Revolution! Must prevail!" the call-and-response chant went.

- AFP

Afghan curfew imposed as Taliban militants advance across country

Kabul, Sunday

The Afghan government imposed a month-long curfew across almost all of the country on Saturday in a bid to stop the Taliban from invading cities.

Apart from the capital Kabul and two other provinces, no movement is allowed from 22:00 to 04:00 (17:30-23:30 GMT).

Fighting between the Taliban and Afghan government forces has in-

creased over the past two months as international troops pull out of the country.

The militant group is thought to have captured up to half of all territory.

It has moved swiftly in the wake of the US withdrawal, retaking border crossings and other land in rural areas.

BBC Afghanistan correspondent Secunder Kermani says there are concerns that with peace talks mov-

ing slowly, the focus of fighting will increasingly turn to more heavily populated urban centres.

The Taliban - a fundamentalist Islamist militia who were pushed out of power by the US invasion nearly 20 years ago - has also seized key roads as it seeks to cut off supply routes.

Its fighters have been closing in on a number of major cities, but have not yet been able to capture one.

The interior ministry said the new curfew was "to curb violence and

limit the Taliban movements", adding that Kabul, Panjshir and Nangarhar were exempt.

As the Taliban continues to advance, fierce clashes have taken place this week outside the city of Kandahar.

In response, the US launched air-strikes against militants in the area on Thursday. But with US operations in Afghanistan officially ending on 31 August, there are concerns about the months ahead.

- BBC



TWOINONE**The thrill of an empowered woman**

A lot has been said about women empowerment and indeed, we are experiencing that to some extent, especially in urban areas. Many women are now educated, have good jobs and even earn more than their male counterparts. But one area where there's a greater need for women empowerment is in the area of relationships.

In our coaching practice, and our interaction with many married couples and those intending to get married, it is apparent that more and more women are tying the knot to the wrong person or for the wrong reasons. Many who are struggling in their marriages and relationships are doing so because of the way they are or have compromised themselves to the point they don't respect themselves or have personal boundaries.

Best-selling author Sherry Argov, defines an empowered woman as one who derives tremendous strength from the ability to be an independent thinker, particularly in a world that teaches women to be self-abnegating (renouncing or rejecting one's own interests or needs). This empowered woman has the presence of mind to do what is in her best interest and an attitude that says she doesn't have to be in a relationship — she's there by choice. You are not doing her a favour or she's not less of a person for not being in a relationship.

This woman has a presence of mind not to be swept off her feet by mere charming words, but is able to see past the fluff to the real stuff that this man is made of. Her presence of mind reminds her that men are the hunters, they like to be challenged and so she won't throw herself at him. She's not there just waiting for when the guy will pop the question, "Will you marry me?" But takes control of the relationship knowing when to drop off and when to continue in it.

In case you didn't know, you now know that is the kind of woman men will go after and will value once they get her because that's what they want. When they remember what it took to get her, it will be hard for them to take her for granted, and that's how the two will remain one.



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I'm afraid I'm losing my husband to his dad

My husband and his father have suddenly become very close. All my husband does in the evening when he comes from work is to talk to my father-in-law on phone for hours. He says they are doing projects together, which I never see the proceeds. My father-in-law is driving me crazy — he expects us to visit him every two weeks. He lives out of town. When father and son are inseparable, what do you do? I'm afraid that I am losing my husband and that he is not interested in this family anymore.

Njeri

OUR TAKE...



THE ACHOKIS

Hi Njeri. The fact that you say your husband and his father have suddenly become close means that was not the case before. What might have caused the sudden shift? How was his relationship with his father when he was growing up or even as an adult?

Men with daddy issues

Some men have father issues in their lives, which come to haunt them in their adulthood. All boys crave for that close relationship with their fa-



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Ron Levine

thers and when their father is absent through death, divorce, emotional distance or a dead-beat dad, it leaves a gaping hole in their life.

The desire for a father's acceptance, affection, affirmation and attention carries on through the boy's entire life. When they finally find it, they try to overcompensate for it. This may be what your hubby is going through.

The fathers on the other hand also in their old age mellow down and try to make up for that lost time with their sons. This could be what has caused the sudden shift. You need to understand this first before approaching your husband.

In your approach, don't tell him that he has this problem, rather,

make an observation and allow him to ponder over it.

Way forward

If you approach him well, he may indeed think about it and discover what is happening as far as his relationship with his dad is concerned.

Don't make a fuss about it or look like you are coming between him and his dad. This may just make things worse. Don't make him feel like he has to choose between his father and you. That will stress him up. Instead, see how you can support him on this journey.

Recognise that he may be thinking that he has a few years with his dad, so apart from playing catch-up, he

may be creating memories that he never had with him. Let him know how happy you are for him that his relationship with his father is going on well, but let him also know how much the children and you miss him.

Ask him how he would like to spend more time with you, his family, without interfering with what is going on between him and his father. You could together come up with a plan of how this can be done so that it is a win for him and for the children and you. That way, it will not be a matter of either or, but of both relationships benefitting.

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CITYMAMACITA WITH CATHERINE NJIRU

Never feel guilty for being privileged

If you believe hustling hard for yourself is the way to go, congratulations! If you believe humans don't need connections to thrive, well and good, the kingdom of God belongs to you. If you believe that fruits of struggle are sweet, I have news for you, there is no known reward for struggle. And this is not for you; see you next week. We'll be talking about 'tithe' and how five fish and two loaves of bread (or is it the other way round? You'd know better). Yes, we'll be talking about these and more miracles. But I digress.

And I'm not dismissing self-made

as a fallacy. What I'm saying is, if you're lucky to have an advantage of privileged opportunity, run with it. Whether you're the son of Adam and Eve themselves, sell apples or charge them to see the snake that tempted your father! Whether you have super rich parents or a high-value someone — and this someone doesn't have to be a sponsor, but neither am I excluding the sponsor. Whoever this person is, flaunt that wig shop. Flaunt your shoe shop. Even that detox shop. Whatever it is, it's your struggle that builds it and a little help never hurt anyone.

All factors held constant, I'm not talking about privilege that comes with abuse. Or forced privilege. As long as you are qualified for the opportunity, take it. And if you have to learn on the job, be sure to shine.

Let no one lie to you that, oh you don't need anyone to thrive. Well, you might not need anyone, but if you bump into them along the way, do yourself a favour and ride on it. We have shamed these mamas who own wigs, heels, bags and accessory shops for way too long. Yet their only problem was being pretty and bumping into high-value people.

Yet, we all agree that only the brainy ones grow these businesses into empires. If you're privileged by virtue of birth, or marriage, why do we shame those who are privileged by virtue of looks?

What I'm saying is, let people enjoy their season of privilege in peace. Because if given the opportunity, most deputy Jesus here will take it without thinking twice. And you *privilegee*, you owe no one an explanation, live your season in peace and let them without blemish cast the first stone, they all live in glass houses.

TIP OF THE WEEK

 Love sought is good, but given unsought, is better.

— William Shakespeare

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FAN ATTACK

Sometimes, fans can get a little too carried away when their favourite artiste is performing right in front of them. Unfortunately, as **Faith Kyomukama** writes, it becomes a major security issue whenever a rogue fan rushes towards an artiste on stage

Having a legion of fans is part of an artiste's life. However, just like any other job, being an entertainer comes with its own challenges too. Artistes look forward to creating music that would move the masses, and to deliver electrifying performances to the crowds that pay and create time to show up at their shows. The least of the expectations any artiste would expect, however, is to get attacked by a fan from the crowd.

Recently, a video of Ugandan artiste Veronica Lugga aka Vinka went viral and caused great uproar in the social media streets. The singer, who was in South Sudan for a number of shows, allegedly kicked a fan on the front row who tried to grope her during a performance. In the video, a stretched arm said to be of the said fan is seen reaching out to her, a point at which she twice kicks it back. Then the security team steps in to whisk away the singer from the proximity of the fans, and she immediately resumes her performance.

Although Vinka chose not to comment on the incident, a lot of people have since applauded her, for her return to the stage

and the choice to continue with the show besides the uncomfortable incident. Unfortunately, some social media individuals felt that she provoked the fans by dressing indecently. While appearing at the launch of the Swangz Avenue online radio, the Ketchup singer maintained that she was never going to react differently. "He [the fan] was manoeuvring his fingers... that sexual molester, and yet such can't be tolerated on my side [sic]," she said.

The insecurity

The video, which has almost a million views on Twitter, sparked a conversation on consent and protection of female artistes while in performance. Kenya's Nadia Mukami is yet another artiste who was allegedly attacked while performing on stage in Busia, a while back. Similarly, a video doing rounds online shows the singer being guarded by the security team from some overenthusiastic male fans who allegedly wanted to harm her. In the video, Nadia is heard saying in

Kiswahili "Lakini wan-aware waheshimiwe... Mwanaume hafai kugusa mwanaume. Shame on you!" Soon after making that statement, some of the fans are seen climbing up the stage in an alleged attempt to attack the *Si Rahisi* singer.

"I've had two incidents; one was in Eldoret where I was performing when a fan grabbed my butt, and it was not a good scene. I was very mad that I almost stopped the performance, because I am someone who is firm against women harassment. You cannot just touch a woman without her consent. The second incident was by a promoter in Busia, who had scheduled me to perform at 11pm, while the curfew starts at 10pm, which could have put me at loggerheads with the government. So, when I protested, he started harassing me physically," says Nadia, adding that the music industry isn't for the faint-hearted, especially for female artistes.

