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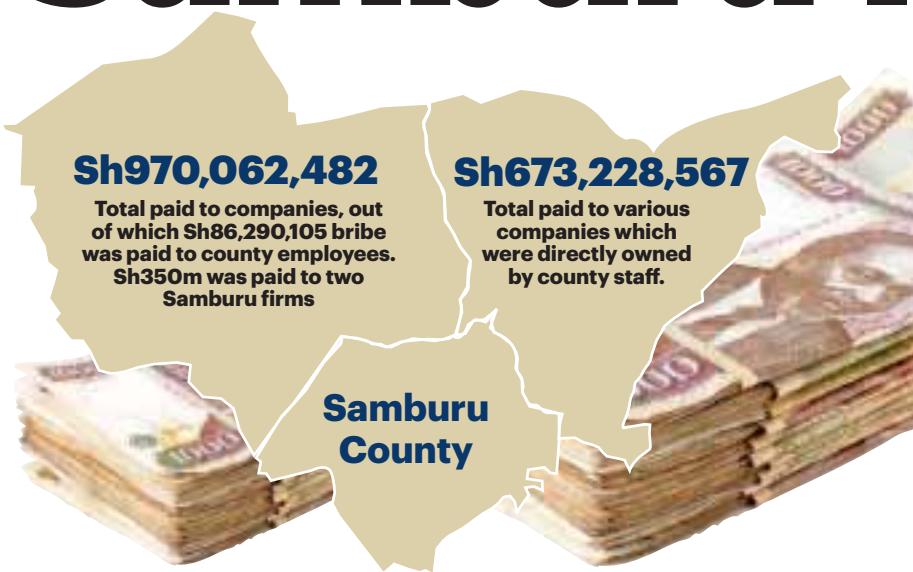
Child of a lesser god...



A resident of drought-scorched Ortut village in Gilgil, Naivasha, scoops algae-infested water for domestic use as his cows drink the same precious commodity. Most rivers in the area have dried up, a situation aggravated by the ongoing water rationing in the semi-arid sub-county. PHOTO: KIRERA MWITI

Cleaner gifted Sh26m in Samburu looting

In shocking details on how the Sh2b irregular tenders were awarded, EACC detectives publish list of staffers, who exclusively traded among themselves through 11 firms - **Page 6**



County staff trading with County Government

Top county administrator	Sh73,943,953
Senior county adviser	Sh 355,800
Senior finance officer	Sh 13,017,755
Assembly official	Sh 6,869,852
Senior Lands officer	Sh 41,370,249
Senior Roads staffer	Sh 367,500
Financial Adviser	Sh 2,086,840
Officer – Department of Health	Sh 346,000,000
Payroll staffer	Sh 6,078,028
Revenue officer	Sh 42,275,361
Subordinate staffer	Sh 25,581,952

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Lobby seeks protection in gay sex ruling

by Nancy Gitonga
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Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) has asked police to provide security for the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression (Sogie) community during the landmark judgement this morning on plea seeking to legalise homosexuality in Kenya.

In a letter seen by *People Daily* addressed to Nairobi police boss, the petitioners want the government to enhance security within Milimani Law Courts and countrywide to ensure there is no breach of law and order.

KNCHR wants police to beef up security for the sexual minority groups given the emotions attached to the petition.

Ex-cop gets three years imprisonment

by Bernice Mbugua
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A former Administration Police officer, who was last month found guilty of assaulting and causing grievous harm to an eggs vendor in 2011, was yesterday sentenced to three years in prison or a Sh100,000 fine.

Makadara Senior Principal magistrate Angelo Kithinji handed Gregory Wambire the sentence, saying she had considered his mitigation and a probation report.

During conviction, Kithinji had said the prosecution proved its case beyond reasonable doubt.

In the case, Wambire assaulted Dominic Munyoki on December 31, 2011.

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Legislators block JKIA Kenya Airways takeover

MPs invite Auditor General to probe faceless individuals planning merger, give a report in a months' time



She told us there were express instructions that the takeover be completed without delays -Anderson

by Anthony Mwangi
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The National Assembly has halted the planned takeover of Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) by Kenya Airways (KQ) after it emerged that the deal was being struck by a cabal of "powerful and faceless" individuals.

It also emerged that instructions for the takeover were issued by Transport Principal secretary Esther Koimett, who asked Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) managing director Jonny Anderson to act on a Cabinet decision.

Appearing before the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee (PIC), the KAA boss said he was called by Koimett and handed a letter instructing the board to complete the takeover as soon as possible. He added that he acted on the instruction despite being in the dark over the deal.

"During our meeting with Koimett, she told us that there were express instructions that the takeover be completed without delays," he added.

MPs pressed Anderson to shed light on the takeover to no avail before directing that the takeover be halted pending determination of



SHEDDING LIGHT

Kenya Airports Authority (KAA) managing director Jonny Anderson says the authority asked National Treasury for guidance on what to do with the takeover proposal and Treasury told the authority to consider it.

Asked by legislators to explain the working relationship between Kenya Airways and KAA, Anderson said KQ owes the authority Sh3.8 billion as at December, 2018.

Kenya Airports Authority MD Jonny Andersen when he appeared before the National Assembly's Public Investments Committee, yesterday. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

the matter by committee.

Anderson said KAA on November 18, 2018 sought advisors on technical and legal considerations of the takeover, which involved allowing KQ to operate JKIA for 30 years and invest further if the proposal is accepted.

Delivering the PIC ruling, chairman Abduswamad Nassir said the advisor, MMA Consortium, that had already been paid 10 per cent—Sh15 million of the agreed Sh150 million fee for the consultancy—be stopped from proceeding its work.

The committee also invited the Auditor General to conduct a forensic audit on the planned takeover and give a report in a months' time.

Legislators also asked KAA board chairperson Isaac Awuondo, who is also managing director of one of the banks owed huge amounts by KQ, to step aside pending the determination of the matter.

Protested move

Kiminini MP Chris Wamalwa said it was in the interest of KAA and his own integrity that Awuondo should leave office as Parliament probes the takeover.

But Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria protested the move to discuss Awuondo, saying more than seven banks were owed by the national carrier and cautioned the committee against targeting him.

Kuria told the committee that stopping the takeover process was not only "ill-advised but preemptive, presumptive and out of order". Nandi Hills MP Alfred Keter, who brought the petition before the committee, said the takeover was illegal because the KAA Act, Cap 395, prohibits ownership of airports by private entities.

'Indecent' artistes to face the music, warns Mutua

by Bernard Gitau
@benagitau

The government has warned artistes and musicians against contravening the Films and Stage Plays Act or face arrest and prosecution.

Kenya Film and Classification Board (KFCB) chief executive Ezekiel Mutua issued the warning after controversial photos of artiste Esther

Akoth popularly known as Akothee emerged online.

"They have resulted to daring the government by stretching the bounds of freedom by promoting immorality and defiling our common decency," said Mutua.

He said the board has received many complaints from the public on the trend of sexualising content and stage performances in public places.

Duo in human trafficking case detained for a week

by Bernice Mbugua
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An Indian and a Kenyan were yesterday detained for five days to allow police complete investigations into their suspected linkage to human trafficking.

Peter Ketulkumar Govindbhai and Patroba Odhiambo Tobia were arrested on Wednesday at Jomo Kenyatta Inter-

national Airport (JKIA).

Immigration prosecution counsel Benjamin Onyango said the two were arrested after intelligence reports showed that they are part of human trafficking racket that involves procurement of fake travel documents.

Nairobi Senior Resident Magistrate Ben Nzako heard that investigators need to establish digital print trails of the duo, hence the detention plea.



Well intentioned warnings met by witty cynicism

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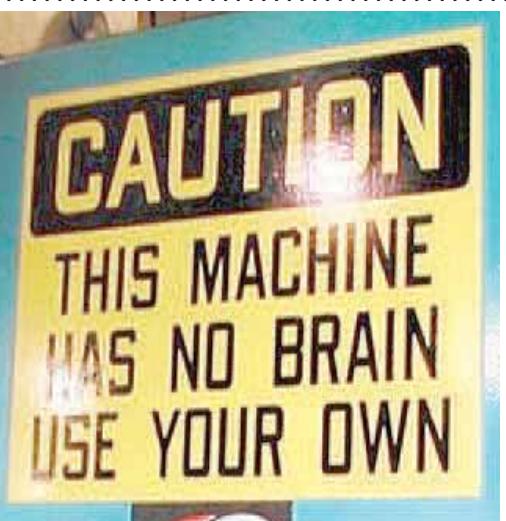
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Seems guys from Idaho, US, are no laughing matter.

Maraga exposing Judiciary to public ridicule, senators claim

by Hillary Mageka
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Senators have turned the heat on Chief Justice David Maraga accusing him of exposing the Judiciary to humiliation and public ridicule after he attended a political function presided by President Uhuru Kenyatta in Kisii yesterday.

Led by Senate Minority Leader James Orengo, Bungoma Senator Moses Wetang'ula and his Nandi counterpart Samson Cherargei, the lawmakers accused Maraga of bringing dishonour to

I will mobilise my colleagues to pay a courtesy call to the CJ - Wetang'ula

a profession honoured worldwide.

"This is bad for the Judiciary. Maraga must be told there were some Chief Justices in this country that were more executive but never appeared in a political rallies," Orengo said.

"We feel embarrassed with Chief

Justice. I will mobilise my colleagues to pay a courtesy call to the CJ - Wetang'ula.

Cherargei promised to take up the matter as on his capacity as Chair of Legal and Human rights committee to come up with methodologies to protect the office of the Chief Justice.

Nairobi Senator Johnson Sakaja cautioned his colleagues not to apportion blame on Maraga, saying if all arms of government heads should not attend political functions, then Speakers of the Senate and National Assembly should lead by example.



Nurses from Nakuru county protest outside the Nakuru Level 5 Hospital on Tuesday. PHOTO: RAPHAEL MUNGE

Do not politicise nurses strike, Cotu tells county bosses

by People Team
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Central Organisation of Trade Unions (Cotu) has warned governors not to politicise the ongoing nurses strike.

The union accused governors of seeking refuge in President Uhuru Kenyatta's name yet the issue at hand involved millions of Kenyans across the country who have been left out suffering.

Cotu board member Wafula Wamusalia said governors have no choice but to pay nurses as they agreed on their 2017 CBA.

"They have misused money and are now seeking refuge from the President. We will not allow that to happen. Nurses must be paid," said Wamusalia.

Nurses' demands

This came as Uhuru on Wednesday dismissed nurses' demands maintaining that the government has no money to pay them.

The union has also faulted Labour Cabinet secretary Ukur Yattani for misleading the National government by calling for conciliatory talks which have so far not borne any meaningful progress.

Meanwhile, Murang'a governor Mwangi Wa Iria is proposing that nurses in the country be employed on contract basis saying this will

enhance service delivery.

Speaking at Ihura Stadium during the launch of Tiba Mashinani on Tuesday, Wa Iria said blackmail on the basis salary must stop.

In Mombasa, the nurses have been dealt a blow after the county government hinted at acceding to Controller of Budget's directive, requiring the county to revoke all the enhanced allowances that reflected in the nurses' January payslips.

The County director of Communications Richard Chacha, said the county has begun consultations with Knun Mombasa chapter official to work on the modalities of recovering the paid allowances.

In Kakamega, nurses called off the strike three days after they downed tools and joined their colleagues in other counties to press for implementation of enhanced uniform and other allowances.

Knun secretary Renson Bulunya flanked by his chairman Eliud Molenje and other officials announced the decision to end the strike yesterday and asked all nurses to report back to their duty stations latest Monday next week.

In Siaya, the nurses on Wednesday evening signed a return-to-work formula to safeguard their jobs. This after union officials inked a deal with the County government.

We will not cede our territory, says Juma

CS says Kenya had taken great exceptions over its neighbour's handling of the maritime boundary dispute

by Anthony Mwangi, Hillary Mageka and PSCU
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Kenya has warned Somalia that it will not cede any part of its territory amid a dispute over maritime boundaries between the two countries.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet secretary Monica Juma told a press conference last evening that Kenya had taken great exceptions over its neighbour's handling of the matter.

She spoke yesterday after an earlier Cabinet meeting at State House, Nairobi, chaired by President Uhuru Kenyatta which discussed and agreed on a roadmap for resolving the maritime border dispute with Somalia and measures for safeguarding Kenya's territorial integrity.

The Cabinet resolution will also safeguard Kenya's marine resources including offshore oil and gas exploration acreage in the Indian Ocean.

Respond to issues

Also discussed and approved was the Sectional Properties Bill 2018. The bill simplifies the process of registering sectional properties and creates an enabling environment for investors and property owners.

"We will not allow anyone to interfere in any way with our territory. We cannot and will not negotiate about that," Juma warned.

She said Nairobi was still waiting for a response to issues raised in a note to the Somali government before taking the next course of action.

Asked what action Kenya would take should Somalia fail to respond, Juma said the government was confident that Mogadishu will act before it's "too late."

While explaining the processes which led to the recall of the Kenyan envoy to Somalia, the CS said Kenya had before the move by its neigh-

Five police reservists killed in bandit attack

Tension remained high in Kapindasum village, Marigat in Baringo county after suspected bandits raided the area yesterday killing five National Police Reservists (NPRs), left scores injured before driving away with unknown number of livestock.

The armed group is said to have surrounded manyattas occupied by herders who had moved into the area in search of pasture and attacked them at around 2am.

County Police Commander Robinson Ndhiwa said the reservists who were guarding the manyattas, were killed when they engaged the

attackers in a fight.

He said the affected pastoralists from Lokumkum, Kiserian and Nosukro had moved to Kapindasum in search of pasture and water.

"As a result of the ambush, five NPRs were killed while several members of community were seriously injured," he said.

County commissioner Henry Wafula who also condemned the brutal killings and loss of livestock assured the affected that the government will not relent until all the culprits involved are brought to book and animals recovered.

-KNA



ABOUT DISPUTE

Last week, the Somalia government denied claims that it had auctioned oil and gas blocks in Kenya's maritime territorial area that borders Somalia.

The country said the supposed auction only sold data for the benefit of companies interested in the gas and oil fields once the dispute is resolved.

bour announcing the intended auction of the oil blocks, asked for a clarification from Mogadishu but no response was coming.

"We asked our envoy in Mogadishu to seek clarification from the Somali administration but was told to wait for over a week prompting us to recall the envoy for consultation and also asked the Somali ambassador to go back home for a similar assignment," she said. Juma however, expressed confidence that the tiff will be addressed soon, adding that there was no cause for alarm.

"The two countries have had cordial relations over decades and the current spat will not affect the relations," said the CS who was accompanied by her Principal secretary Macharia Kamau.

"Things are moving on normally, people are doing business, transport both road and air have not been affected by the matter which is more diplomatic," Kamau assured.

Earlier, Solicitor General Ken

Ogeto had said Somalia government may have breached the ruling of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) that prohibited both parties from undertaking any activity in the contested maritime border in the Indian Ocean.

Allegations that Somalia government had auctioned controversial oil and gas blocks on February 7 in London, the United Kingdom sparked a diplomatic spat between the two countries.

Disputed area

Appearing before the National Assembly's Justice and Legal Affairs committee, Ogeto said the ICJ orders were clear to both parties not to engage in disputed area but the Mogadishu government acted in bad faith.

"As far as I am concerned, the Somalia government has breached the orders of ICJ," he said.

Ogeto who was appearing before the committee to defend State Law office 2019/20 budget said they would need at least Sh1 trillion to clear pending bills including the monies they owe the lawyers representing Kenya at ICJ.

Court grants ex-PS Omollo cash reprieve

NYS scandal suspect allowed to withdraw Sh2 million from frozen account

by Nancy Gitonga
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The High Court yesterday allowed former Youth and Gender Principal secretary Lilian Omollo to withdraw Sh2 million from her frozen accounts held at Diamond Trust Bank Capital Centre branch to meet her living expenses.

Omollo, who is facing charges in relation to the theft of Sh167 million at the National Youth Service, had petitioned the court in January to allow her to withdraw Sh2.26 million every month from her frozen accounts to cater for family's needs and maintenance of her three vehicles.

The Assets Recovery Agency had opposed to the application saying it had no merit and was misconceived.

But in granting the application, Justice Hedwig Ong'undi directed that the rest of the money would remain frozen pending determination of the case.

The judge said not all of Omollo's accounts had been frozen by Assets Recovery Agency (ARA) and there was a room for her to adjust her lifestyle to fit her current financial status.

At the same time Ong'undi declined to allow Omollo to file similar applications in future.

Public interest

Ong'undi said the interests of the State and Omollo must be taken care of by the court as it considers the application.

The judge said there is a high public interest in the money subject to criminal cases facing her which cannot just be washed away.



Former Youth and Gender PS Lilian Omollo at a past court appearance over the NYS scandal case. PHOTO: FILE

Last year the court froze 10 of her accounts held in Equity and Diamond Trust banks with Sh33.1 million on suspicion they were used as conduits for millions of shillings stolen at the NYS.

Omollo's seven bank accounts had Sh20.6 million while that of her children Sheela Mbogo, Stephanie Mbogo and Shalom Kamwetu had Sh12.5 million.

The Assets Recovery Agency had revealed to the court that millions of shillings, including a cash deposit of Sh20 million on April 20, were wired to the accounts registered to Sheela, Stephanie and Shalom.

20 bank officials linked to NYS scam face arrest

by PD Reporter
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At least 20 senior managers of five commercial banks could be arrested anytime over the Sh1 billion looted from the National Youth Service (NYS).

Investigations by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations have established that some of the managers knowingly allowed key suspects in the NYS scam to move large sums of money undetected through their banks.

DCI boss George Kinoti, through a letter dated February 7, has asked the Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji to charge 20 top officials of the banks.

Detectives have been investigating the movement of the money through Standard Chartered, Kenya Commercial, Equity, Diamond Trust and Cooperative banks.

Suspicious transactions

According to details released by Haji last month, StanChart processed a total of Sh1.6 billion between January 2016 and April 2018 out of which Sh588 million was suspiciously transacted by bank officials.

KCB received Sh800 million and was fingered for looking



Director of Criminal Investigations George Kinoti. PHOTO: FILE

away from transactions valued at Sh148.3 million while Equity Bank got Sh886 million looked away over some transactions in Kenyan shillings and dollars.

Banks fined

DTB received Sh164 million, out of which Sh27.9 million was suspect while Cooperative Bank got Sh250 million out of which Sh25 million raised eyebrows.

Haji later announced he had instructed a team of special prosecutors to review the evidence gathered by DCI and advice if to charge all or some of them.

The prosecutors had 14 days

to finish their work and sources said they had cleared their work and advised the DPP on the way forward.

Sources at the DPP intimated that DCI officers could move into action any time.

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) has already fined the five banks a total of Sh392 million for failing to report large transactions to the industry regulator.

CBK said the fines were based on the banks' failure to report large transactions that would have raised a red flag to relevant investigating authorities.

President calls for land use dialogue

by Robert Ochoro
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President Uhuru Kenyatta has urged leaders to start debate on economical land use in the face of growing population.

The President, who was accompanied by Deputy President William Ruto and Opposition leader Raila Odinga, said the sub-division of land into uneconomical units had contributed to low food production.



Addressing leaders at Kisii Boys School on Wednesday, he challenged leaders to sensitise locals on the need to consolidate land.

Raila called for adoption of the best global practices in land consolidation.

Sonko has 14 days to reply in defamation suit

by Bernice Mbugua
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Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko was yesterday given two weeks to respond to a defamation suit against him by Nairobi businessman Mike Kamau.

Kamau, who is the owner of Marble Arch Hotel, has accused the governor of interfering with his repossession of a 20-acre plot in Nairobi's Kayole despite a valid eviction order.

The tycoon, through his

Muthithi Investments company, has also accused Sonko of publicising a recording of their phone conversation.

Sonko's lawyer Harrison Kinyanjui asked the court for more time to respond to the suit saying the governor was away on official duties and had not signed the replying affidavits.

Justice Msagha Mbogholi granted the application and directed that the matter to be mentioned on March 12.

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‘Cleaner paid Sh26m’ in shocking Samburu scam

Governor Moses Lenolkulal among top officials being investigated by anti-graft agency

■ by Kinyuru Munuhe and Bernard Gitau
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Fresh details of shocking financial obscenities and fiscal carnage surrounding the embezzlement of Sh2 billion by Samburu county by officials have emerged.

In one astonishing deal, a cleaner was told to register a firm into whose account a whooping Sh26million was promptly deposited as she joined a list of favoured allies, county officials and relatives with proximity to the centre of power who have been linked to the looting of Sh2 billion.

In the plunder that reads more like fiction and features top cats—Governor Moses Lenolkulal, senior county staffers and friends—a subordinate staffer in the department of Agriculture was asked to register a company into whose account the cash was poured.

A report from the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) details how county staff, in an incestuous dealing engaged with the county government receiving a total of Sh673 million while another substantial share of Sh70 million paid to companies for services allegedly not rendered went to senior county employees as kickbacks.

The revelation comes a day after EACC detectives raided and searched the homes of Samburu Governor Moses Lenolkulal in both Samburu and Nairobi. He later recorded a statement with EACC detectives at Integrity Centre.

The governor yesterday pledged full cooperation with detectives but insisted the transactions were



done above board and that documents would be provided to prove it. He, however, said in case any fiddling is proved, those fingered would have to carry their cross.

EACC officers investigating the theft pointed to a series of suspicious expenditures as they continued to comb through homes and offices of suspects for evidence.

Other officials targeted include directors and contractors from diverse companies suspected to have conspired to swindle cash belonging to the county.

Speaking in Maralal, the headquarters of Samburu county, Lenolkulal called for speedy completion of investigations even as EACC sleuths linked him to Sh73.9 million allegedly paid to his petrol station.

“During the period various companies were paid Sh970,062,482 for various contracts out of which they paid Sh86,290,105 in bribes to senior county staff,” an EACC report reads in part.

The plot involved some county officials registering companies that were subsequently awarded contracts worth over Sh700 mil-

Samburu Governor Moses Lenolkulal.
PHOTO: FILE

lion but with no service being rendered.

An official in the governor’s office received Sh20.4 million paid to his two firms.

A leading official in the county Legislature traded with the Executive at the expense of heading the oversight arm, pocketing Sh6.8 million through a firm.

Three County Assembly Members reportedly received Sh27.8 m, Sh1.1 million and Sh1.5 million respectively while an official from the health department received Sh346 million and another from same department got Sh18.8 m.

A former legislator (Sh13.6 million), PA to a top County Assembly official (Sh16.4 million), PA to former Assembly official (Sh24.3 million), an accountant, (Sh4 million) joined the looting bandwagon.

Others were senior officials from count Finance (Sh7.4 million), Lands (Sh41.3 million), another from Finance (Sh2 million), a revenue official (Sh42.2 million) a subordinate staff in the department of Agriculture

(Sh 25.5 million), a Payroll staffer (Sh 6 million) and an official from Roads (Sh365, 000). An ICT official got Sh21.7 million from a firm whose director had been paid Sh60.2 million.

EACC said their investigations proved the money was withdrawn in cash and shared among county officials.

On bribery by companies to county employees, the report revealed that Sh970 million was credited to 13 companies for various projects with Sh86.3 million paid as bribes to county staffs from firms undertaking engineering, construction, general supplies.

According to the investigations, 36 other county officials shared out Sh86.3 million in kickbacks after contractors were awarded tenders worth Sh1 billion for works partly done or not done at all.

Should he be arrested, Lenolkulal will join a list of governors facing graft charges after Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong was last year in July over Sh20 million fraud allegations.

Kemsa officials arrested over warehouse contract scandal

■ by Kinyuru Munuhe
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Three Kenya Medical Supplies Authority (Kemsa) officials were yesterday arrested in connection with a scam involving a Sh4.3 billion contract for the construction of a warehouse in Nairobi.

Two of the officials are from the procurement department while one is from the legal department.

They are accused of altering the tender documents to favour some bidders.



The three were grilled at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) headquarters.

Kemsa Chief Executive Officer John Manjari denied knowledge of the arrests.

“I have not been arrested and I am not aware of any officer who has been arrested. There has been no request from the DCI on any matter,” Manjari told People Daily on phone.

People Daily established the DCI had previously requested information regarding construction of the warehouse whose tender was controver-

sially awarded.

Indian firm Vaghjiyani Enterprises was issued with award letter but it was immediately challenged by Central Electrical Limited which told the review board and Appeals Board, that the tender document contents were altered after the bids were opened in contravention of the law.

Vaghjiyani Enterprises had submitted a tender price of Sh3.07 billion compared to EPCO’s Sh3.09 billion. Jilk Construction had quoted Sh3.4 billion.

Sang links narcotics ship to Joho defamation case

■ by Bernice Mbugua
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MV Alnoor was destroyed on August 29, 2014, under the supervision of President Uhuru Kenyatta after it was found with 270kg of heroin.

In the letter, Sang’s lawyer says the information about the ship would help vindicate him in a defamation suit filed by Mombasa Governor Ali Hassan Joho.

Joho sued Sang and MPs Oscar Sudi (Kapsabet), Kimani Ichung’wah (Kikuyu) and Didimus Barasa (Kimili) for linking him to drug trafficking.

OT-Morpho defends poll kits tender with IEBC

■ by Mercy Mwai
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The French firm that was awarded the multi billion-shilling tender to supply electoral materials in the 2017 General Election yesterday said it fairly won the tender and delivered on the contract.