Synonymous happenings

Intrusion of an artiste's private space by fans is something rapper Femi One knows too well. She says it happens to her all the time. "I can't pinpoint just one scenario because it has happened to me many times when performing at concerts and shows. Usually, at that time when it happens, your first reaction is to leave that part of the stage and move to another end. Bouncers are there to at least handle the situation, but unfortunately, their intervention arrives a bit too late because the incident has already happened," she tells *Spice*.

The rapper adds that this is a conversation that needs to happen, saying sometimes some fans feel entitled. She says, "There is a percentage of fans who feel like you owe them a lot, and so they touch you. Some of them tend to view us as sex objects, which is so wrong on many levels."

On her hand, gospel singer Size 8 says she is yet to experience such attacks from a fan before, but she is ever cautious when performing because she is conscious about such incidences. "I haven't been attacked by a fan before, but my peers prepared me fully for such incidents. I'm always conscious and I take caution. I have heard other artistes tell tales of being attacked by fans while on stage, so I always stay woke and take precaution while at a concert," says the *Afadhalii Yesu* hitmaker.

David Guoro is a producer and artiste manager. He says when his label takes in artistes for management, they are groomed on matters regarding performances and made aware about the scenarios that they should anticipate while performing for a crowd.

He says in conclusion: "Unfortunately, incidents involving fans attacking performers are happening. Such acts should be taken very seriously, and it calls for all industry players to devise a swift working mechanism to protect the artistes."



Femi One



Vinka

CAMPORAGE
With Allan Adalla

Campo is school of hard knocks

The move to pull down the *Ndovu Ni Kuu* hit by Krispah ft Khaligraph Jones and Boutross from YouTube is still attracting mixed reactions from the Kenyatta University (KU) comrades. The video was pulled down on a copyright infringement basis as a dude who called himself a 'Kenyatta University ambassador' came out to claim ownership of the song, while criticising the artistes for dragging the institution in their lyrics.

An alleged report from the institution's administration said the song had impacted negatively on the varsity, indicating that new students intake had declined by 40 per cent since the hit song was released. However, Krispah defended himself saying he never mentioned Kenyatta University anywhere in the song, but used 'KU', which could be an abbreviation with many meanings.

It does not come as a surprise that a big number of KU comrades are now calling for the song's reinstatement on YouTube, citing that it is one of their favourite songs currently. In some of his lyrics, Krispah says he cannot risk taking his child to KU, since there's no learning that goes on there, a line the comrades are strongly disagreeing with. The frustrations that come with being broke in campo makes comrades never wish their children to go through similar situations. Anyone in a public university envies those at private universities. The same case, the private campo students wish that they could be in universities abroad. The nutty revelations that most working colleagues give about the challenges they went through in campus are sometimes terrifying.

Some comrades will narrate tales about how bedbugs were the landlords in their hostels, while others talk about the night runners and serial burglars that would never spare anything including your socks and underwear whenever they broke into your room. However, they appreciate that campo is not only a place for academics, but also a school of hard knocks that builds us and makes us stronger to face the real life out there. Campo is a place where you learn to coexist with the community since you meet people from different backgrounds that you must accommodate to make your life and that of others comfortable.

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



THE CELEBRATION

by Njenga Kung'u

Comic Henry Desagu recently celebrated five years of his career in online comedy. During the event held at the Rainbow Ruiru Resort, he also launched the Desagu Media Studio, a facility that will be targeting to promote local talent from up-and-coming comedians. Some of those in attendance were comedians Jalang'o, Sleepy David and MCA Tricky, singers Bahati, Samidoh, Jose Gatutura and Sarafina Salim. DJ Dibul entertained from the wheels of steel.

PD/NJENGA KUNG'U



For trade and investment

by Alex Mburu

The Kenya Investment Authority (KIA) and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade-Shenzhen Municipal Committee recently held a three-day photography exhibition dubbed 'Visit, Trade, Invest' that aimed at drawing attention to the Shenzhen city's investment market. Held

at the University of Nairobi, it featured images taken by Kenyans in Shenzhen. Among the present were China Council for the Promotion of International Trade business development representative James Chang, Kenyan representative Adam Lee and KIA's Pius Rotich.

PD/ALEX MBURU



Ten... Top Kenyan athletes to watch out for at Olympics

After the official opening ceremony on Friday, the Tokyo 2020 Olympics are well and truly underway and it is now time for the gold rush. Here are some of the medal prospects for Team Kenya at the Summer Games, writes **Amos Abuga**



2. Lawrence Cherono (Marathon)

Kenya has sent a strong marathon team to Tokyo Olympic Games that has world record holder Eliud Kipchoge, world bronze medallist Amos Kipruto and Chicago marathon winner Lawrence Cherono. For obvious reasons, much attention will be on Kipchoge. However, Cherono with a personal best of 2:03.04 remains the dark horse in Tokyo. The marathoner, known for his jaw-dropping sprint finishes that leave rivals gasping for breath, is no doubt ready for his biggest assignment this year. He might well pull a surprise on his Olympic debut.

3. Ruth Chepngetich (Marathon)

Team Kenya's women's marathon trio to Tokyo Olympics is arguably the strongest ever assembled. The team has Peres Jepchirchir, the world half marathon champion and world half marathon record holder, world marathon champion Ruth Chepngetich and world marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei. While a podium sweep has been predicted, it is Chepngetich who is likely to carry the day. The weather conditions, extreme heat and humidity similar to her title winning in Doha, Qatar in 2019 should give her edge in the Asian country when the women's race will once again be run at midnight.

4. Nicholas Kimeli (5,000m)

Inspired by pacing and training with stars, 22-year-old Kimeli looks to become one of the greats. Having paced Ugandan Joshua Cheptegei to a world 10,000m record last October in Valencia, Kimeli is one of the athletes to watch in Tokyo. Having convincingly won the Kenyan trials in 5,000m the fearless athlete will be seeking to win the Olympic gold last won by Benjamin Limo in 2000 in Helsinki, Finland.



1. Timothy Cheruiyot (1,500m)

The world 1,500m champion is one athlete Kenyans will be anxiously waiting to see his performance. He was a late inclusion in the Kenyan team after he finished outside the top three qualifying positions, his worst performance in over four years. Bouyed by a near-miss of Olympic debut and a new personal best of 3:28.28, the fastest time run since 2015, on his way to winning the Monaco Diamond League on July 9, the 25-year-old looks set for an Olympic gold.

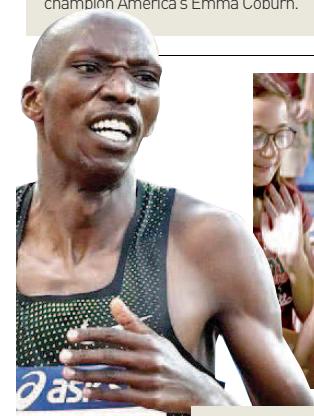
5. Faith Kipyegon (1,500m)

Going by her current form, she firmly remains on track to defend her Olympic title. Beating world champion Sifan Hassan during the Diamond League meeting in Monaco on July 9 was a psychological boost ahead of their duel in Tokyo.



6. Hyvin Kiyeng (3,000m S/C)

Former world steeplechase champion Hyvin Kiyeng looks poised to become the first female athlete to win a gold medal in this race in the history of the Games. Kiyeng, an Olympic silver medallist, is currently enjoying top form ahead of the Games. She will, however, expect stiff challenge from, among others, world champion Beatrice Chepkoech and 2017 world champion America's Emma Coburn.



8. Michael Saruni

On July 31, global sporting fans will be glued to their television sets to watch the men's 800m heats and the question in their minds would be who will succeed two-time Olympic and world 800m champion David Rudisha? For close to eight years, Rudisha ruled global 800m charts, but it is now clear that in Tokyo, a new champion will ascend to the throne. And US-based Michael Saruni, the winner of the explosive Kenyan trials, is tipped as Rudisha's successor.



9. Hellen Obiri (5,000m and 10,000m)

Two-time World 5,000m champion Hellen Obiri is the only Kenyan athlete who will double in Tokyo. Having won the Kenya trials in 10,000m she will be hoping for good results in the event as well as elevating her silver medal during the 2016 Rio Olympics in the 5,000m race. For an athlete only missing an Olympic gold in her glittering career, she will do everything to attain it.

10. Rodgers Kwemoi (10,000m)

With 2015 world silver medalist Geoffrey Kamworor out of the Olympics due to an injury, Kenya's hopes for a first gold medal at the Games since 1968 will be carried by 23-year-old Rodgers Kwemoi. With a personal best of 26:55.36, the 2018 commonwealth bronze medalist has what it takes to stop a rich field that also has world champion and record holder Joshua Cheptegei of Uganda. Kwemoi, second in the Kenyan trials, will be teaming up with Weldon Kipkirui and Rhonex Kipruto in the men's final set for Friday.



Take Off ▶ Guru

Survivor on mission to support cancer patients

Carol Ng'ang'a's experience with cervical cancer made her understand too well the toll it takes on individuals and caretakers. She set up a foundation to help others going through the same

by William Muriqi
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Carol Ng'ang'a had never come into close contact with cancer until she was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2013. Consequently, all through, cancer was the least of her worries and she had minimal information about it.

However, when she went for routine screening because her medical cover was lapsing, she took a pap smear test for the first time. When results came out about a month later, it showed she had cervical cancer.