Appearing before the Public Accounts Committee, IDEMIA, formerly OT-Morpho, senior vice president Olivier Charlanes and executive vice-president Mathew Foxton, said that they did not use anyone to canvass for the tender worth Sh6.7 billion.

According to them, their meetings with commissioners were formal and structured even as they clarified that it was the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) that engaged them directly to provide the equipment as the commission had limited time before the elections.

Charlanes said the company had delivered as per its contractual obligation.

“As a company, we have no doubt that we dutifully provided a robust system to IEBC as part of our commitment to empower citizens to vote in ways that are now possible in a connected environment,” he told the committee chaired by Opiyo Wandayi.

Kiems kits

In the last general election, IEBC awarded the firm a Sh4.19 billion tender to supply the 45,000 Kenya Integrated Election Management System (Kiems) kits used in the August 8, 2017, elections and another Sh2.5 billion for the repeat presidential election on October 26.

They told the committee that they had been doing business with the Kenya government since 2008 and had supplied the Kenyan Police with a criminal Automated Palm and Fingerprints Identification System (APFIS) while in 2012, they delivered a robust biometric voter registration system to the IEBC.

IDÉMIA (formerly OT-Morpho) is a French company with headquarters in Paris.

Doubts abound about owners of the ship—Sang

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NEWS BEAT
ROUND-UP**Uhuru set to roll out Sh33b social wellbeing initiative**

The government will roll out a Sh33 billion social inclusion programme to boost ongoing efforts to transform the socio-economic wellbeing of Kenyans and restore the dignity of the most vulnerable in society, President Uhuru Kenyatta has said. Speaking at State House, Nairobi, on Tuesday when he flagged off a fleet of new vehicles and motorcycles for use by State officers to improve service delivery to Inua Jamii programme beneficiaries, Uhuru said the funds for the Kenya Social and Economic Inclusion Programme are already being budgeted for and that the initiative will be rolled out in coming months. "The target of the programme is to streamline our delivery systems so that every Kenyan who needs help can get it," he said.

- PSCU

**Chelugui calls for patience in Thwake dam compensation**

Water Cabinet secretary Simon Chelugui has urged 186 families who have not been compensated for land they gave up for the construction of Thwake Dam to be patient as their dues are being processed. He said individuals affected by the dam are yet to receive payout totalling Sh675 million and allayed fears that the expiry of the National Land Commission mandate would delay the payments further. "Though the NLC term has expired, we are making arrangements to have the secretariat payout," the CS said. The Sh62 million dam will provide water for irrigation, power and domestic use for Ukambani residents.

- SIMON NTHUSI

**Trader in love triangle murder case to know fate next month**

Businessman Leonard Kanari (pictured) who is accused of killing a credit officer in an alleged love triangle scuffle will know his fate on March 26. High Court trial judge Jessie Lessit set the ruling date for whether he has a case to answer after the prosecution closed its case and the parties made their final submissions. Kanari is charged with killing Christopher Muganda on the night of May 26, 2016 at Icon Flats in Garden estate, Kasarani area in Nairobi after allegedly finding him with his girlfriend in his house. - NANCY GITONGA

Sh20b needed to bridge tutors deficit, says TSC

Macharia says funds will be used to hire 87,393 interns to meet the current teachers shortage in the country

by Mercy Mwai
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Teachers Service Commission (TSC) yesterday said it requires about Sh20 billion to hire 87,393 interns to meet the current teachers shortage in the country.

The move came as it emerged that the third phase of the implementation of Collective Bargain Agreement (CBA), that will see teachers getting a salary increment, may not be effected as the said money was not factored in the Budget Policy Statement.

Appearing before the Education committee, TSC chairperson Nancy Macharia said they require an additional Sh13 billion to implement the CBA that is due in July 2019.

Second phase

Already, TSC has implemented the first and second phase of the CBA that is to run for four years. In 2017, the TSC and Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) agreed on a Sh54 billion deal to be implemented on a four year period.

"The third phase is due for implementation in July 2019. The estimated additional cost is Sh13 billion, which was not provided in the budget Policy Statement," she said.

On hiring of the intern teachers, Macharia told the committee that she will be forwarding them a

**PLAN OPPOSED**

Past attempts by TSC to recruit interns had been met with resistance from Knut and Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (Kuppet).

Last year when the agency announced that it was planning to recruit 68,000 interns, Knut secretary general Wilson Sosision termed the proposal an insult to the teaching profession.

legal framework and proposal on how they intend to achieve this.

She said just like other sectors, the government should allow them to employ the interns to address the current shortage which stands at 37,643 teachers for primary school and 49,750 for post primary school.

The committee, led by chairperson Julius Melly (Tinderet MP) directed the TSC boss to come up with a policy framework on the same and bring it before the House

TSC chief executive Nancy Macharia when she appeared before National Assembly's Education committee, yesterday. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

team by Monday next week, for them to table it before the budget and appropriations committee.

Kilome MP Thaddeus Nzambia said the worst affected areas should be given priority to ensure there is regional balance in the employment. "The employment of interns and promotion of teachers to higher job groups needs to be done in all regions, the process should be fair," he said.

Macharia who had appeared to defend the commission's budget, also said they require Sh6.5 billion to hire an additional 10,000 teachers as well as another Sh3 billion to hire 4,700 teachers for the 100 per cent transition.

Mass cops reshuffle at Shauri Moyo station

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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Deputy Inspector General of Police Edward Mbugua has effected mass transfers at Shauri Moyo Police Station, overhauling the operations and general duty command in the station.

Out of the 64 officers moved in the mini-reshuffle, 37 are drawn from Shauri Moyo.

Mbugua further ordered written explanations regarding six officers transferred



from the same station between May and August last year and are yet to report to their new station.

Assault charges

Mbugua's action comes against the backdrop of an ongoing case involving a former Administration Police officer at the station who was accused of indecently assaulting a minor but is yet to be charged despite recommendations to have him taken to court.

"The Deputy Inspector General of the Kenya Police Service has approved the deployment of the following officers with immediate effect. Release the officers to report to their new stations by February 27, 2019. Submit casualty returns on departure or arrival." A police correspondence dated February 20 says in part.

Mob lynches suspect, another arrested over Bureti murder

by Philip Yegon
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A mob lynched a suspect at the home of a murdered woman who was killed by a gang of four at Samuget village in the outskirts of Litein town, Bureti sub-county.

At the same time, detectives have arrested a suspect in connection with the murder of the 73-year-old Anna Chepkwony. The criminals also injured the woman's husband and raped three of their grandchildren and a maid.

Positively identified

The arrested suspect was smoked out of his hideout in Litein town and he is currently assisting police with investigations. He was believed to be among the four that invaded the home of Richard Chepkwony and committed the offence.

The grandchildren, househelp and Chepkwony are admitted at Litein Mission Hospital undergoing treatments.

Mourners are said to have descended on the suspect after one of



Former Chief Justice Willy Mutunga with Nairobi Woman Rep Esther Passaris and Narc-Kenya party leader Martha Karua (left) during the memorial service for the late human rights activist Caroline Mwatha at Uhuru Park's Freedom Corner in Nairobi, yesterday. Activists insisted the colleague was murdered although an autopsy last week showed she died after a botched abortion. PHOTO: ALEX MBURU

the bereaved family members "positively identified" him as a suspect in the crime. He was killed on the spot.

Efforts by police to rescue him were fruitless. They fired in the air to disperse the irate mob in vain.

On the run

Kericho Police boss James Mugera said the lynched suspect had gone to the homestead on Wednesday to assist in household chores during the funeral arrangements for the woman.

"The arrested suspect will assist us with investigations into the murder. We are still tracking down others," he said, yesterday.

Meanwhile, Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony and Bureti MP Japheth Mutai have called on the police to ensure the culprits are brought to book.

"We are asking Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i and Inspector General of Police Joseph Boinet to intervene so that the family gets justice," said Chepkwony who visited the family, yesterday.

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Ntarangwi

► "We have worked with the relevant agencies to ensure compliance issues raised on majority of the programmes have been addressed," CUE boss Mwenda Ntarangwi on varsity courses crisis.



Pope

► "People expect from us not predictable condemnations, but concrete, effective measures. Hear the cry of the little ones who plead for justice," Pope Francis to priests on child sex abuse.



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Editorial

More efforts needed to save Nairobi River

This week, we featured a disturbing report on callous and irresponsible dumping of toxic medical waste into Nairobi River.

The shocking discovery came as Environment CS Keriako Tobiko and National Environmental Management Authority (Nema) director general Geoffrey Wahungu inspected the ongoing clean-up of the river.

What is happening to this water body is nothing short of court disaster. There have been several attempts to clean up the river but each such effort has been futile despite colossal sums of money being sunk into the exercise.

For instance, in the 2018/19 financial year, Sh800 million was earmarked for such purpose but nine months into the year, there is nothing to show for it.

This is worrying because the tour by the Tobiko and Wahungu only revealed the criminal neglect of a river choking in all manner of garbage, human and industrial waste, liquid effluents, petrochemicals, heavy metals and overflowing sewers.

It was not only a sobering moment, but a stinging indictment of those—including the CS, Nema and the Nairobi county government—charged to do something about the situation.

They have not only failed in their duty, they are also complicit to the ecological horror and aesthetic assault on city residents. In typical Kenyan style, the river clean-up programme will likely be a cash cow for National and County governments bureaucrats and their cronies.

It is reported that Sh100 million has been sunk into the filth, yet the river continues to die as residents ingest poison from heavy metal effluents and HIV-contaminated blood bags and other deadly medical waste.

One wonders if it can really get worse. Unfortunately, it can and will!

The last time there was a serious attempt to clean up the river was when the late John Michuki was Environment minister. There was also token activity by former Nairobi Metropolitan minister, the late Senator Mutula Kilonzo, who declared that ultimately Nairobians would be able to swim in the river.

It is time to cease TV talk shows and get down to work. Tobiko, Nema and City Hall must now galvanise resources and move to reclaim the river. They must get out of their air-conditioned offices and go to the ground.

City residents, too, must play their role in the campaign against further pollution of the river. This is literally matter of life and death!

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

We won't have a society if we destroy the environment
—Margaret Mead



Prof Levi Obonyo



Wit Citizens who less tolerant of leaders' laissez faire ways are likely to get more out of them

Leaders beware, public bursting your bubble

Over the last two weeks, contrasting events have taken place in Kenya and Uganda that are almost similar but treated very differently by citizens in the two countries.

In the neighbouring Uganda, junior minister for Tourism, Godfrey Kiwanda, is said to have unveiled a campaign to have the country's curvy women counted as part of tourism attraction. The women's curves are thus commoditised as their contribution to the nation's GDP.

He spoke while parading, not one, but a bevy of curvy women who seemed rather proud to hog the public limelight. I doubt Kiwanda is a good student of history.

Nearly two centuries ago, a South African woman, Sarah Baartman, is reported to have been at least one of two women transported to France and placed in a museum as a source of amusement. She was, arguably, the epitome of curviness.

Human rights activists have had a lot to say about the treatment Baartman was subjected to, but it seems that Kiwanda was suggesting that Ugandan full bodied women should be visited with what Baartman experienced two centuries ago. In response to Kiwanda's proposal, as was

to be expected, people condemned the suggestion.

Closer home, women in Tharaka Nthi were up in arms against their governor, whose language they noted was increasingly becoming sexist and denigrating towards women. To show displeasure, the women marched to the governor's office and dumped their underwear at the entrance.

The protest was not the only incident in which Kenyans were registering displeasure with public officials. In the other corner of the country Marsabit, residents served their leaders dirty water to protest lack of access to clean water.

Both Tharaka Nthi and Marsabit incidents speak to a possible awakening of the ordinary people towards officialdom.

In the past, the average public almost fell over themselves whenever dignitaries visited.

It is this deferment to the leader that probably has contributed to the mindset in Kenya and indeed Africa, that it is the duty of the average citizen to serve the leader. At the same time, it is almost as if leadership provides the office holder with a license to do as they please.

Further, it is what makes leaders

think they know it all thus offer opinion anytime and anywhere even where such opinion is not solicited.

The increasing social awakening is needed to shake leaders out of their stupor into recognising that the people they lead—rather than serve—are not docile.

This also sparks hope that the public could begin to hold leaders to account more diligently.

Whether other African leaders are live to this reality is a different matter altogether.

In the Ugandan case, Kiwanda received, by Kenyan standards, a fairly mild response. He is fortunate he was not in Nairobi. Kenyans have in the past protested against far less.

Could this be a pointer to a possible chasm between African countries?

The social consciousness is critical in holding leaders to account. Citizens who are less tolerant of leaders' laissez faire ways are likely to get more out of the leaders than countries that are just awed by leadership. Kenya is beginning to show a bit of this consciousness.

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Lillian Onyango

Pay attention to agriculture for food security

Doing the same thing over and over, while expecting different results, it is said, can only be insanity.

Unfortunately, this appears to be the default approach of the National Treasury, when it comes to the budget process, and particularly on initiatives aimed at reforming the agriculture sector. Yet agriculture is the backbone of the economy and cornerstone in ensuring food and nutrition security—a key imperative for survival and economic productivity.

Access to quality food is a human right enshrined in the Constitution, hence the need to focus adequate efforts in producing adequate food.

Despite government obligations to take steps to progressively achieving the full realisation of the right to food, budget allocation to agriculture falls short of realising this objective. Even after public participation is invited in shaping the Budget Policy Statement and submissions made by different actors, the recommendations never reflect in the final document. Drafters of the statement, it appears, have a script they would never depart from.

It is no wonder all this does not move the needle with regard to ensuring the right to quality food is guaranteed to all. Environmentally-conscious agricultural production suffers greatly and the safety of food is at rock bottom. Livelihoods of farmers are in jeopardy and the country's ability to meet food needs for future generations is

increasingly unlikely.

According to the Global Hunger Index 2018, one out of three Kenyans suffers from food insecurity and malnutrition. It is ironic that the urgency of ensuring food security is not lost on the government, which has earmarked it as a priority under the Big Four agenda.

The agriculture sectors does not lack ideas on how to break the chain of hunger. It suffers more talk and less action, or action but with the wrong focus.

Proposals, such as the need to finance big-ticket agriculture projects with potential to enhance food security and proper investment across the value chain, are never followed through, particularly when it comes to funding. Despite request to allocate Sh40.6 billion to agriculture, only Sh7.7 billion made it in the budget statement.

The question we should be asking ourselves is whether major agriculture projects are an effective solution to chronic food insecurity, when a majority of farmers are smallholders. Clearly, the problem is not production, but distribution and economic access.

Even the need to address the plight of smallholder farmers is nothing but words that ring hollow, hence the vulnerability of the growers and the sector as a whole to the vagaries of the weather. There is no meaningful political commitment to institute small-scale irrigation projects, enhance ac-

cess to knowledge about ecological ways of farming, alongside other measures.

The same goes for post-harvest losses. Why are we so set on the production side of this equation when an estimated 40 per cent of the food that is produced ends up going to waste? This explains why contribution of agriculture to Kenya's GDP fell to a measly 1.7 per cent from year's 4.1 per cent, according to 2018 Economic Survey.

The situation will remain bleak unless the talk is replaced with the actions to address familiar challenges. The recently released 2019 Budget Policy Statement continues on the same path, waxing lyrical about the government's plan to increase food production, boost smallholder productivity and reduce the cost of food.

However, it fails to concretise this. This is an issue of grave concern because it is this document that sets out broad strategic priorities and policy goals to guide budgeting for National and County governments.

The National Treasury, it appears, is only interested in ticking a box, as required by the Public Finance Management Act. This is a mockery of the sanctity of public participation.

Until talk is matched with action, and all stakeholders are heard, the vicious cycle will continue as we continue musing why so many Kenyans still struggle to access quality food.

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Ndung'u Mburu

Our justice system is super-efficient for the poor

There's no other country I'd rather live in than Kenya! Seriously. This is the only country with a national park in its capital city; the home of beautiful storybooks marketed as "manifestos"; the home to the most efficient Judiciary to the poor man! With such a winning combination, why would anybody want to be citizens of any other country?

This is a country that convicts a 22-year-old father for "stealing" own baby from hospital because he's unable to pay Sh56,000 hospital bill while the same court allows people accused of stealing billions of public money to stay in hospital because their stomachs don't exactly agree with the food served in remand prisons.

This is Kenya, my friend! The justice system is highly efficient when you have no money. What more could you ask for? Not efficient? Do you have any idea how efficient you have to be to make a grown man cry without, either, winning an election that makes one a top honcho or having a nomination stolen from you?

I saw people on social media hollering, breathing fire and brimstone, claiming to

have been "shocked" that Boniface Murage was arrested and arraigned for "stealing his own baby". I too was shocked. Shocked that people were shocked! What is most shocking is the fact that he couldn't raise the requisite amount that would have allowed him to avoid such overdramatic actions.

In this day and age, which 22-year-old can't raise a measly Sh50,000? Didn't the storybook I referred to earlier promise to "create 1.3 million jobs for the youth in a year"? Now, if our friend Murage already has a job created by his government since it took power over a year ago, why couldn't he just raise the money? Oh, wait...I know! Because all we do as President Uhuru Kenyatta put it in 2016 "is to complain". Google that.

That's the problem with Kenyans! All we do is complain, yet, everything is going hunky-dory for the country, especially for the youth! I mean, Kazi kwa Vijana was so successful in creating jobs for the youth and "pesa kwa wazee," that it was abolished! Right?

So, why couldn't this guy just withdraw the cash he had saved, instead of "stealing"

own child from hospital? Oh, wait...I know that too. Kenyans are "experienced in stealing and perpetuating other crimes". Again, you know it's true because our Head of State declared this on his trip to Israel in 2016! Google that, too.

It is, therefore, quite shocking that this young man has been offered, by Governor Mike Sonko, a job created by the government that he probably voted for. Why, also, is he being offered money to clear his child's medical bills yet Kenya's healthcare system is second to none?

In my very well calculated opinion, this government is so efficient that Murage's story makes no sense.

This is a country that spends record time to convict a cat meat *samosa* hawker, but spends more years to conclude a case that involves government officials "eating chicken", yet the same case was concluded in the UK and somebody jailed three years ago!

I mean, what more can you ask for? This is efficiency at its best!

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All we do is complain, yet, everything is going hunky-dory for the country

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So, Education CS Amina Mohamed seems to have touched KOT's raw nerve when she revealed plans to use police to pursue HELB defaulters.

@NelsonHavi: The government of Kenya got no money to pay nurses

but wants them to repay #HELB.
@nathanrobe: The Sh7b Amina wants to recover from jobless students is stolen by a single well-connected individual every day in KE.

@RaphaelObonyo: Over 50 per cent of graduates are jobless, others are underemployed. Deploying police to arrest #HELB defaulters is...!) Ignoring the real problem - UNEMPLOYMENT. 2) Criminalising poverty.

@omwami_Shilton: And to those people who take our CVs and sit on them in your offices, you are the reason #HELB is now over-reacting.
@AmHarryG: The arrest will make a good reunion with comrades.

STREET talk

Politician's aide starves sycophants

Sycophants of a presidential candidate in 2017 elections are up in arms against a personal assistant who they accuse of holding the politician's purse strings too tightly. When given money to dole out to his supporters, the aide uses evasive tactics and presumably keeps the cash. Our mole intimates the politician cannot rein in the aide who is reportedly close to his wife.

'High' ex-AG nabbed in Alcoblown swoop

A former Attorney General recently had a taste of how it feels to be on the wrong side of the law when he was arrested for drink-driving in a night 'Alcoblown' swoop. Donning a cap to disguise himself, the former AG was hauled into a police van and taken to a police station. It is upon reaching the station that the officers recognised who they were dealing with and promptly let him go.

Uhuru nominee to NPSC feels 'played'

One of President Uhuru Kenyatta's nominees to the National Police Service Commission is a bitter man. The man is said to have been promised what he considered a bigger position after agreeing to give up a high-profile appointment in favour of someone else. Appointment to the commission was not quite his idea of "bigger position" and he feels cheated.

NPSC pick 'linked' to corruption suspect

Still on the NPSC nominations, another nominee is said to be a close relative of a man facing a mega-corruption case. Detectives are worried that should the nominee be approved by Parliament he could interfere with investigations into his kin's conduct.



TRUTH IS: Family matters matter to God.

CS Tobiko suspends building of hostels

by Benard Gitau

Environment Cabinet secretary Keriako Tobiko has suspended the construction of a multimillion-shilling hostel near the demolished Sh2 billion South End Mall.

Tobiko directed the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) to serve him with a letter showing the building has fulfilled all legal requirements from the authority.

The CS expressed concern why the construction of the building was still ongoing even though its proximity to the river was questionable.

"Let me get a written letter from the authority and all the documentation. We do not want to be seen as if we are applying the law selectively," he added.

The perimeter wall is on the riverbed and we have to get it right before it is completed - Tobiko

seen as if we are applying the law selectively," he added.

The building, according to Nema director general Geoffrey Wahungu, belongs to Strathmore University.

Wahungu said the building was six metres away from the river, the legal distance stipulated by the law but the CS was not convinced.



Boniface Mu-rage joins other county officials in the ongoing city beautification project on University Way on Wednesday. Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko offered him a job after he tried to smuggle his child from Kenyatta National Hospital over Sh56,000 medical bill. The court on Monday gave him a three-month suspended jail term. PHOTO: GPS

Shun terrorism, governor tells youth

by Mutiga Murimi

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Tana River Governor Dhadho Godhana (pictured) has asked youth not to hide under the guise of unemployment to join terrorist groups.

He said lack of employment was a global problem that can be dealt with through creativity and innovation.

The governor asked the youths to be patriotic and engage in



meaningful economic activities instead of leaving the country to join illegal groups such as al-Shabaab. "We went through similar frustrations after high school because there were no jobs then but the youth of that time did

not join criminal groups, although unemployment was still rampant," he said during the launch of Tana River County action plan in Hola town.

Famine looms in Embu as rains fail

by Brian Musyoka

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Famine is looming in Mbeere North, Embu county, after crops failed because of poor rains.

Mbeere North deputy county commissioner Christopher Siele said yesterday 70 per cent of the residents are at risk of starvation.

He said the most affected areas are Kirie, Kamarandi and Nduru-mori, adding that even millet and sorghum, which have been doing very well, also failed.

Treasury to blame for stalled projects: Kajuju

Ombudsman accuses office of delays in disbursing funds earmarked for development projects in counties

CURRENT SITUATION

Governors have also blamed the National government for poor services and stalled projects in the counties.

A number of counties have suspended the implementation of some development programmes as they struggle to pay salaries.

Operations have been affected, with procurement and supplies being worst hit.



We are under constant attack and ridicule from the people who elected us in office - Mandago

by Winstone Chiseremi
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National Treasury is to blame for the slow pace of development in counties, chairperson of the Commission on Administrative Justice Florence Kajuju has said.

Speaking in Eldoret town yesterday, Kajuju defended governors over minimal spending on key development projects in the counties.

She accused the National government of withholding billions of shillings earmarked for social and economic development at the devolved units.

"Governors have been accused of slow pace of development projects in counties yet it is the National Treasury which is the cause of woes facing the regional governments because of delays in disbursing funds," she said.

Kajuju made the remarks after paying a courtesy call to Uasin Gi-

shu Governor Jackson Mandago. The former Meru Woman Rep was accompanied by members of the commission; Lucy Ndung'u and Washington Opiyo.

Also present was deputy governor Daniel Chemno and some Uasin Gishu Members of the County Assembly.

Mandago said his administration has been accused of non-performance by the electorate owing to stalled projects they launched two years ago in six sub-counties because of lack of funds.

"We are under constant attack and ridicule from the people who elected us in office for fail-

ing to complete the projects we launched because of National Treasury's delay to disburse money on time," said Mandago.

Kajuju said that she will utilise her weeklong tour of North Rift region to hold meetings with stakeholders to enlighten residents on how they can make use of the Ombudsman office in addressing myriad of challenges facing them.

"Many people especially those in rural areas continue to suffer all manner of injustices because they do not know anything about the office of Ombudsman and its mandate," she said.

IN BRIEF



TEACH SEX EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, MOLO MP URGES GOVERNMENT

Molo MP Kimani Kuria (pictured) has backed calls to introduce sex education in schools to curb early pregnancies and HIV infection. Addressing the press in Nakuru, Kuria said with advancement of technology, children are exposed to so much information. He said the government should come up with a curriculum and train teachers on the same. "The problem is that our young people are taught by the wrong people," he said. -ROY LUMBA



TWO CLERKS CHARGED WITH THEFT OF TITLE DEEDS AT MALINDI LAW COURTS

Two court clerks were yesterday charged with seven counts of stealing three title deeds from Malindi Law Courts to facilitate release of a businessman Swaleh Yusuf accused of trafficking drugs worth Sh275 million. Roba Jara and Driscilla Mwamburi denied the charges. Yusuf was also charged with the same offences. Mombasa Senior Resident Magistrate Edgar Kagoni released the trio on Sh500,000 bond. The matter will be mentioned on March 6. - SOPHIE NJOKA



YOUTH LOBBY SUPPORTS FORMER SABAOT FEMALE CIRCUMCISERS GET JOBS

Bungoma county government and Adventure Youth Group have partnered to support former female circumcisers get an alternative source of income. The circumcisers stopped the practice during an Anti-FGM marathon held in Mt Elgon last year and are struggling to make ends meet. Speaking in Kapsiro, Gender executive Everlyne Kakai said girls should be protected from outdated practices. -YUSUF MASIBO



MINISTRY, KISUMU COUNTY PARTNER TO CONSTRUCT NEW CONFERENCE CENTRE

The Ministry of Tourism has partnered with the county government of Kisumu to construct an International Convention Centre in Kisumu city. The 10,000 capacity facility targets to attract conference tourism and open up the Western circuit. Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala said construction of the centre is expected to be completed ahead of the Africa Cities Conference slated for Kisumu in November 2021. -NOVEN OWITI

Business Hub

Ministry budget cuts ‘threat to Big 4 pillar’

PS Betty Maina says austerity measures have reduced allocations for sectors that will spur manufacturing

■ by Fred Aminga
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Budgetary cuts in sectors that ought to spur manufacturing sectors are a threat to the achievement Big Four agenda.