"This is when my life took a U-turn. I was only 27 years old, scared, confused, angry and any emotion you can think of ran through my heart and mind. After three months of seeking second and third opinions, I reluctantly resolved to do a laparoscopy total hysterectomy, and on March 23, 2013 the result was the same: I was a cervical cancer patient. This affected me physically, emotionally, and mentally," she says.

Natural therapy

She settled in the village, where her parents and aunt took care of her. Her mother introduced her to a naturopathic way of life. Naturopathy is a form of healthcare that combines modern treatment with traditional methods. It includes alternative, natural therapies to modern medicine. This worked for her and in no time she was back to work.

However, in September 2013, she quit her job to support another woman who was facing what she had faced. This is when Hold Every Lady in Distress (HELD) Sister Foundation was borne. At first, she was keen on offering psychological and social support, but in 2016, she integrated nutritional and wholesome therapy for cancer patients.

"HELD Sister Foundation is a non-profit organisation I run to date. It helps create awareness on cancer prevention and management

as well as help cancer patients pick up the pieces after diagnosis, during diagnosis, and after treatment," she explains. The organisation helps survivors and patients get their lives back on track in different ways.

When one is diagnosed, they provide counselling to the entire family and, especially caregivers. During treatment, they follow up on the patient's conventional treatment if any, his/her diet, physical activity, and state of mind.

For this generation

For those done with treatment and because of the disease are either immobilised or their income was affected, they help them find an income-generating activity and train them on social enterprises, making sure they will be able to feed their family.

"We also support families with their daily needs such as food, toiletries, etc. We fundraise if necessary to ensure all our patient's National Hospital Insurance Fund accounts are up to date. For parents who pass on and leave their children under our care, we see to it that they get education and life skills to sustain them. We do this through partnerships with institutions and well-wishers," Carol adds.

She has joined hands with other like-minded partners and they have formed a movement dubbed *Kizazi Chetu* (our generation). This is a cervical health awareness movement that aims at creating a generation of cervical cancer-free women who are bold, autonomous, and fully protected from the disease.

The movement is a call to action for women, girls, and society to take up the cervical cancer elimination agenda by becoming informed and engaged on the importance of cervical health and cervical cancer prevention.

"This is a platform is bringing together Kenyans from all walks of life to have bold conversations around cervical cancer awareness, prevention and management," Carol expounds.

Since health disparities are one of the major challenges faced by many women, Carol

**Carol Ng'ang'a,
Founder Hold
Every Lady in
Distress Sister
Foundation.**

BELLOW: Carol
and a patient
in hospital. PD/
MILLIAM MURIGI

AT A GLANCE

- Carol Ng'ang'a is a cervical cancer survivor.

- After going through the journey, she established Hold Every Lady in Distress Sister Foundation in 2016 to offer psychological and social support to other cancer patients.

- She was driven to set up the foundation after she quit her job to help a cancer patient through the treatment process.

- Carol is also part of Kizazi Chetu, an organisation that creates awareness on cervical health, cervical cancer prevention and treatment.



uses all available platforms such as social media, public forums, mainstream media to provide correct information on all gynaecological cancers. Recently she started a YouTube channel (Carol Your Health Coach) where she shares more tips on healthy living.

"I have also intensified my knowledge and exposure in naturopathy, and today I am a practicing healthy life ambassador and a naturopathic health coach."

To ensure no one has been left behind, she involves men in her programmes because they also need to understand that they too can have Human Papilloma Virus, only that they can't get the two strains known to cause 70 per cent of cervical cancer. Besides when men learn this they will not rush to stigmatise women and they too will take precautions.

All about nutrition

However, she says that despite that the days are getting brighter for the Kenyan woman as most government health facilities are offering reproductive health services, cervical cancer education, screening, and treatment being one of them at affordable prices, there are still major hiccups especially for women who need chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments.

She reveals that drugs are expensive and unavailable locally especially to the rural communities. Though surgery services are available, a small percentage of unethical doctors are still taking advantage of the rural patients' lack of awareness and doing a shoddy job.

"I'd urge the government and health facilities, when investing for gynaecological cancers and cancer in general, to invest in proper psychological and nutritional support. Healing needs a wholesome approach and when we neglect the mind and what the body feeds on to remain strong, we lose track of the healing process," she says.

In matters of nutrition, she insists that patients need to incorporate indigenous food in their diet since this will see a whole lot of difference in their healing process. Neglecting the psychological and nutritional bit, deteriorates the patients' health despite the chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments that they invest wholly in.

RANDOM SENSE
WITH EVELYN MAKENA

Loneliness shortens life

There is a high likelihood of lonely older adults living for less years than those that aren't, according to a new study in Japan and Singapore. Lonely older adults were also likely to spend less of their remaining years in good health or physically active. The study is the first to categorically quantify the impact of loneliness on life and health expectancy. Findings of the study come at a time when there is an increasing ageing population globally. In 2019, the global population aged 30 and above surpassed half for the first time in history. Similarly, the stay at home measures and social distancing directives during Covid-19 have increased concern for mental and physical well-being for older persons.

IN QUICK FIGURES

- People aged 60 and above who perceive themselves lonely are likely to live 3-5 years less



- At 70 and 80 years lonely people are likely to live 3-4 years less compared to non-lonely peers.



- 34% of the respondents of the study said they were lonely

- This proportion increased with age from 32% for those aged 60-69 and 40% for those aged 80 and above



- 37% percentage of men who were lonely. More males than females are lonely



Your Health ▶ It matters

How women and girls fight period

In Ledero, Samburu county, a constant supply of period product is changing the narrative around menstruation taboo

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It is midday and a windy breeze mixed with fresh cow dung smell from homesteads fills the hot air in Ledero village, Samburu county. Hellen Cherono Lekaldero's home- stead is buzzing, the quiet chatter of conversation barely discernible over the thud of sanitary pads inside boxes.

In the arid and semi-arid village, women work diligently. Lekaldero is packing sanitary pads inside a brown paper bag ready to start the day. She is among six women distributing the pads to women at water points, in homesteads and along the road in Ledero, Lchoro, Naing'olie, Ng'ari, Leyirr and Naijirir villages.

In the county, conversation around menstrual health is widely considered a taboo, to the detriment of many girls and women.

"It is not something that is talked about in the open. Girls, therefore, confide in themselves and this ends up affecting them," she explains. This cycle of menstrual taboo is deeply penetrated in marriages, where women find it difficult to confide in their husbands about it.

However, like other communities in Kenya, a groundswell of attention from non-profits, development organisations and government means there is a growing consensus: girls should have access to the products they need without shame or secrecy.

Lekaldero and a host of other women in Samburu East have devised a new way of reaching the women with the pads at their convenience.

"We are a pastoralist community and most women venture deep in the forest to look for pasture for their goats and sheep, only to come home late in the evening. In the morning, they are milking goats or taking care of the homestead. They are not able to come pick the pads. I now take the pads to their homes, or meet them on the road with livestock or at water points where they come to wash clothes or



bring their animals to drink water," she says.

The only water pump serving Ledero community got spoilt a few weeks ago, and women now have to travel another three kilometres to Naijirir water point, Morijoi Prison Water Pump to access the commodity, says Lekaldero. The water costs Sh20 per jerrican.

Dignified and unafraid

She explains that the women and girls feel comfortable picking pads at the water points because there, nobody is around to ridicule them.

"They conceal the pads in the clothes they have come to wash, making it easy for them to pick their reserves," notes Lekaldero.

At the water points, she serves *shanga* women (unlearned married women who engage in bead-making, taking care of animals and other household chores), *shanga* girls (those yet to be married, but have not gone to school) and school-going girls.

On this day, she is lucky to meet Claudia Naanyu, 28, at Naijirir water point. On her way, she meets and gives period products to women coming from the forest with firewood and those taking animals out to the grazing fields.

Naanyu narrates through a translator,

"When I got my first monthly period (*Itoodol-ishe* in Samburu), I was afraid I was dying. I stuffed bits of clothes and cotton inside myself to try stem the bleeding."

Then aged 11, she did not tell her parents what was happening.

Naanyu used to spend her day terrified, blood leaking out. To avoid ridicule from her age mates, she became a loner.

"At first I was scared, I didn't know what it was. I thought I had hurt myself," explains Naanyu as she picks her sanitary pack for the month. The rations are part of pad banks organised by a non-profit Bright Future Foundation — a Samburu based community based org-



ganisation that champions education, sexual health and rights of women and girls.

But today, little trace is left of that fear. Naanyu, who currently has access to free sanitary pads and a stress-free menstrual hygiene. But how does a pad bank work?

A trusted woman in the community keeps the dignity kits (which contains two packets of sanitary pads and one panty), which she hands over to girls and women who come for them.

"We give them two packets with eight pads inside each to last them for one month. We get about 10-15 girls and women every month who come for them," continues Lekaldero.

"Menstruation happens to all girls. I am no longer embarrassed," Naanyu explains pointing at the picturesque hills as far as the eye can see where she joins other women to look for pasture and water for her goats.

In Samburu, the price of sanitary pads and tampons ranges between Sh80-100.

"Not every woman or girl can afford this. This is where we come in to help," says Foustine Naimasai co-founder Bright Future Foundations, a not-for-profit community based organisation founded in 2015.

Naimasai explains that the organisation seeks to have pad banks in various locations in the county where women and girls can easily access dignitary towels.

It all started out when some girls upon fin-

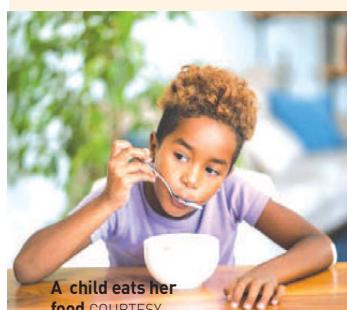
FOUSTINE NAIMASIAI

We also seek to build capacity of our women to learn how to make reusable sanitary towels for themselves



NUTRITION
WITH CHRISTINE NDERITU @DIETFY1

Temperaments and its effect on children's feeding habits



A child eats her food COURTESY

Faster eating and greater responsiveness to food cues have been linked to obesity risk in children, a recent study has revealed. The study, *Temperament and eating self-regulation in young children with or at risk for obesity: An exploratory report*, found that kids who ate slowly were less likely to be extroverted and impulsive. Further, kids were more likely to get frustrated and have difficulty self-soothing, if they were highly responsive to external food cues (the urge to eat when they see, smell or taste food).

This study, which sought to show the relationship between temperament and eating behaviours in early childhood aged four to eight years,

highlights the need to integrate temperaments in the treatment of childhood obesity. It looked at temperament as entailing extroversion and impulsivity, self-control, and the inability to self-soothe negative emotions such as anger, fear and sadness. Eating behaviors on the other hand included the responsiveness to internal cues (feeling hungry); external cues (seeing, tasting smelling) and eating speed. The study showed that children who respond well to feeling full exhibit more self-control.

In one of my college lectures, I remember a discussion about chewing. Though I don't remember the exact figures, the idea was to

ensure that your food was thoroughly chewed before swallowing, and to slow down faster eaters. There are indeed benefits of chewing fully and slowly including weight loss.

As a parent, have you ever considered your child's feeding behavior? Have you ever considered the influence of their temperaments on their feeding behavior? Do you find that you give your child food to soothe them when they are upset?

Help your child develop self-control. Agree on counts when they chew to slow them down. Teach them how to identify cues of hunger and fullness.

poverty with pad banks



A group of women on their way from the forest with firewood get sanitary pads from Hellen Lekaldero, the liaison officer at Bright Future Foundation. PD/CLIFFORD AKUMU

ishing their education decided to lend a hand in the community by encouraging younger girls and women on education, sexual health, youth empowerment and entrepreneurship.

"We didn't have any means of transport then. We would borrow our friend's car and visit schools in different communities and talk to girls about sexual health, and the women on how they could benefit from selling beads, and table banking," explains Naimasai, who studied law at the Catholic University of East-Africa.

Her background thrust her into championing women and girls' health rights and education. More than 500 girls and women have benefited from the pad banks.

In Kenya, about 13 in 20 Kenyan girls stay out of school every month due to period poverty—the lack of access to high quality menstrual products.

"Several years back we used to get supplies from churches, well-wishers," Lekaldero says adding that transport and infrastructure still remains a challenge in reaching the needy.

But period poverty remains a menace and is deep rooted, dating back several years, attests 45-year-old Jestina Lesordonkera, a resident of Ledero-Ndikir village.

"During our times, we did not have pads. During our moon days [period] we used worn-out blankets. But those scraps of fabric were irritating, unhealthy and would leak and soil our clothes," she narrates through a translator of the ad hoc alternatives.

Lesordonkera, a mother of four, who now comes for her sanitary kits at Ledero Level 2 Dispensary, says a lot has changed.

"I can now sell my beads at the market, do my household chores and farm without any worries. I also pick the pads for my two girls every time I come to get my ration at the dispensary," says Lesordonkera, who makes beads on order and sells at Sh400-Sh1,000.

Interestingly, the women and girls now come to the dispensary with a pretext of being sick to pick sanitary pads.

"In the community, the men control the flow of money. Women and girls who do not have courage to ask for money to buy pads, now hide under the pretext of being sick to come

and pick them up," explains Jane Letoole, the nursing officer in-charge at Ledero Dispensary adding that mothers who come for delivery services too do not have these essential products.

The nursing officer adds that, depending on the season and disease outbreaks, the facility can attend to between 40-60 patients a day. The top infections registered at the facility include upper respiratory tract and eye infections.

Letoole notes that cases of urinary tract infections as a result of using rags, or blankets during periods was high before community sensitisation on menstrual hygiene.

"We are still getting at least three to five infections as a result of girls or women using the rags," says Letoole.

Vital talks

For Esther Naipalei, 19, who started getting free sanitary towels while in class five at Ledero Primary School from the organisation; the road to menstrual hygiene has been a smooth one.

"I was taken through motivational talks on reproductive health and how to use sanitary pads. I thank God, since then I have not missed school like other girls," she says.

But until then, she narrates, "I used to put on two panties and add another biker when I was approaching my periods. And getting out of the house too was hectic."

She has since become an ambassador of the correct use of pads in the village.

"I sensitise young girls on how to use the pads" says Naipalei, who sat for her KCSE last year at Moi Samburu Girls High School.

Managing menstrual hygiene can be further complicated by poor access to water and other sanitation amenities. In drought stricken villages of Samburu, it is more complicated.

According to a 2020 report by Plan International titled, *Periods in a Pandemic: Menstrual Hygiene Management in the Time Of Covid-19 Pandemic*, 51 per cent of respondents reported that reduced access and availability of clean water to help manage periods worsened women and girls' situation.

The report, an online survey conducted be-



Claudia Naanyu with Hellen Cherono Lekaldero at Najirijir water point. PD/CLIFFORD AKUMU

tween May 11 to May 17, 2020 and attracted 61 responses from professionals working in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in 24 countries, also found that 68 per cent agreed that restricting access to WASH facilities to help change, clean and dispose of sanitary products was also a major challenge.

"For the period when schools were closed, most school going-girls suffered," says Le-kaldo.

The foundation recently received a Sh2.9 million donation from Absa Bank's Wall of Possibility competition to further its activities across the county.

"With this donation, we want to build permanent pad banks in most villages across the county to enable us have a constant flow of dignity kits girls and women can access throughout," says Naimasai, noting that although she never lacked dignity kits growing up, her childhood friends' predicament during their periods gave her the push to do something.

"We also seek to build capacity of our women to learn how to make reusable sanitary towels for themselves. This will not only solve the sanitary towels issue, but also economically empower them and be a source of income for them," she adds.

For Naanyu and Naipalei menstrual hygiene awareness and education is what has kept them from shame.

"We need to reduce period stigma so that women and girls can feel comfortable," says Naipalei. "That way, every woman or girl gets included and not miss school because of monthly periods."

IN NUMBERS

14.4

median age for menarche in Kenya

SOURCE OF INFO

87.7% from mothers
15.5% from teachers



DISPOSABLE PADS USE

46%
Population in rural areas
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in urban setup population

SOURCE: MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT POLICY 2019-2030

GRAPHIC: MICHAEL MOSOTA



Jane Letoole, nursing officer in charge at Ledero Level 2 Dispensary. PD/CLIFFORD AKUMU

Scholar ▶ Training future leaders

Education stakeholders ask that government consider allocating at least 10 per cent of the education budgetary fund to early childhood development in order to give pre-primary learners a firm start to life

■ by Irene Githinji
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Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) experts have made an urgent call to the Government to increase funding for the sector, which they say is key for laying a firm foundation to learners and critical for rapid brain development.

The stakeholders are seeking an allocation of at least 10 per cent of the total education budget towards ECDE as a way of supporting pre-primary education, coming against the backdrop of the countries preparing for the Global Partnership on Education (GPE) replenishment summit scheduled for next week in London.

GPE seeks to raise up to \$5 billion (\$Sh540.7 billion) to support education systems in up to 90 countries that will enable 175 million girls and boys learn, reach 140 million students with professionally trained teachers and get 88 million more children, including 46 million girls in school.

According to a senior lecturer Dr Teresa Mwoma from Kenyatta University, Department of Early Childhood and Special Needs Education, funding ECDE is low since the sector receives only 1.8 per cent of all education funding, which is inadequate. "There is need for Government to make a commitment in supporting pre-primary education. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda demands that by 2030, all boys and girls access quality education," she said.

According to Dr Mwoma, statistics show that at least 23 per cent of Kenyan children are not enrolled in ECDE centres country-wide and challenged the government to find where these children are to have them enrolled in pre-primary schools.

No allocation for training

Dr Mwoma also said that a lot of money is spent on infrastructure for ECDE centres and bursaries, as opposed to also allocating it to teaching and support towards learning of the child.

She said that there are at least 92,000 pre-primary teachers out of whom 53 per cent have been hired by county governments, which means 47 per cent are either hired by parents, are in the private sector or unemployed.

"In terms of funding it is important if we can raise it to at least 10 per cent of all education resources so that counties are able to hire teachers, provide teaching and learning materials, put up infrastructure that is age appropriate and also pay teachers well," said Dr Mwoma.

While ECDE teachers push to be hired by the Teachers Service Commission (TSC), she explained that the Constitution devolved pre-primary education, which means the hiring task has been left to counties.

To allow the TSC to directly employ ECDE teachers, she said that it would require an



Increase early childhood education funding, state urged

amendment of certain clauses, but also challenged counties to pull up their socks in managing the centres.

At the same time, she says there has been no uniformity in paying ECDE teachers and despite the Council of Governors coming up with terms of service and grades, they still have not been implemented.

However, she admitted that the situation boils back to funding hence the push for at least 10 per cent allocation so that governors can be held responsible for not reforming the sector.