This emerged yesterday during a presentation of the Budget Policy Statement 2019/20 by the State Department for Industrialisation to the National Assembly departmental committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives.

Industrialisation Principal Secretary Betty Maina said budget cuts and austerity measures have reduced cash meant even for development projects. The department estimates that it has since accumulated Sh315.8 million in pending bills including Sh50 million for the Kenya Industrial Training Institute. It was allocated proposed Sh7.3 billion of which recurrent expenditure is Sh2.8 billion and development expenditure Sh4.5 billion but the department outlined shortfalls in funding key projects.

The projects which have suffered include modernisation of foundry plant and machining workshops, Athi River Textile Hub, construction and refurbishing of constituency development centres and even cash meant for provision of credit to small and microenterprises through Kenya Industrial Estate.

WHAT IS REQUIRED

More than Sh500 million is needed for the completion of leather infrastructure for SMEs at Kariokor, completion of Industrial Research Laboratories at KIRDI Kisumu and Nairobi worth Sh332 million and Sh2 billion respectively.

The PS also requested for Sh454 million for provision of industrial credit to the SMEs and Sh400 million for One Village Product Programme.

Sh7.3b proposed budgetary allocations to Industrialisation department of which Sh2.8b has been set aside for recurrent expenditure

This despite the government deliberately centring manufacturing in the Big Four Agenda, to steer the country back on the fast track towards realising Vision 2030.

Rural production centres

“We are working hard in line with the Big Four agenda. But wish there was more money put in place to support enterprise, incubation and rural production centres,” she said, adding that the allocations are skewed and needs to be tweaked to boost industrialisation.

She said the shortfalls have delayed achieving targets under the Big Four agenda for manufacturing, delayed completion of projects, increased costs due to costs associated with de-

Sharing Experiences



KPMG Associate Director Damaris Lilech (left) with Chief Human Resource Manager USIU Yusuf Saleh (centre) and Chief Human Resource Officer Safaricom Paul Kasimu (right) during a discussion on The Future of Human Resource Survey 2019: In the Know or in the No at a media breakfast in Nairobi, yesterday.

PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

lays and penalties and non-provision of affordable credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

Kenya Industrial Estates (KIE) chief executive Parmain ole Narikae said it was unfortunate for the sector because it seems the ceiling in cash allocations were not well aligned with the Big Four agenda.

“That is the crux of the matter,” he said, adding that KIE had proposed to get Sh3.2 billion spread out in three financial years, which it would use to lend to SMEs which would help create 30,000 jobs. Apart from inadequate funding for projects, delays in release from the exchequer, multiple taxation regimes and illicit trade of

counterfeit goods were other areas of concern raised by the PS.

The PS asked the committee chair Kanini Kego to facilitate the ministry’s budget to fast-track the completion of infrastructure at the Export Processing Zone worth Sh1.3 billion.

She also asked for Sh500 million for the completion of leather infrastructure for SMEs at Kariokor, completion of Industrial Research Laboratories at KIRDI Kisumu and Nairobi worth Sh332 million and Sh2 billion respectively.

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Briefing



Trading in KenolKobil suspended for 11 days

NAIROBI: The Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) has suspended the trading of KenolKobil Plc shares on the bourse for 11 days following the takeover offer by Rubis Énergie SAS. The move comes after the regulator, KenolKobil Plc board of directors and shareholders approved the takeover offer by Rubis Énergie SAS. A notice to shareholders indicates that the suspension of trading on the bourse will facilitate reconciliation by the offeror. Shareholders had until up to February 18, to accept the takeover offer by Rubis Énergie SAS after its board approved the acquisition. On December 20, last year, the French petroleum products distributor proposed to purchase all the voting shares of KenolKobil Plc not already owned by it at an offer price of Sh23, a proposition the board found sufficient.

- ZACHARY OCHUODHO

Rentals oversupply pushes prices down

NAIROBI: Continued oversupply in Nairobi’s prime residential markets has led to decrease of prices and rents a new report says. The *Kenya Market Update* report by Knight Frank reveals that prime residential prices fell by 4.5 per cent in 2018 compared to 0.9 per cent drop in 2017. Rents in the top-end of the market also dropped by 1.3 per cent in 2018, albeit a slower decline compared to the previous year’s 2.8 per cent slide. This was mainly attributed to an oversupply in the market, tighter liquidity because of the new banking legislation which capped interest rates and a general market price correction, all of which turned the high-end residential market into a buyers’ market. “The high-end segment of the market still has significant demand,” said the report.

- MILLIAM MURIGI

State to give way forward on plastic bottles ban soon

■ by Benard Gitau
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The government will announce in the next few days if it will ban the manufacture and use of plastic bottles.

Environment Cabinet secretary Keiako Tobiko (pictured) said the move is prompted by lethargy and cavalier attitude by the industries dealing with plastic bottles.

Tobiko accused manufacturers and industries under Kenya Association of Manufacturers (KAM) of disregarding a framework of cooperation on take-back-scheme with the government.

“We gave KAM timelines to operationalise the scheme but unfortunately, the government is not satisfied over

the lethargy and cavalier attitude by industries,” he said.

He accused the industries and companies of caring more about their balance sheet against environmental concerns. After the ban on plastic carrier bags by the government two-and-a-half years ago, Tobiko said KAM pleaded with the government not to ban plastic bottles and promised to embrace the take-back-scheme.

A framework of cooperation on the scheme outlining the industries will be collecting the plastic bottles was entered between Ministry, National Environment Management Authority (Nema) and KAM.

“The framework is reviewed after three months but the latest review



170
the number of companies that have joined the KAM take-back scheme out of 900.

is not pleasing. The government patience is running out and we will take legal action,” Nema director general Geoffrey Wahungu said.

He said KAM has created an entity called Petco Kenya that collects pet plastic bottles but its capacity is limited.

Meanwhile, Tobiko said KAM take-back-scheme has only 170 small pet plastic bottles firms in the country that has more than 900 industries.

“In a couple of days, we are going to issue a directive that all manufacturers and dealers of pet plastic bottles must belong to a take-back scheme. It will be a compulsory requirement,” said Tobiko. He added that the ministry will also announce other ad-

ministrative interventions to drive the 4Rs campaign of reduce, reuse, recycle and refuse if possible. Implementation of take-back scheme was set to start in May last year but it was shelved to give KAM time. K

KAM launched a Petco sector group through a clean-up exercise of Pet products at Uhuru Park Nairobi on December 15, 2017.

KAM chairperson Flora Mutahi said – as at 2016, there were 176 plastics manufacturing companies actively contributing to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

She added that the plastics industry generated a turnover of Sh100 billion and employed more than 60,000 people.

SPECIAL REPORT

InBrief

We will deal with Sacco fraudsters, says Munya



The government has promised to deal decisively with corrupt Savings and Credit Cooperative Societies (Saccos) and officials who take advantage of unsuspecting Sacco members to fleece their funds. Cooperatives Cabinet secretary Peter Munya (picture) said the government will invite agencies like the Directorate of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) to begin thorough probe on cases of fraud which are said to have brought some of the Saccos on their knees. Addressing the fourth annual Kenya Union of Savings and Cooperatives Limited (KUSSCOL) forum in Mombasa, the CS said cases of individuals fraudulently using deposits as collateral without consent of members have become rampant and time has come for the law to take its course.

-REUBEN MWAMBINGU

Mombasa sets plans in motion for BRT launch



Mombasa is set to introduce the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to ease movement of people and goods. The county estimates that it could start trials for BRT system by next year. Transport and Infrastructure county executive Tawfiq Balala says that already, 300 traffic surveyors and engineers from Kenya and Japan are on the ground collecting data that will be used to plan for the introduction of the BRT system. The county has enlisted consultants who developed the rapid transit system in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. In the first phase, the county will start with four buses located at main junction leading to the central business district. The county has asked Kenya Power to remove all electric poles erected in the middle of the road to allow setting up of a new lane for the system.

-NATASHA WATHERA

PZ cuzzons rolls out Sh30 million campaign



PZ Cussons intends to sink Sh30 million in campaigns to educate consumers on the need for better personal grooming in a bid to recruit one million consumers. The company is targeting to recruit new customers in the middle to high-end market segments to its flagship personal care Imperial Leather range as a luxury brand. PZ Cussons managing director Sekar Ramamoorthy said that Imperial Leather consumers have embraced its new full range of personal care products which include a male grooming range. "Our 2019 strategic mission is to leverage on our signature master perfumes to build Imperial Leather's position as a luxury lifestyle brand," said Ramamoorthy.

-ZACHARY OCHUODHO

Government had planned to fully fund the Sh5.5b 193 initiatives

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Irrigation projects spread across the country are the most affected among government stalled undertakings, posing a threat to President Uhuru Kenyatta's ambitious Big Four agenda on food security.

While the State remains keen to expand the country's irrigation plans, since 2013, the current situation is posing a threat to the realisation of these projects.

In an update on the "Stalled Capital Projects" to the National Assembly by Treasury, 193 projects under the State Department for Irrigation have remained stagnant, forming the bulk of the Sh45, Sh365.9 billion stalled government projects.

The majority of these were initiated between 2011 and 2012 with a completion target date of 2022 when President Kenyatta's Big Four is expected to have been fully realised.

Completion rates

Uhuru's administration had planned to fully fund the 193 irrigation projects in a Sh5.5 billion budget.

However, more than 150 projects are below 50 per cent complete with only 10 passing the mark.

The highest completion rates have been recorded at Kiambundu in Embu which is 72 per cent finished and Masuno(Bungoma) at 70 per cent. Seven projects are at 50 per cent, with the majority falling between two per cent and 40 per cent.

One project (Muthuri-Nyandarua) is yet to kick off despite an allocation of Sh11 million.

Treasury issued a circular (Treasury circular No. 9/2018) on August 31, last year and letter Ref.No ES/030 A' (84) dated November 15, last year, requiring all Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) to provide details of stalled capital projects for submission to the National Assembly.

THE ISSUES

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Completion

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Outlier

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Distribution

Kakamega and Kwale counties have the highest numbers (10 each) of stalled irrigation projects followed by Bungoma, Busia and Siaya which each have nine stalled projects.

Devolution

Majority of these projects failed to progress as the State Department for Irrigation has not received funds since the onset of devolution.

Allocation

Of the 193 irrigation projects, Kimorigo in Taita Taveta had the highest allocation of Sh130 million. It commenced in 2011 and is 19 per cent complete with Sh25 million already spent. It is expected to be complete by 2022.

Viability

Going forward, Treasury has directed ministries to prioritise viable stalled projects for implementation in a phased out manner within the budget ceilings provided.



Findings tabled before Parliament last week by Leader of Majority Aden Duale show that Kakamega and Kwale Counties have the highest numbers (10 each) of stalled irrigation projects.

They are followed by Bungoma, Busia and Siaya which each have nine stalled projects.

According to Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich, majority of these projects failed to progress as the State Department for Irrigation has not received funds since the onset of devolution.

"The Department was not allocated

funds for completion of the projects after the advent of devolution," Treasury says in its report to Parliament.

Highest allocations

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Kapsimbir in Bomet and Barwesa(Baringo) are the second highly funded with budgets of Sh93

million each with a five per cent and 25 per cent completion rate respectively.

About Sh23 million had been spent on Barwesa as of June last year, while Kapsimbir has so far consumed Sh3 million. The two are set for completion in 2022.