Another challenge for the sector, she says is the gap in training of pre-primary teachers to understand how best to implement the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). "Not much focus has been put in training pre-primary teachers to be able to implement the new curriculum effectively compared to those in primary schools who are trained often... this is one of the greatest gaps we have," she

Kenyatta University senior lecturer, Early Childhood and Special Needs Education, Dr Teresa Mwoma. BELOW: A parent supervises her children as they do a take-home assignment under the Competency Based Curriculum. PD/ COURTESY

stated.

She explained that the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) calls for provision of quality early childhood education, which will generate positive learning outcomes at later levels of learning.

"Globally, 50 per cent of pre-primary age children (175 million) are not enrolled in pre-primary. In low-income countries, only one in every five children is enrolled while in high income countries four in five children are enrolled in pre-primary."

Positive transformation

She says provision of quality preprimary education is the best investment of ensuring future success in education, especially for children from low income backgrounds. "Quality preprimary education contributes to positive transformation in learning outcomes in a child's lifetime," says Dr Mwoma.

She said that some of the factors contributing to exclusion from attending pre-primary education, include household economic status and mothers level of education, which are some of the greatest barriers.

Poverty has also contributed to children not attending pre-primary education with Dr Mwoma saying that those from very well to do families are seven times more likely to attend than those from poor families. Currently, there are about 2.7 million children enrolled in preprimary schools in the country out of which, about 2 million are in public and another 821,897 in private centres.



Kakamega tops fees defaulters list with Sh200 million in arrears

■ by Douglas Dindi
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The Kakamega county government has become a leading fees defaulter, cumulatively owing secondary schools, universities and colleges across the country over Sh200 million in tuition fee arrears dating back to last year.

Multiple interviews with some school heads, school committees and students at the universities and medical colleges from the area revealed the county government failed to meet its commitment to pay tuition fees to thousands of needy students since the advent of the coronavirus pandemic last year.

Respondents claim the disbursement of funds in the form of bursaries, scholarship, County Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) and Afya loans to the institutions in mitigating the cost of learning for needy students whose family incomes were further debilitated by the pandemic dried up in 2019.

Kakamega government has a huge budget for the education sector and in particular allocates Sh120 million in every budget cycle for secondary school bursaries, Sh20 million for the County HELB and a further Sh30 million as Afya loan, meant to benefit local students pursuing medical courses .

In the past two Financial Years 2019/20 and 20/21 Sh240 million was budgeted for bursaries, Sh20 million in County HELB and Sh60 million for Afya Loan. The county administration also has the county education scholarship, which promises to fully finance the university education of every top Kenya certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) candidate in each of the 12 sub-counties to study medicine and engineering in China University.

This programme is riddled with controversy after some students questioned the content of the course and its viability in the job market. The county government has since stopped export of the Crème Dela Crème of KCSE from the area to China.

Asked about the state of the ward bursaries, HELB and other forms of financial assistance to parents to support education of their children, the County Executive Committee member for education Dr George Lutonja admitted to a hitch saying no funds have been disbursed to school so far this year.

"We disbursed the Sh120 million for ward bursaries for the 2019/20 Financial Year and if any Member of County Assembly (MCA) has complaints, let him raise it with this office," Dr Lutonja told the Scholar.

Yet a distraught parent at Ikonyero Secondary School in Kakamega whose son was among shortlisted students to benefit from the 2020 academic year funding, says the school administration asked parents to pay up the fee arrears as the Sh5,000 bursary promise from the county was not yet received. "We've been kept waiting since March 2020 to date without success," the parent said.

A student at Maseno University who did not want to be named for fear of victimisation told Scholar he had not received any communication from the Higher Education Loans board (HELB) on loan disbursement from the county for the past two years.



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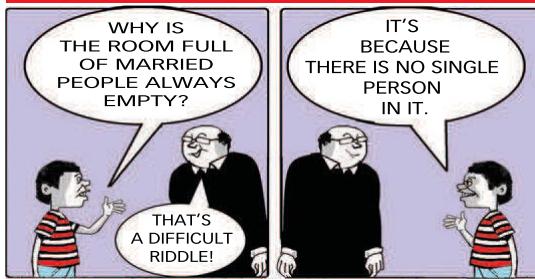
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HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21 - APRIL 20)

Don't let any money slip through your fingers today. Keep calm. Someone around you is bouncing off the walls. Get busy putting your place in order.

TAURUS (APR. 21 - MAY 21)

Remember that no one can walk through your door if there's someone standing in the doorway. Channel your energy wisely and you can score points with the boss.

GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 22)

Most partner problems are a result of both people not living up to their promises. You can certainly gain popularity; however, don't do it by paying for everyone else.

CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 22)

This could be a serious relationship. Be careful not to confuse issues when discussing the matters at hand.

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG 22)

Uncertainty regarding your mate may emerge; reevaluate what you see in each other. Nagging has never been something that you could tolerate, and it's once again driving you into a lonely state of affairs.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 23)

Question your mate if you must. Relationships will form if you get out and do things that you enjoy.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

You can't live your life for others. Don't be shy to promote your own interests. You will have an interest in foreigners and their cultures.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Watch your tendency to live for the day and to spend too much on entertainment and children; it could set you back. Problems on the home front might be a little disconcerting.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 21)

Romantic opportunities will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. You can get good solid advice from relatives or close friends you trust.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22 - JAN. 20)

Your stability will aid you in getting support from your fellow workers. Your diplomacy will be of utmost importance today.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

Children may be difficult to handle. Opportunities for romance will flourish through travel.

PISCES (FEB. 20 - MAR. 20)

You will be looking for creative ways to make a little extra cash. Things may not be as they sound. Hide your cards and learn to say no.

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

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VOLLEYBALL

Malkia Strikers fall to Japan in their first Olympics match-Pg32



Athletes compete in 3,000m steeplechase during national U20 trials. PD/ DAVID NDOLO

Kenya gets thumbs up

World Athletics happy with progress by LOC as preparations for U20 championships hit top gear

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleDailyKe

World Athletics has lauded Kenya's preparations progress for the World Under-20 Championships slated for August 17 to 22 at the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani.

World U20 Deputy CEO Ruth Egesa said the Local Organising Committee (LOC) has had several meetings with the world governing body, with the latest happening last week.

"They have been here in Nairobi several times and they've approved all the measures we have put in place. They are confident we shall stage a great showpiece," revealed Dr Egesa who added that Kenya is entering the final stage in preparations to host safe, secure and successful junior championships.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Dr Egesa said that safety will be the number

one priority in an event that has been classified as spectator-free.

"We have discussed all the logistics and we have agreed that the stadium will be split into red, amber and green zones. Athletes will be in the green zone which means they will be in a bubble and therefore don't need to be tested on a daily basis like journalists and other officials," she explained.

"Initially, training was supposed to be at Kenyatta University but now we will have our training at Nyayo and Kasarani stadiums. The facilities have all been improved to international standards," she added.

LOC and hoteliers have signed deals to have athletes and officials stay in selected city hotels like Eka, Tamarind, Stanley, Panafric and Safari Park among others.

Speaking in Naivasha at the weekend during a media training seminar geared towards the event, Dr Egesa challenged journalists to report accurately on the build-up, during and after the event.

40 Countries

"Kenya is a powerhouse in athletics, I believe the journalist will ensure this is seen and heard. I challenge journalists to get first class information when recording. The whole world needs to see the truth and what is happening. Let's work for our nation, let us build our country. Remember we're bidding for 2025 world championships, so if we can work together a lot can be achieved," she implored.

So far, up to 40 countries from over 130 that have shown interest in gracing the championship have confirmed their participation.

"Confirmation is on a daily basis so those are the numbers as of the end of last week. We expect more to confirm this week as well," added Dr Egesa who disclosed that the first country will be arriving on August 3.

Meanwhile, World Under-20 Championships media, broadcast and communication director, Alex Kobia said there will be a limited number of accredited journalists to the event and the decision was based on the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.

"We have been restricted to accredit only a total of up to 100 journalists both local and foreign. Factoring in the protocols, the refurbished media tribune can accommodate that number factoring the walk in and outs. There will also be a media centre from where journalists can work," Kobia told journalists.

Diamond League reallocates disciplines in next meetings

by Kiprono Ericson
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Organisers of the Wanda Diamond League have announced that some disciplines will be re-allocated to other events in mid-August in order to give all athletes a fair chance of qualifying for the final.

With the two meetings to be held in China unable to go ahead as planned in August, athletes in some disciplines have been left with few opportunities to qualify for the Wanda Diamond Final in Zurich on September 8.

To qualify for the Diamond League final, each athlete needs to compete at least four times during the series in their chosen discipline.

"To give all athletes that opportunity, the Diamond League AG Board has

been in discussion with Diamond League and Continental Tour one-day meetings to see if their programmes can accommodate one of the displaced disciplines," says Petr Stastny, CEO of Diamond League AG.

Four meetings have come forward offering to add disciplines to their one-day programme. The four disciplines include the women's shot put, men's long jump, women's javelin and men's discus and these disciplines have now been reallocated to other Wanda Diamond League and World Athletics Continental Tour meetings.

Other disciplines scheduled to take place in China, such as the men's and women's 100m, will not be reallocated as athletes already have more than four opportunities to compete in these disciplines elsewhere during the season.

The men's long jump was reallocated to the BAUHAUS-Galan Wanda Diamond League meeting in Stockholm, which took place on July 4th.

The other three disciplines have been reallocated to World Athletics Continental Tour meetings scheduled to take place in mid-August, the same period during which the two Chinese events would have been held.

Athletes taking part in these reallocated competitions will earn Wanda Diamond League qualification points (8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1) and World Ranking points (GW points) as awarded in the Wanda Diamond League.



Sports journalists ready for World Under-20 show

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleDailyKe

As the World Under-20 Championships draws nearer, up to 100 local and international journalists are expected to cover the event.

The event, which is being held in Nairobi for the first time, will take place between August 17-22 and Kenya is expected to defend the title won in 2018 in Tampere, Finland.

World Under-20 Championships broadcast and communication director, Alex Kobia says accreditation for is ongoing.

"We are getting closer to the global event and all the preparations are almost complete. We are collaborating with the Sports Journalists Association of Kenya (SJA) to ensure accreditation of journalists is fair and above board because there are limited slots for local media," said Kobia during a two-day training for journalists in Naivasha, Nakuru County, at the weekend.

He also revealed that the broadcasters' accreditation is ongoing and journalists from various media houses should apply before the process is closed.

Kobia also revealed that more training shall be done in Mombasa and Nairobi to bring up to speed the journalists who will be handling the global event.

"Naivasha training was just a start but we shall roll out more training especially to journalists from the Coast and Nairobi regions as one way of making them aware of what to expect next month when we hold the championships," he said.

He also explained to the journalists the protocols and guidelines that need to be followed to gain accreditation. He called on the sports



World U20 Local Organising Committee CEO Ruth Egesa addressing sports journalists in Naivasha on Saturday. PD/DAVID NDOLO

writers to grab the opportunity and get more exposure in covering international assignments.

"World Athletics are the ones in charge of electronic media while accreditation for the print and photographers is being handled locally," he added.

He encouraged journalists to remain professional while discharging their duties, saying it was a chance for them to market their country. He said it is only through good reporting that the country can be given more international events.

Springboks aim to defy history after Test defeat to British and Irish Lions

by Cape Town, Sunday
@PeopleDailyKe

The Springboks will be seeking to defy history after losing the first Test against the British and Irish Lions at the Cape Town Stadium on Saturday.

Asked whether the South Africans could come back in the remaining two Tests after suffering a 22-17 defeat, coach Jacques Nie-

naber said, "Definitely. We have to salvage it."

But he admitted that the World Cup champions were outplayed in a second half in which the Lions scored 19 points and conceded only five.

It is the 14th Lions' tour of South Africa – and the team winning the first Test has gone on to win the series 12 times. The only exception was in 1955, when the Springboks

came back to share a four-Test series.

Nienaber and captain Siya Kolisi refused to use the disruption to their build-up by Covid-19 as an excuse but it was notable how the Springboks faded in the second half. Both said they expected their team to benefit from having had their first challenging Test since the World Cup final in November 2019.

Seven of the home playing squad tested positive in the weeks leading up to the match and the full squad were only able to train together for five days before the game.

"We did not play a lot of rugby together but we still had cohesion in the first half," said Nienaber. "What happened in the second half was not because of Covid, we lost the battle in the air."

The pressure applied by the tourists was shown by an 8-1 penalty count in their favour in the second half.

"The discipline killed us," said Kolisi. -AFP



South Africa's Elton Jantjies is tackled by British and Irish Lions' at The Cape Town Stadium in Cape Town on July 24, 2021. AFP

Kabras, KCB lead the pack

Battle for the Kenya Cup trophy heats up with 10th round of matches played

by Alex Njue
@PeopleDailyKe

The Kenya Cup league is taking shape after the 10th round played on Saturday when defending champions KCB redeemed themselves with a half a century win to stay on the log summit.

KCB have now amassed 33 points whereas last season's runners-up Kabras Sugar are second on the log with 30 points after collecting their sixth straight bonus win against Menengai Oilers at the Nandi Bears Club.

KCB dismissed Mwamba 50-3 at the KCB Sports Club while Kabras neutralised the Oilers threat with a 39-8 win as Kenya Harlequin denied MMUST a win after sharing spoils in a 17-17 stalemate.

"Possession was our problem in our previous fixture and we wanted to improve and we brought in the right attitude against Mwamba with the help of a fast speed in ball recycling that earned us advantage in attack and now we start planning for MMUST," KCB head coach Curtis Olago told People Sports.

Oilers remain third place on the standings, a point ahead of fourth placed Strathmore Leos who whitewashed Nakuru RFC 44-5 for the right to displace Impala who now drop to fifth.

Nondescripts were the biggest climbers of the round courtesy of a 34-13 win against Blak Blad that catapulted the Red Lion four places from bottom to seventh where they are tied with eighth placed Nakuru. MMUST are ninth.

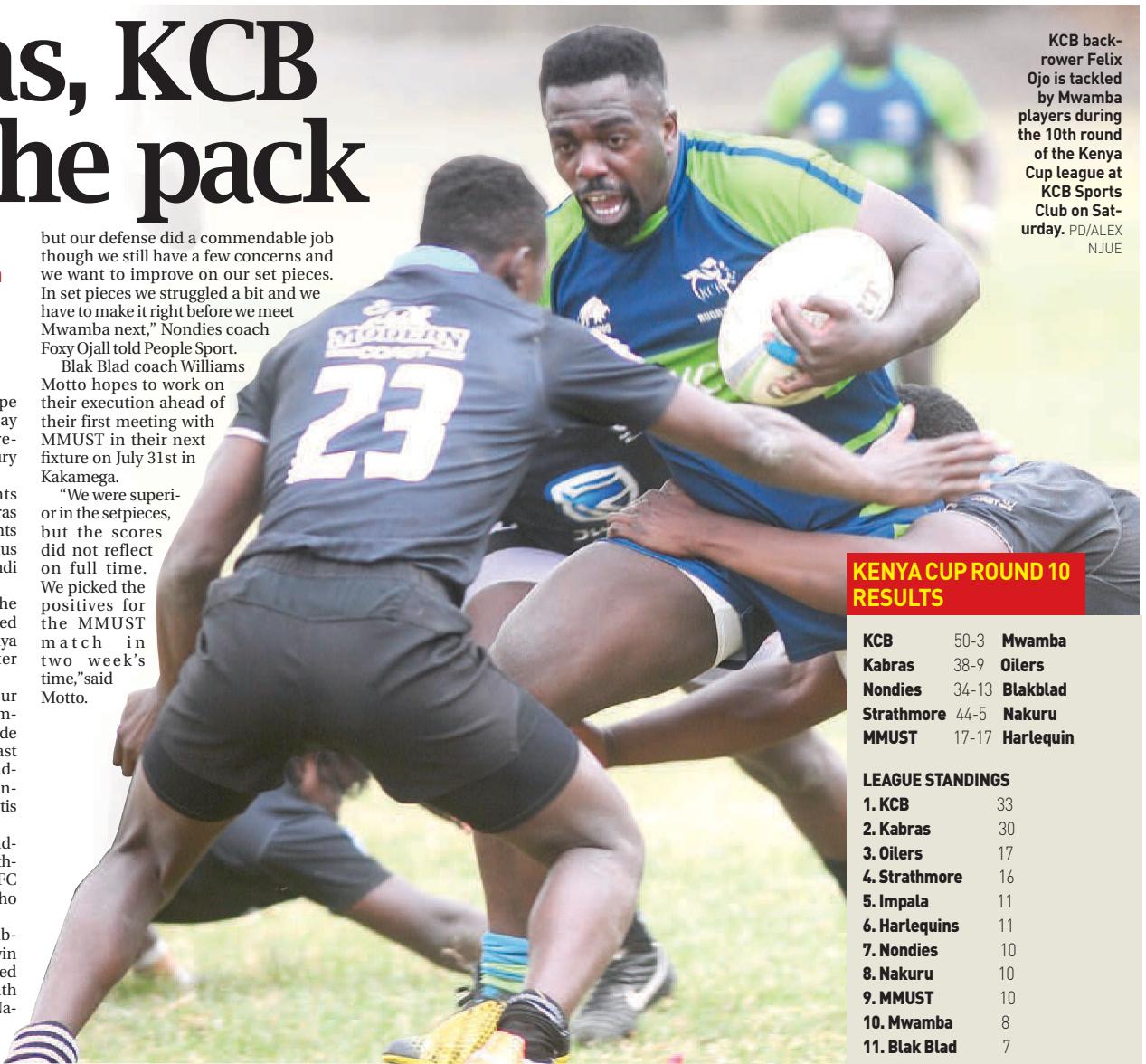
"We could have conceded more

but our defense did a commendable job though we still have a few concerns and we want to improve on our set pieces. In set pieces we struggled a bit and we have to make it right before we meet Mwamba next," Nondies coach Foxy Ojall told People Sport.

Blak Blad coach Williams Motto hopes to work on their execution ahead of their first meeting with MMUST in their next fixture on July 31st in Kakamega.

"We were superior in the setpieces, but the scores did not reflect on full time. We picked the positives for the MMUST match in two week's time," said Motto.

KCB back-rower Felix Ojo is tackled by Mwamba players during the 10th round of the Kenya Cup league at KCB Sports Club on Saturday. PD/ALEX NJUE



KENYA CUP ROUND 10 RESULTS

KCB	50-3	Mwamba
Kabras	38-9	Oilers
Nondies	34-13	Blakblad
Strathmore	44-5	Nakuru
MMUST	17-17	Harlequin

LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. KCB	33
2. Kabras	30
3. Oilers	17
4. Strathmore	16
5. Impala	11
6. Harlequins	11
7. Nondies	10
8. Nakuru	10
9. MMUST	10
10. Mwamba	8
11. Blak Blad	7



Kenyan boxers Ongare, Okoth 'knocked out'

by Amos Abuga
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Two of the four Kenyan boxers have already been eliminated from the ongoing Tokyo Olympics.