"In view of the foregoing and in light of the prevailing constrained fiscal space in the medium-term, MDAs are expected to rationalise and prioritise viable stalled projects for implementation in a phased out manner within the budget ceilings



Project	Est. cost	Start	End	Implementation stage (%)	Amount spent
1. Kimorigo (Embu)	Sh130m	2011	2022	19%	Sh25m
2. Barwesa (Baringo)	Sh93m	2011	2022	25%	Sh23m
3. Kapsimbir(Bomet)	Sh93m	2012	2022	5%	Sh3m
4. Kiambindu(Embu)	Sh90m	2011	2022	72%	Sh65m
5. Munyuki (Kakamega)	Sh90m	2011	2022	11%	Sh10m
6. Sisi K.Sisi(Tharaka Nithi)	Sh78m	2011	2022	22%	Sh17.5m
7. Equator(Baringo)	Sh73m	2012	2022	5%	Sh3m
8. Esonian(Kajiado)	Sh70m	2012	2022	10%	Sh7m
9. Marodo (Taita Taveta)	Sh70m	2011	2022	29%	Sh20m
10. Korober(E/Marakwet)	Sh65m	2011	2022	15%	Sh10m

condemn Kenyans to hunger

provided from time to time," Treasury said in the document before Parliament.

Stalling of the projects now raises questions over the country's ability to expand irrigation-based crop production, a much needed element in supporting the Big Four food security arm.

Big Four

Treasury has allocated Sh59.1 billion to agriculture, rural and urban development in the proposed budget for the 2019-20 financial year commencing July 1, as the government expects to reduce spending on new mega infrastructure projects with focus now shifting to the Big Four agenda.

Agriculture will take a sizable portion of the Sh2.7 trillion budget (Budget Policy Statement) unveiled by Rotich last week, which has a 7.8 per cent increase on spending compared to the Sh2.51 trillion he had proposed in the current fiscal year.

Last year, Uhuru ordered a freeze on new projects until existing ones are complete, a move aimed at addressing wastage of public funds on elephant projects.

COUNTY DAMS

Homa Bay has eight stalled irrigation projects followed by Kiambu, Makueni and Mandera which have seven each, Kisii has six, Isiolo, Nyamira, Narok, Kisumu and Marsabit each have five while Wajir, Nakuru, Kericho, Kajiado, Garisa, Elgeyo Marakwet, Nyandarua and Taita Taveta each have four.

Nandi, Migori, Machakos, Bomet, Tana River, Transzoia, Mombasa, Nyeri, Lamu, Laikipia, Kitui and Kilifi have two stalled irrigation projects each.

Uasin Gishu, Vihiga, West Pokot, Tharaka Nithi, Samburu, Murang'a, and Baringo each have two.

Others include Kirinyaga, Meru, Embu and Turkana which have one stalled irrigation project each.

Sh366b

Value of all government stalled projects across the country that currently stand at 545, with irrigation taking the biggest chunk at 193.

Sh130m

Amount allocated to construction of the Kimorigo Dam in Taita Taveta county which commenced in 2011 and is 19 per cent complete

Duration

Construction of Badassa dam in Marsabit was initiated in June 2009 with a Sh3.6 billion budget to be fully funded by the State, four months after the launch of construction works of Umma Dam in Kitui at a tune of Sh2.8 billion.

Ceiling

The two, which were conceived during the Grand Coalition Government era, were to be completed in December and January 2011 respectively at a cost of Sh6.4 billion.

Payment

About Sh3.3 billion has already gone into the projects with contractors pocketing the larger chunk. Badassa Dam is currently 50 per cent complete while construction of Umma is stuck at 45 per cent.

Termination

Badassa stalled after excessive foundation grouting work variation while contractual dispute arising on extension of time in 2010 culminated in stalling of construction works and arbitration on Umma Dam.

Decade-old dams abandoned after sinking with Sh3.3 billion

Two mega dam projects in Marsabit and Kitui are among stalled projects, Treasury has revealed, as the National Water Conservation and Harvesting Authority joins the bandwagon of State departments with frozen developments.

Construction of Badassa dam (Marsabit) was initiated in June 2009 with a Sh3.6 billion budget to be fully funded by the State. This was four months after a similar project had been launched – construction of Umma Dam in Kitui at a tune of Sh2.8 billion, launched in January, the same year.

The two, which were conceived during the Grand Coalition Government era, were to be completed in December and January 2011 respectively at a cost of Sh6.4 billion.

However, the two are clocking a decade without fruition, adding to the list of more than 500 government initiated developments that have either been abandoned or stalled due to funding, disputed tenders or land related issues.

Capital projects

Badassa Dam is currently 50 per cent complete while construction of Umma is stuck at 45 per cent.

About Sh3.3 billion has already gone into the projects with contractors pocketing the larger chunk, even as the debate on wastage of public funds on white elephant projects continues.

A Treasury document on stalled

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capital projects before the National Assembly, actual cumulative expenditure for Badassa stood at Sh2.1 billion as of June 2018. Umma had consumed Sh1.2 billion in the same period.

Outstanding project costs currently stand at Sh1.5 billion and Sh1.6 billion respectively with a cumulative amount of Sh3.1 billion required to complete the two.

Treasury PS Kamau Thugge last week told members of parliament, through the document, that Badassa stalled after "excessive foundation grouting work variation".

"Contractual dispute arose on extension of time in year 2010 which culminated in stalling of construction works and arbitration," the ministry said on Umma Dam.

The two are under the Water, Irrigation and Environment sector in the State Department for Water services, as latest MDAs data indicate 545 government projects valued at Sh365.9 billion have stalled in the last 10 years.

President Uhuru Kenyatta issued a

directive freezing roll out of new projects until ongoing ones are complete.

This latest development on stalled ventures comes in the wake of increased concerns on dam projects which are emerging as new conduits of corruption.

On Monday, Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich was grilled by the Director of Criminal Investigation (DCI) over Sh63 billion stalled dams.

Rotich, who was questioned at DCI Gerge Kinoti's office, recorded a statement over missing Sh40 billion which was part of the Sh63 billion allocated for the stalled Arro and Kimwarer dams in the Rift Valley region.

Outgoing National Land Commission (NLC) chairman Muhammad Swazuri is also expected to shed light on the subject with the commission's role in land acquisition being at the centre stage of the investigation.

Construction

Also on the radar is the Kerio Valley Development Authority managing director David Kimosop and other top government officials.

It has emerged that the Sh40 billion includes Sh6.3 billion mobilisation funds released by Treasury as bribery claims hit the projects.

Arro multipurpose dam in Elgeyo Marakwet is being constructed at a cost of Sh38.5 billion.

Italian construction multinational-CMC di Ravenna, that is building the dam is alleged to have bribed senior

government officials from a Sh4.9 billion down payment it received last year for the design of dam.

The firm is currently being scrutinised for graft linked to the tendering process of two other mega dams in Rift Valley worth more than Sh90 billion. Construction of Kimwarer dam was budgeted at Sh28 billion.

Irrigation

The Arro project is expected to generate more than 60 megawatts of electricity.

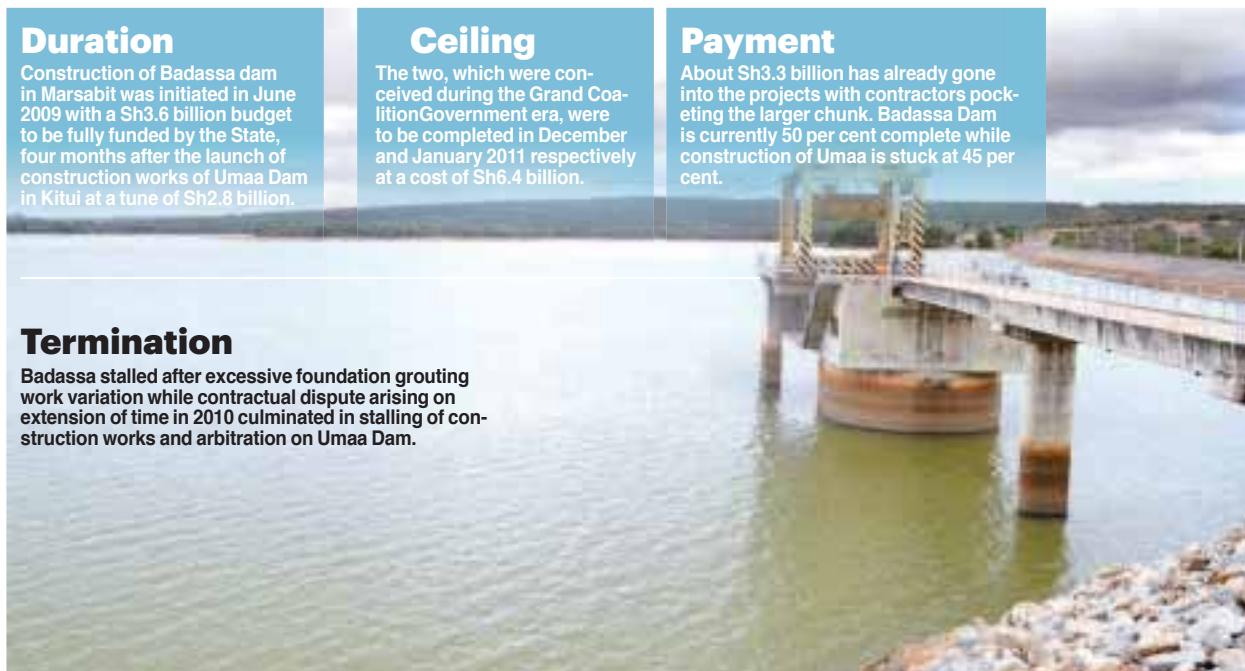
Once complete, it will occupy more than 10,000 acres, displacing about 1,000 families.

More than Sh6.5 billion will be used to compensate and resettle occupants of the area with the dam projected to enhance irrigation in more than 20,000 acres.

Investigators have questioned why the company was given a down payment yet the land acquisition process by NLC had not been completed.

More than 60 dams are under construction across the country with a good number being dogged by tender manipulation and bribery claims.

Since coming to power in 2013, the Jubilee government has immensely expanded the country's dam network, in a move to provide water for domestic use and bring more arable land under irrigation.



Big blow for Nyeri coffee processor

Farmers bypass factory to sell their produce directly to foreign buyer

by Seth Mwaniki
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More than 800 coffee farmers in Mathira, Nyeri County, are set to receive Sh100 for every kilogramme of the produce sold after securing a direct market.

The growers, from Ndaro-ini coffee factory (processor) and affiliated to Gikanda Coffee Society, sold more than 600,000 kgs of their cherry produced last year to Troboca BV of Netherlands.

The buyer has already wired Sh72 million into the society's account according to the factory management and promised to pay Sh120 a per kg out of which Sh20 will be deducted to meet operational expenses.

Muriithi Maina, who is serving as a link between the buyer and farmers, said sourcing a direct market simplifies a tedious payment process for farmers.

"Farmers have been suffering due to unnecessary bureaucracies in the coffee sector, so fruits of side-stepping them is what we are witnessing now as they are able to get paid immediately rather than waiting for long periods," Muriithi said.

The tradition dictates that farmers through a general meeting identify companies to do milling and marketing for them.

However, Ndaro-ini farmers defied the process and went ahead to identify a direct buyer, a gamble they say has now earned them more than the amount that they received from sales of the crop last year.

Last year, the farmers received Sh78 for every kg sold.

A farmer at the factory, Joseph Mukuba, said the move will help



EARNINGS

Data from the Coffee Directorate shows Kenyan farmers earned Sh4 billion between October and January this year compared to Sh4.77 billion in a corresponding period last year.

During the period under review, average for a 50-kilogramme bag dropped from Sh23,000 to Sh19,000.

they get back to their farms to produce more, adding that they now feel fully motivated.

"The path we have chosen is extremely good for us as farmers. We shall continue selling our produce directly as this is the only way we are guaranteed of maximum benefits," he said.

In attempt to ensure that farmers are assured of a minimum guaranteed price for their produce, the first and the late Governor of Nyeri County Nderitu Gachagua had during his reign laboured introduce a pool milling and marketing initiative for all farmers in the county.

However, his move was sharply resisted by private coffee millers and marketers who say it is an attempt to push them out of business.



NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret
Dry Maize	90	2300	2250	2600	1500	1900
Green Maize	115	2300	3500	2400	1800	2000
Finger Millet	90	7400	6750	8000	5400	7650
Sorghum	90	3400	2700	3000	3500	5400
Wheat	90					3000
Beans Canadian	90	5700		8000	5000	
Beans Rosecoco	90	6000	6000	8000	5000	8550
Beans Mwitemania	90	5400	4500			3600
Mwezi Moja	90	5500				3600
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	6750	6300			5400
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Cowpeas	90	6300	3600	8000	8100	9000
Fresh Peas	51	2900	2500	2500	3000	2040
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White Irish Potatoes	50	2200	1500	1400	2000	1200
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Sweet Potatoes	98	3200	2700	3000	3000	3600
Cabbages	126	1500	2300	1500	1200	1500
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Limes	13	1100	650	650		
Pineapples	13	975	720	650	600	1080
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Kales	50	1350	1500	2000	1300	1800
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NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.61 points to close at 154.93
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MARKET WATCH

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COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 21/2/2019

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	100.2400	100.1428	100.3372
SW KRONE	10.7529	10.7389	10.7670
STG POUND	130.0744	130.0556	130.0853
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	74.1859	74.1030	74.2689
SAUDI RIYAL	26.7282	26.7012	26.7552
SA RAND	7.1237	7.1130	7.1344
S FRANC	100.250	100.1228	100.3272
NOR KRONE	11.6675	11.6535	11.6815
KES / USHS	36.5823	36.4969	36.6676
KES / TSHS	23.2642	23.1918	23.3367
KES / RWF	8.9666	8.9486	8.9846
KES / BIF	17.9432	17.9205	17.9658
JPY (100)	90.4530	90.3571	90.5489
IND RUPEE	1.4090	1.4073	1.4107
HONGKONG DOLLAR	12.7707	12.7583	12.7831
EURO	113.003	113.5717	113.8289
DAN KRONE	15.2321	15.2165	15.2477
CHINESE YUAN	14.9117	14.8936	14.9298
CAN \$	76.0316	75.9463	76.1168
AUSTRALIAN \$	71.7668	71.6922	71.8415
AED DIRHAM	27.2899	27.2609	27.3190

stopped development projects which normally affect sales of commercial vehicles that heavily rely on infrastructure projects by the government," said Stephen Mbuthi, a motor industry expert. "Other than that I cannot see any major reason."

Isuzu East Africa, a major assembler of commercial vehicles sold a paltry 259 units in January compared to 278 it sold in the same period last year, an indication that orders for such class of vehicles by the government has slackened. Most dealers bank on government orders to shore up sales.

But Simba Corporation executive director Dinesh Kotecha

says the industry should not worry, arguing that it was too early in the year and that the situation would improve in the coming months.

He, however, blames the slight dip to recently delay in the production of car number plates by the National Transport and Safety Authority which had blamed lack of raw materials for the cause of delay that had affected thousands of cars at the port of Mombasa.

"It is too early in the year to think the trend will sustain, the market will catch up from February and the year could be better than 2018 because government's intervention to improve the sector," Kotecha told People Daily.

835
Number of new motor vehicles sold in January compared to 936 in a similar period last year.

“The market will catch up from February and year could be better than 2018 -Kotecha



Lack of raw materials slowed down production of number plates in 2018 leading to slow down of vehicle sales this year . PHOTO: FILE

“I think this can be explained by the fact that the government

Pope roots for concrete action against child sexual abuse



Vatican City, Thursday

Pope Francis has said the world expects "concrete measures" to tackle child sexual abuse by priests and not only "simple and obvious condemnations".

At a summit to discuss the scandals that have rocked the Roman Catholic Church, he said "the cry of the little ones seeking justice" had to be heard. Over the next three-and-a-half days, the pontiff (pictured) will hold talks with bishops from around

the world to discuss the Church's response to child abuse by members of the clergy.

Details of sexual abuse have emerged across the world and the Church has been accused of covering up crimes. Survivors say new safeguarding protocols are needed to protect minors.

The unprecedented four-day summit at the Vatican is being attended by the heads of all national bishops' conferences from more than 130 countries.

The Vatican has tried to reduce expectations with the Pope previously saying the conference - called Protection of Minors in the Church - represented only the beginning of a conversation.

Pressing crisis

The 82-year-old pontiff is under serious pressure to provide leadership and generate workable solutions to what is the most pressing crisis facing the modern Church.

"The holy people of God look at us

and await from us not simple and obvious condemnations, but concrete and effective measures to put into place. Concreteness is required," he said in a short opening statement.

"I ask the Holy Spirit to support us in these days and to help us to transform this evil into an opportunity for awareness and purification. May the Virgin Mary enlighten us to try to cure the serious wounds that the scandal of paedophilia has caused both in children and in believers."

-BBC

Trump bars IS woman from return to America

Washington, Thursday

President Donald Trump has barred a US-born former Islamic State propagandist from returning home, making the highly unusual case that she is not a US citizen.

Trump's refusal to admit 24-year-old Hoda Muthana comes just as he is pressuring Europeans to repatriate their own Islamic State fighters and will likely face legal challenges, with US citizenship extremely difficult to lose.

Trump said on Twitter he has "instructed" Secretary of State Mike Pompeo "not to allow Hoda Muthana back into the country"—a break with usual US protocol not to comment on individuals' immigration issues.

"Muthana is not a US citizen and will not be admitted into the United States," Pompeo said in a terse statement.

"She does not have any legal basis, no valid US passport, no right to a passport, nor any visa to travel to the United States," he added.

The US generally grants citizenship to everyone born on its soil and the Alabama-raised Muthana is believed to have travelled to Syria on a US passport.

But a US official said investigation showed that she had not been entitled to her passport. "Muthana's citizenship has not been revoked because she was never a citizen."

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Buhari, Atiku focus on economy ahead of poll

Electoral agency delayed vote by a week last Saturday over logistical reasons, sparking anger, frustration

Abuja, Thursday

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari and his closest rival Atiku Abubakar made final appeal for votes on the last day of campaigns Thursday ahead of a presidential poll on Saturday that was delayed by a week.

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) announced the delay in the early hours of last Saturday, citing logistical reasons, just as some of 84 million registered voters were preparing to head to the polls.

The stakes are high as Buhari, who took office in 2015 and is seeking a second term, is locked in a race against businessman and former vice president Atiku to lead a country that is Africa's top oil producer.

The election has largely been fought on how to jump-start growth in the country with Africa's largest economy which has seen low growth



A Nigerian woman displays a water bottle bearing photographs of President Muhammadu Buhari and Vice President Yemi Osinbajo in Abuja, yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

since emerging in 2017 from its first recession in 25 years. Security, amid an increase in Islamist attacks in the northeast, and corruption have also been campaign issues.

So far, there are no further public rallies planned by either man. They made their pitches for votes in a statement, via social media and through

aides. Buhari, who is campaigning on an anti-corruption platform, touted his economic record in a statement issued by his spokesman Femi Adesina.

Nigeria's 2.4 per cent growth in the fourth quarter of 2018 gave "lots of cause to cheer", the statement said. Gross domestic product grew by 1.93 per cent last year, up from

0.82 per cent in 2017.

"Those who do not see any good in something not initiated by them toil endlessly to hoodwink Nigerians into believing that nothing good is happening on the economic front," the statement said.

Buhari's economic reforms are focused on infrastructure development and extending a social welfare programme to create jobs and lift the poorest Nigerians out of poverty.

Atiku, candidate of the main opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP), would continue the country's Niger Delta amnesty programme, a policy adviser said.

The programme gives stipends to former militants in the oil-rich Delta region. Militants have long argued that the impoverished delta should receive a greater share of the country's energy wealth.

Buhari sought to overhaul the programme early in his tenure, triggering a renewed series of attacks on oil facilities, but later continued with the existing arrangement introduced by his predecessor Goodluck Jonathan.

The attacks helped to push Nigeria into recession in 2016.

The country relies on crude oil sales for 90 per cent of foreign exchange earnings and around two thirds of government revenue.

-Reuters

Fire kills 78 in Bangladesh

Dacca, Thursday

A fast-moving fire swept through a historic district of Bangladesh's capital, Dhaka, killing at least 78 people, officials say.

The blaze broke out at night in a residential building that had flammable material stored on the ground floor.

Members of a bridal party are thought to be among the victims. It is not yet clear what started the fire. The centuries-old Chawkbazar district has narrow streets and buildings very close to each other.

Kabila 'forces' leaders to pledge allegiance to him

Kinshasa, Thursday

The former president of the Democratic Republic of Congo Joseph Kabila has made all the leaders of his political coalition pledge their allegiance to him.

Joseph Kabila called the 18 leaders who make up his FCC coalition to his farm outside the Congolese capital, Kinshasa.

One by one they sat before Kabila Thursday and signed a document in which they reaffirmed their loyalty to him.

The coalition was created ahead

of the election and won most parliamentary seats. Nearly a month ago he officially handed over power to Felix Tshisekedi, who won the disputed presidential election.

The party leaders have now agreed to turn the coalition into a government.

This raises questions about how much power the new president, Felix Tshisekedi, actually wields.

It is also further evidence that Kabila is determined to keep a firm grip on power despite stepping down after the controversial, disputed election.

- BBC

Netanyahu election rivals now join forces

Jerusalem, Thursday

The two main challengers to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced an electoral alliance Thursday, posing a threat to the premier's long rule as he also faces potential corruption charges.

While polls have consistently shown Netanyahu is likely to win the April 9 election, the combined power of his two main challengers from the political centre will at minimum shake up the campaign.

An announcement by Israel's attorney general ahead of polling day

of charges against the prime ministers would greatly boost the new alliance's cause, but it is unclear when a decision in the investigations will be unveiled.

Netanyahu has tacked further to the right as he faces the potential indictments and the challenge from the newly allied centrist politicians: Benny Gantz, a respected former armed forces chief of staff, and Yair Lapid.

Gantz and Lapid said: "The party will put forward a new leadership team, which will guarantee the security of Israel and will reunite the divided elements."

- AFP

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THE THRIFT TREAT

From the ambience to corporate social responsibility, Thrift Social has managed to give Kenya an alternative high, as well as taking the thrift culture overseas, writes **Alfayo Onyango**

Thrift Social began as a charity function by fashion and music-savvy sister-brother duo Velma Rossa and Oliver Asike better known as 2manysiblings, where revellers could enjoy vibes orchestrated by the organiser's brilliant taste-making skills. At the same time, the event helped to pool resources in food and clothing to benefit residents of Jacaranda Home, a centre for the less fortunate.

"The concept came up in 2013, as we felt the need to fill a void that was lacking in Kenya's creative industry. There was no space or event providing a platform for creativity and the exploration of fashion, music and arts. 2manysiblings, as a collective, wanted to create an atmosphere in which vendors not only exhibit and sell their products, but also network with creatives and tap into the changing tide that is the Kenyan culture," Asike aka Papa Petit tells Spice.

"The first time I heard of 2manysiblings was in 2013 through a friend who had been following them on Tumblr. I paid close attention and in 2015 when they announced their first gig with the charity side to it, they won my heart and I was willing to support them in any way possible," says Wambui Wangui, a Thrift Social fanatic who has attended every of this event.

Catchy themes

The cornerstone of the event lies in its themes. Each edition has a different concept and from the moment it started as a small soirée plan where creative kids in Nairobi could link up with photographers, musicians and thrifers, the event managed to cross over to UK as one of the first bi-national events.

"We have held two Thrift Socials in the UK. The first one was in Brighton and hosted by Brighton Museums after 2manysiblings was featured in a book called *Fashion Cities Africa*, which interviewed different art and fashion collectives from Africa with the culmination being the launch of the magazine



Taio Tripper on the decks during a Thrift Social event.

and Thrift Social event. The second time was in London at the invite of the African Centre under a British Council grant. The theme for the London edition was 'Future Trends', a look into a utopian future where fashion and architecture from East Africa combined to create new ideas," says 2manysiblings.

From exploring aesthetics in sneakers, denims, camouflage, future trends, colour-blocking, Made in Kenya, the latest edition will attempt to pull tie and dye clothing. Their themes are always fun and give their parties more life as they create different conversations and challenge stereotypes.

The most outrageous fashion decisions are made when attending the gig

as the wildest imaginations come alive at the freak show. The gig's non-conservatism nature has helped it attract a huge fan base.

The music

Since the first edition, the curators of the gig have always kept it alternative in terms of music selection. They tend to go for niche and outlandish performers that have distinguished taste in music and aren't too mainstream. The first deejay to play at the event was DJ Rojney, a renowned Nairobi-based Kenyan rock musician-cum-deejay. Later, they would find a rhythm with former Camp Mulla member DJ Taio who has played in almost every edition followed

by DJ Mix Master Lenny. Together, the two have been a staple to the event.

To ascertain their edgy artiste line-up, the second edition lined up Sauti Sol's member and producer Savara Mudigi into playing a DJ set only cementing the eclectic nature of the event. Among the musical highlights in the gig's history have been rapper Shappaman, who performed his EP *Wildlife on Tape*, uniting with Just A Band in the event's fifth edition, The Night Market. Nigeria's Burna Boy's visit in 2018 to perform to a sold-out Mashujaa Day crowd at Uhuru Gardens was huge. Another nostalgic moment was seeing Kenya's most successful boyband Sauti Sol headline the third Thrift Social anniversary alongside



Oliver Asike and Velma Rossa aka 2manysiblings.

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Hollywood star Will Forte to work with Kenyans

Visiting Hollywood actor and comedian Will Forte has pointed to Kenya's immense art talent, saying he's open to work with locals to nurture and promote their talents. Known for his starring role as Phil Miller in *Last Man on Earth* TV series, the former *Saturday Night Live* show host's 10-day tour is aimed at supporting women initiatives. He's in the country in his capacity as the goodwill ambassador for Pangea Network, an international non-profit making organisation dedicated to empower and motivate individuals in Kenya and US. Forte has starred in other films such as *Nebraska*, *30 Rock* and *MacGruber*.