On Sunday morning, Christine Ongare was bundled out by Philippines boxer Irish Magno in their women's flyweight (48-51kg) division at Kokugikan Arena in Tokyo.

All judges gave the bout to Magno 5-0 for a unanimous decision win. It was heartbreak for the 27-year-old Ongare, who was making her debut at the Olympics.

On Saturday, Kenya's Nick "Commander" Okoth also lost to Mongolian Tsedbaatter Erdenebat in a round of 32 bout at the Kokugikan Arena.

The Mongolian won by a split decision of 3-2 after winning the first and the third sets 3-2, while Okoth edged him in the second round, also 3-2.

The decision did not go well with national boxing head coach Benjamin Musa who said Kenyan captain was robbed of victory.

Musa described the 2-3 point decision in favour of the Mongolian as a poor decision."

"It is such a shame that AIBA are not the ones organising this tournament and I believe my boxer is a victim of poor officiating. This kind of thing shouldn't be happening at the highest level of sport," bemoaned Musa.

Among the five-judge bench who were drawn from Cuba, Morocco, Azerbaijan, Thailand and Argentina. Three scored in favour of the Mongolian while two went for the Kenyan.

Kenya's remaining two other boxers - heavyweight Elly Ajowi (81-91) and welterweight (64-69kg) Elizabeth Akiinyi - have both received byes to the next round.

They face off against Cuba's Julio la Cruz and Alcinda Helena Panguna of Mozambique, respectively.

Ajowi is composed ahead of the fight. "La Cruz might be a four-time world champion and an Olympic champion but that was in light heavyweight. He is beatable. During the 2020 world championships he lost. I have nothing to lose against him come Tuesday," said Ajowi.

Tunisia's Hafnaoui in shock after 400m freestyle win

Tokyo, Sunday
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Tunisian teenager Ahmed Hafnaoui said he was as surprised as anyone after producing a huge upset on Sunday to win 400 metre freestyle gold.

The 18-year-old only scraped into the final after posting the eighth fastest time in qualifying but he delivered a sizzling last 50m to touch in 3:43.36.

It was almost three seconds faster than his previous best before Tokyo and 2.32sec quicker than his performance in the heats.

Hafnaoui overhauled Australian Jack McLoughlin (3:43.52), who

claimed silver, and US swimmer Kieran Smith (3:43.94), who took bronze at the Aquatics Center.

"Of course, I surprised myself," said Hafnaoui. "It's unbelievable. I couldn't believe it until I touched the wall and saw I was first."

Hafnaoui's gold medal is only the third ever won by Tunisia in Olympic swimming and the country's fifth Olympic gold in all sports.

As he stood on the podium, an emotional Hafnaoui was unable to hold back the tears.

"I was in tears when I saw the flag of my country being raised and I heard the anthem," he said. "I felt so proud."

Asked what his message was, the

teenager said: "I dedicate this to all the Tunisian people. You have a champ now. I'm so happy to have a gold medal, just be proud of me, and that's all."

Hafnaoui started swimming in Tunisia aged six when his father Mohamed, a former member of the national basketball team, enrolled him in a local club.

Three years ago, in the same event, Hafnaoui finished eighth at the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires. He said in 2019 he was targeting a senior Olympic gold in Paris in 2024.

"I just can't believe it, it's amazing. I'm the Olympic champion now," he said.

- AFP



Tunisia's Ahmed Hafnaoui celebrates after winning the final of the men's 400m freestyle swimming at the Tokyo Aquatics Centre yesterday. AFP

Willy Ambaka sprints to score a try against USA in the 2021 Madrid 7s. PD/ALEX NJUE



Shujaa ready for action

Kenya to face USA and South Africa today, and Ireland tomorrow

by Gibo Zachary
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Kenya men's rugby sevens national team, Shujaa, is confident of staging a performance like no other in Japan when they take on USA, South Africa and Ireland today and tomorrow at Tokyo Stadium in their Pool C preliminaries.

Speaking to the press in Kurume City, experienced 31-year-old star Willy Ambaka said that their journey to the Olympics started way back in October last year, and what is remaining now is to put all that to action and execute their game plan perfectly.

"We all know the Olympics is the pinnacle of all games. The boys are excited and we can't wait to get the run out today. We have put in the hard work and the boys are ready to face the world," said Ambaka.

Shujaa is paired with South Africa, the

2016 Rio Olympics bronze medalist, heavyweights USA, and Olympic debutants Ireland in Pool C, and Ambaka is confident of topping the pool.

"We have prepared pretty well and our target is to top the pool. We have played against these teams before and we

have won against all of them. So, we just need to focus on ourselves, getting our bodies to feel right. So, if we maintain that, I am pretty sure we will get some good results," added Ambaka who is currently playing his professional rugby with Narvskaya Zastava of Russia.

KENYA SHUJAA'S OLYMPICS RUGBY 7S FIXTURES (IN KENYAN TIME):

Kenya Shujaa vs USA, Mon July 26 at 5:30 am

Kenya Shujaa vs S.A, Mon July 26 at 1pm

Kenya Shujaa vs Ireland, Tue July 27 at 5 am

Kenya Shujaa squad and technical bench:

Olympic Squad: Andrew Amonde (Captain), Collins Injera, Willy Ambaka, Billy Odhambo, Jeffrey Oluoch, Alvin Otieno, Vincent Onyala, Herman Humwa, Daniel Taabu, Johnstone Olindi, Eden Agero, Nelson Oyoo, and Jacob Ojee.

Technical Bench: Innocent "Namco" Simiyu (Coach), Anthony Muchiri (Assistant Coach), Francis Lamech (Physio/Medic), Erick Ogweno (Team Manager)

Coach Innocent "Namco" Simiyu has at his disposal a strong squad full of experience led by captain Andrew Amonde, Collins Injera, Willy Ambaka, Billy Odhambo, Jeffrey Oluoch, Alvin Otieno, Vincent Onyala, Herman Humwa, Daniel Taabu, Johnstone Olindi, Eden Agero, Nelson Oyoo, and Jacob Ojee.

Ambaka is urging them to stay focused and avoid any overconfidence or inferiority emotions.

"We have an experienced squad, but we have to be careful not to let emotions get into us. We just need to stay calm and with a peace of mind and just get the results out of Tokyo."

"We have always complained of the cold weather. We thank the government and the National Olympic Committee for getting us here early to acclimatise to get our bodies right and ready."

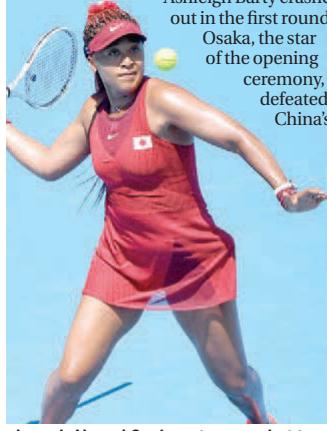
Amonde, Injera, Ambaka, and Billy Odhambo are the four players in the squad that represented the country in the 2016 Rio Olympics and Jeffrey Oluoch, who is making his debut in the Olympics, said that being in Tokyo is very special to him.

'Refreshed' Osaka wins on return as Barty dumped out

Tokyo, Sunday
@PeopleDailyKe

Japan's Naomi Osaka won in straight sets on her highly-anticipated return to the court at the Tokyo Olympics on Sunday, while world number one Ashleigh Barty crashed out in the first round.

Osaka, the star of the opening ceremony, defeated China's



Japan's Naomi Osaka returns a shot to China's Zheng Saisai during their women's singles match at the Ariake Tennis Park in Tokyo yesterday. AFP

Zheng Saisai 6-1, 6-4 and said she felt "refreshed" after taking an eight-week break for mental health reasons.

"I felt really nervous being in Japan and playing here for the first time in maybe two years, and for it to be my first Olympics," said Osaka, chosen as the first tennis player to light the Olympic cauldron on Friday.

"It was definitely really nerve-wracking. But I am glad I was able to win, she is a very tough opponent."

The Australian Open champion had not played since May, when she walked out of Roland Garros saying that media commitments were harming her mental health. "I feel like more than anything I'm just focused on playing tennis. Playing the Olympics has been a dream of mine since I was a kid," she said, in her first appearance before media.

"I feel like the break that I took was very needed, but I feel definitely a little bit refreshed and happy again."

Osaka showed few signs of rust as she reeled off the opening five games on the Ariake Coliseum centre court, which likely would have been packed to capacity if not for a spectator ban because of coronavirus restrictions.

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Kipruto expected in Tokyo to replace Kamworor in 10,000m

by Amos Abuga
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Rhonex Kipruto is likely to travel to Tokyo today after he was on Friday selected as late replacement for injured Geoffrey Kamworor who pulled out of the Games due to an injury.

As of Sunday morning Athletics Kenya officials were at an advanced stage to have Kipruto cleared and be able to link up with his teammates Rodgers Kwemoi and Weldon Kipkirui who are already in Tokyo having left on Friday evening.

"Time is not on our side, we are looking at having Kipruto travel to Japan on Monday because the men's 10,000m final is set for Friday," said Team Kenya general manager Barnaba Korir.

Korir further revealed that Kipruto who was part of the leading pack during the national trials last month but pulled out of the race with five laps to go has already reported at Kasarani's Stadion hotel where some athletes are still training under a bubble.

"AK sought clearance from the Athletics Integrity Unit to ensure the athlete has passed the strict rules. The good thing is that he has been given the greenlight," said Korir who revealed that the athlete has commenced the mandatory covid-19 testing protocols. If all is well, he will depart on Monday."

On Friday 2015 world 10,000m silver medalist Geoffrey Kamworor said he was gutted after an ankle injury ruled him out of the Games.

The former half marathon world record holder, who was on a comeback trail having been involved in a freaky road accident last year after he was hit by a speeding motorcycle while training in Eldoret, wished the team well.

"Rhonex is a young top athlete with great potential. It will be my hope that he is cleared on time to compete. Together with Kwemoi and Weldon, I know we have a strong team," said Kamworor.



Rhonex Kipruto competing in Kenya Olympics trials. PD/DAVID NDOLLO

Brazil held, Gignac rescues French

Ivory Coast deny reigning champions as France edge South Africa in thriller

Tokyo, Sunday
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Reigning champions Brazil were held to a goalless draw by

the Ivory Coast in the men's Olympic football competition on Sunday, while Andre-Pierre Gignac's hat-trick in a 4-3 win over South Africa kept France's hopes alive.

Brazil, who won gold for the first time five years ago on home soil in Rio, could have moved to the brink of qualification for the knock-out

stage in Yokohama but were denied by a stubborn Ivory Coast.

It could have been worse, though, as they had to play more than an hour with 10 men after Aston Villa midfielder Douglas Luiz's 13th-minute red card for bringing down Youssouf Dao when he was through on goal.

Eboué Kouassi's late dismissal evened up the numbers, but the Ivorians held on as former Barcelona winger Malcom missed a late chance for the South Americans.

Brazil lead Group D on goal difference ahead of their final game of the opening phase against Saudi Arabia, who face Germany later Sunday.

France would have been staring at an early exit with a slip-up against South Africa, but veteran striker Gignac rescued Les Bleus in a pulsating match in Saitama.

Slender lead

The Group A encounter burst into life after a goalless first half, which saw South African midfielder Luther Singh miss a penalty, as Kobamelo Kodisang put the underdogs ahead eight minutes after the restart.

The 35-year-old Gignac, captaining France in Japan, levelled shortly afterwards, only for Evidence Makgopa to restore South Africa's slender lead in the 72nd minute.

Former Marseille star Gignac,

who last played for the French senior team in 2016, equalised again.

Teboho Mokoena thought he had won the match with just nine minutes to play with a wonderful curling strike that flew in off the crossbar, but Gignac slotted home his fourth goal of the tournament from the penalty spot five minutes later.

There was still time for France to snatch a winner, as Gignac found Teji Savanier to drill in a low strike in the second minute of added time.

"After each South African goal it felt a little more like we were on the plane back," said Gignac, who has played for Mexican club Tigres since 2015.

"We saw the joy after Teji's goal and we gave ourselves a final against Japan. With heart, we can do well. We don't want to return to France."

South Africa, who were hit by two players testing positive for Covid-19 in the Olympic Village before the tournament started, will need to beat Mexico in their last group game and hope other results go their way to have any chance of making the last eight.

Elsewhere, New Zealand missed an opportunity to all but qualify from Group B as Honduras came from behind to win 3-2 in Kashima.

Argentina bounced back from their opening defeat by Australia in Group C with a 1-0 victory over Egypt.

Later Sunday, Japan take on Mexico and Germany play Saudi Arabia.

- AFP

OLYMPICS MEN'S FOOTBALL RESULTS ON SUNDAY:

Group A

France 4-3 S. Africa 3

Japan 2-1 Mexico

Group B

N.Zealand 2-3 Honduras

Romania 0-4 South Korea

Group C

Egypt 0-1 Argentina

Australia 0-1 Spain

Group D

Brazil 0-0 Ivory Coast

S.Arabia 2-3 Germany





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Mashare United's Cecidy Okeyo (right) challenges Wazito FC's Musa Masika during their BetKing Premier League match at Thika County Stadium yesterday.
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KCB hit Sharks

Bankers in impressive win to keep premier league title chase alive

by Charles Thuku
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It's not over yet until it is over!

This was the bold declaration by KCB coach Zedekiah "Zico" Otieno when his team bruised the egos of Kariobangi Sharks after walloping them 3-0 in a BetKing Premier League match at Thika Stadium yesterday.

KCB who have been blowing hot and cold in the later stages of the season needed goals by Samuel Mwangi (sixth minute), Baraka Badi (50th minute) and Michael Odour (58th minute) to seal the game.

KCB were initially touted as the potential top tier league titlists before they allowed Tusker a healthy lead, but Otieno believes there is still a fighting chance.

"We are looking forward to the ongoing league with a big sense of optimism. I think we have struck the right balance and if you may ask me, I'm pleased with what the players have performed today," said Otieno.

Meanwhile, relegation-threatened Vihiga United caused the biggest upset of the weekend after beating Western Stima 3-2 in Nakuru.

Vihiga, who sit at the lower reaches of the

league, drew the first blood in the sixth minute when an unmarked Kevin Omondi slotted in without little marking.

Fifty minutes later, Stima, who stunned AFC Leopards 3-2 last week, were caught napping again when Wycliff Thata found an opening before finding the back of the net with a power-packed shot for the power men's second and winning goal.

Elsewhere, hosts Sopapaka went down 2-1 to Kakamega Homeboyz at Dawson Mwanyumba Stadium in Wundanyi.

utes respectively.

At ASK Showground in Nakuru, AFC Leopards came from behind to salvage a 2-2 draw with Nzioia Sugar in an ill-tempered "Ingo Derby" which saw the match handlers make what appeared suspect decisions.

In Mombasa, Bandari made good use of their home ground advantage by beating stubborn Posta Rangers 1-0.

MONDAY FKF PL FIXTURES:

NRB City Stars vs Bidco (Ruara 3pm)
Ulinzi Stars vs Gor Mahia (ASK Showground 3:15pm)
Live on StarTimes BTV Channel



USA lose first men's Olympic basketball game since 2004

TOKYO: A USA team led by 11-time NBA All-Star Kevin Durant were beaten 83-76 by France in a huge Olympic basketball upset on Sunday.

The French, with a team containing NBA players including Rudy Gobert and Evan Fournier, inflicted the Americans' first defeat at an Olympics since the 2004 Athens Games.

Durant was held to just 10 points in the first-round game and was unable to inspire his team as the French came from behind to take control in the final quarter.

The Americans had looked rusty in the build-up to Tokyo, losing to Nigeria in a warm-up game, and the defeat will underline Durant's fears expressed before the Games that his side will not face a "cake-walk" in Japan.

Fournier was sensational for France, top-scoring with 28 points. Although the Boston Celtics player only scored four from 12 from beyond the three-point line, he found his range when it mattered to help the French stun the Americans.

"I tried to be aggressive. As an NBA player I know the players we were facing. We had to show the team how to attack them," Fournier said.

France clawed back from a 10-point deficit to set up a breathless final quarter and as the USA failed to find any rhythm, the French smelled victory in the Saitama arena, where spectators were absent because of coronavirus measures.

Fournier's three-pointer with 57 seconds remaining put his team ahead 76-74 and when Durant hit the rim with a three-pointer himself the French closed out the game with a succession of free throws.

When Jayson Tatum fouled Nicolas Batum, the French veteran NBA forward hit both from the line to seal a famous victory.

Utah Jazz centre Gobert played down the French victory.

"I mean it's great, but until we have what we want to have around our neck, it doesn't really matter," Gobert said.

"Every single guy that came in the game brought us something," he added.

"It's really the team that we want to be and it's exciting for the rest of the tournament."

The USA face Iran in their next game on Wednesday when France take on the Czech Republic.

- AFP

Losing start for Malkia Strikers in Olympics

by Amos Abuga
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Kenya women's volleyball team, Malkia Strikers, began their Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games campaign with a 0-3 (15-25, 11-25, 23-25) loss to hosts Japan yesterday.

Malkia Strikers, who are making a return to the Games since the Athens Olympics in 2004, next play South Korea on Tuesday.

It was not until the third set where the Kenyan ladies tried to impose themselves, eventually losing narrowly 23-25 with Sharon Chepchumba emerging top scorer with 18 points.

Kenya fielded a familiar first six of captain Mercy Moim, Leonida Kasaya, Edith Wisa, Jane Wacu, Gladys Ekaru, and Chepchumba with Agripina Kundu taking charge of the libero duties.

Japan raced to a 8-6 lead at the first technical timeout, 16-11 at the second before winning the set at 25-15. The second set was calamitous for Kenya, Japan leading 8-3 at the first technical timeout, 16-9 at the second and comfortably winning the set at 25-11.

Kenya will have themselves to blame for losing the third set. Japan led 8-6 at the first technical timeout before Kenya cut their

lead to one point at the second interval 16-15. Despite Kenya leading 23-21, individual mistakes gifted Japan the set at 25-23.



Tokyo Olympics medals table - Day 3

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
China	6	1	4	11
Japan	5	1	0	6
USA	4	2	4	10
S. Korea	2	0	3	5
ROC	1	4	2	7
Italy	1	1	3	5
Australia	1	1	1	3
France	1	1	1	3
Hungary	1	1	0	2
Tunisia	1	1	0	2