South African Shekhinah and American neo-soul artistes Oshun in the Made In Kenya edition.

"I honestly had no idea who Oshun were and only had plans of taking my girlfriend to see Sauti Sol for her birthday. But we ended up enjoying their set more than any other performer that night," music fan William Massenke tells Spice.

From The Elephant on James Gichuru Road to the mise-en-scene Rosedale Gardens, to the exclusive settings of Privee Club in Westlands, the demand for Thrift kept erupting. It had to end up at the most popping socio-cultural joint in Nairobi in 2017, The Alchemist. However, the masses could not get enough and the need for venues as big as Uhuru Gardens and The Waterfront were soon being sought. These would offer expanded spaces for fashion and food vendors and for musicians such as Barak Jacuzzi shooting music videos at the event.

On March 3, this year, Dubai-based Nigerian ragga sensation Santi of the Alte crew is expected to grace the event with opening acts DJ Taio, Mix Master Lenny, songstress Wanja Waruhoro and upcoming female rapper Bey T. It's set to be a tie and dye affair at The Waterfront in Karen.

"I'm excited to see Santi and his crew bring their energy to Nairobi. The fits people will wear and the line-up is just a perfect match for a special affair, so everyone should tell a friend to bring a friend," says DJ Shishi.

ONGEA MUSIC SUMMIT

The fourth edition of annual Ongae East Africa Music Summit went down at the Sarit Centre Expo Hall in Nairobi early this week, where it hosted Festival Bookers from Sweden, Brazil and Zimbabwe. The four-day event's key objective was to explore avenues of exporting music from East Africa and acted as a hub of innovation to attract global support in skills and knowledge transfer through creating win-win collaborative exchanges between artistes from this region and other markets. Since its inception in 2016, the festival has enabled regional artistes to get bookings from Germany, Morocco, Rwanda and South Africa. It aims to open up the music market for East African artistes in all six continents by 2020.

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Resolution Insurance East Africa founder Peter Nduati.



Emcee Joseph Wambua aka Jemedari with Kingwa Kamencu.



Rapper Wangechi.



Diani Reef Beach Resort and Spa managing director Bobby Kamani with wife Zeenia Kamani.



Sauti Sol manager Marek Fuchs.



Mookh co-founder Porgie Rosso.



Artiste Fena Gitu with Kaka Empire managing partner Dennis Njenga.

TOURISM BEACH DINNER

The Diani Reef Beach Resort and Spa in Kwale county recently hosted hundreds of tourism stakeholders to a beach dinner to celebrate the rebound of Kenya's tourism industry, especially in the Coast region. According to the hotel's managing editor Bobby Kamani, Kenya's tourism industry continued to remain boisterous even at a time when the country faced various challenges, including terrorism. He said greater involvement of private sector players in drafting policies and implementation of strategic frameworks within the sector contributed to the encouraging performance of the sector.

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Some of the guests enjoy the evening.



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By Grace Angela

Malikwa

Mayout wanafaa wacheki mabeshte wako nao kwa circle. Si kila arif hukutakia maisha poa, na wasee kaa hao unaezza jua kulingana na tabia zao. Ushaipalekwa dondo au kukuwa kwa ngori flani na mabeshte zako most ni wateja ama wako "busy"? Ama umeamua kuperleka empress na ule msee ulidhani ni omre wako ndio anakubilia red rose wako? Kaa ishaihappen, fikiria mara mbili kuhusu mabeshte uko nao.

Mabeshte ka hao hawakosangi na wao hutaka ukuwe chini yao, but chini ya maji. Utaget msee akinuria, maarif ni wengi; maweng ikiingia bank wasee hukukujia na mashida zao, lakini wewe sema uko wire au gesi wanakuhepa ni kama unawaingiza njeve.

Njuzi tu tumecheki kwa mnetti story ya ale dem mwentyi ali murder mnyaka flani kwa keja yake na pressure cooker juu ya mapenzi toxic. Ukiechi vizuri before hii ngori yote izuke walikuwa wameenda rave kama mabeshte na hata sehemu haziukosa. Hatumezei kenyi maarif zetu hutupangia. Utacheka na kupiga sherehe nao lakinimsema ukweli ni ile ilo danii ya roho za.

Lakin Sir God ni nani! Wasee kaa hao hukuuwa exposed design ingine fiti jo. Saa zile umeanza kumake it au uwaambie umeget wera place flani ya mabazinga, hawakosangi kuroroa vibaya. Imagine unaplan kubuy ndai ya wanga, cheda uko nazoo alafu uapproach beshte kaa na hiyo story alafu akuzime akidai aliskia dinga imechapa ni better. Tuisichukulie kajokes anasema chenyé iko kwa roho na mala mob huezi jua hadi uanzee



Maarif imbo hawana benefits

kukaa rada. Ni poa kila youth avute wire ndio aeezus kuskia izo comments ndio ashikanishe nani nimtreue na nani ni imbo.

Ushaikisa quote ingine powerful inasema mkoro wako anaenza jua nani ni mture au fake

katy na mabeshte zako before uwatambue? Manze ni idea fiti sana kuintroduce maarif wa kwako kwa meparo wako; huezi jua penye watakuokolea na kaa unapenda life yako, ni poa usikie warning ya monsai wako. Ukioma

arif yako ndio anakurudisha chini na mentality yake, anza kujikata mtu wangu. Lakin tuchapiane ukweli sisi kama mayouth tunagwaya kubaki solo au kukuwa na mabeshte wachache na hii ndio kitu hutuungusha.

Tips za kutingua zabe ya keroma

Since kuget janta imekuwa blanda hii Kenya, mayout wengi wanaopt kutingua biz zao. Hii second option pia ni ngori inataka msee ako patient na anasacrifice a lot.

Leo nadai kuwadunga ujanja kadhaa za kutingua baze ya fast food pale kwa hoo.

Jua kupika - Hii inamaanisha hata kama siweve unapika, lazima msee atakuwa anandaa akuwe na rada na skills za kupika hizo food; kama ni vanga ajue kukausha proper, kama ni burger akuwe na skill ya kuweka

hizo ingredients vingwana.

Permits - Lazima ukimbie kuchukua license ya kuoperate hii ja ya food. Itakuwa tricky sana kuendesha hii bizi bila hiyo barua, so ita ukiweza, shugulikia hii riba ikilifiya fao.

Location - Kuna msemo

husemanga biz ni location na

location ni biz. Hii inamaanisha

lazima upige survey yako proper

before utinguwe biz ya msosi. Wengi

wamefall kwa bizi juu ya kufunguwa

bizna place haina wasee kibao amba

kuna competitors mob na kuzidisha,

walfunguwa mbele yako.

Pricing - Lazima ukuwe unaaza hii keroma at a price yenye wasee most wa hiyo area code wanaenza afford. Si kuizza cheap am expensive, but lazima ujue kubalance.

Marketsurvey - Itakubidi kwanza umepiga survey moja mwenda ndio ujue vile raw materials kama waru na izi bidhaa zingine hutoka. Ni lazima ujue utazichukua kwa bei gani ndo upige hesabu yako poa ya vite uitaaza ndio uzuie kwenda hasara.

By Rodgers Ndegwa



Drafted Reece

mixtape. Morale ya kuachilia macclub banger ikamwingia hadi Khaligraph Jones akadai kumsign Blue Inc. Dream yake ilikua bigger kuliko kuwa signed akabari ameanzisha Drafted Dynasty, record label yenyé ana songesha mos mos. Under Drafted Dynasty, Reece adroped projects na collabos kadhaa akisindikiza na Videsa za wanga recent ikiwa *De-dan Kimathi* featuring Kricha. Roundis anapanga kurelease his second mixtape *Injijita Igloo Vibes*.



Mabrathe, tuwe our sisters' keeper

Hii wiki, kitu inanibore ni ile story ya wale mamode walipatikana wamelungula watoi wa chuo. Hii ni noma imefanya hawa mangamwe kuchujwa wera na Teachers Service Commission, sa hawawesi funza chuo moyote nchini, iwe ya gava ama private. Juzi tu ndio tulikuwa tunabonga story ya mastude wale waifanya exams wakiwa na ball na ni ngori kuona wasee wale wanafaa kuwa guardian angels ndio wanawipiga kuni.

Kama society, especially mandume, itabidi tume up game yetu na kuwa waangalifu ikifiki ni maswala ya madada zetu. We should be our sisters' keeper, no matter what!

1. Mungu Halali – Blinky Bill ft Sage
2. Ni Wewe – Rojo Mo
3. Kata – Bary ft Ms Samba
4. Yoyo – Magix Enga
5. Company – TNT
6. Bonoko – Jovie Jov, Boutross, Kay Green
7. Pure Love – Madini Classic ft Gilad
8. Gikomba – The Boy Bleezy, Madra
9. Feverish – Derek
10. Duty – Obizzy

Magix Enga

Kwa mafans wa futa, leo kutakuwa na mechii tano moto za National Super League kwa grao tofauti tofauti. Ille game mafans wengi wanangoja sana ni between Nairobi City Stars na Ushuru FC na itakuwa inacheza pale Camp Toyoto kuanzia 4.15pm. Hii game ico na weight kwa sababu Ushuru after kushindwa kupanda hadi Kenya Premier League last season, wamekuwa aggressive sana na wanantumia kila game kuchukua point tatu.

Kangemi All Stars watakuwa wanacheza na St Joseph pale Hope Center, alafu Kenya Police FC nao watakuwa wanakagusia na Kisumu All Stars pale Karuturi grounds Naivasha. Shabana nao watatravel hadi Thika Stadium kuchenza na home team Thika United. Ikifika saa kumi jioni, Nairobi Stima watakuwa wanajirisha kwa grao na Kibera All Stars.

Kesho nayo, Ulinzi Stars watakuwa wanapambana na Kenyatta University pale Kaloleni Social Hall in one of the five Kenya Handball Federation men premier league matches.

Kutokwa - To be left
Origin - Maili Saba

Example - Marto alituchapla yule kulungus anakunga amemkuwa alimitoka after kumshow ako na hazi.

Kumesea - To know
Origin - Saika

Example - Nammesea yule boy ameleta nganya mbichi side ya Huruma juu aliquwanga neighbour wangu kule Easich.



Chris Hani aka Drafted Reece ni bonge la mce hapa 254 akiwakiliisha 125. Ni Mkenya oriji ati kama roots zake tunatrace hadi Entebbe the land of bananas husuko UG kwa Museveni. Reece ni one skilled rapper na alingia kwa rap scene hapa 2016 after kuchinja ua kwa Panda Refix. Version yake iliveza kullo ya Designer design kila mse alimitti kama newcomer mwenye veteran pass ju ya skills. The amazing reception hio Panda Refix ilipata ilimochcha kuendelea kuwa zoza na akafanya mixtape wazim mbaya yenye ali launch months later. Haku kawia before kuchafa EP kubwa pia kusindikiza



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When love starts at 40s

Brenda Wanjiru and Anthony Ndichu got married in their late 40s. They share with us the difference between dating at that age and at a younger age

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In December 2017, Brenda Wanjiru and Anthony Ndichu tied the knot in a colourful ceremony. What made it even special was that they were both in their late 40s, proving that it's never too late to find love.

They met in 2009 at a funeral in Kisumu, and while it was love at first sight for Anthony, Brenda was in a long distant relationship with another man.

"When I mentioned to him that I was dating someone else, he asked 'Has he engaged you?' I said 'no' and it hit me that I needed to know my place in that relationship. He tasked me to ask the guy where our rela-



Brenda Wanjiru and Anthony Ndichu.

tionship was headed. This is called boldness," she recalls. And Brenda's relationship with her long distant boyfriend came to an end. She began dating Anthony.

Unlike her previous relationships, dating Anthony was quite different. He was more mature, knew what he wanted in life, was responsible and focused.

Different ball game

"Dating at 40s is a different experience. You have experienced much and you know what you want. It's either you go for it or drop it. There's no room for entertaining players or people who are still trying," she observes.

Being single at 40 is more often than not depicted with humour or pity, and rarely reflects the reality that single men and women can find true love. Most of them are divorced, widowed, been through several traumatising relationships or

have simply decided to wait for the right person. For many, there's a freedom that hits at some point in your 40s. Whereas more women who are in their 20s and 30s want to settle down and have children to beat their biological clock or for financial stability, this becomes less the case as others get older. At 40s and beyond one is looking for love, companionship or simply to have fun.

Challenges

Steven Nzusa, a marriage counsellor, argues that one of the benefits of dating at 40 is the confidence that it gives. "Being 40 something means one has the ability to draw from the rich life experiences as well as emotional insights that are helpful in making more informed choices. There is a balance of being still relatively youthful and adventurous, yet at the same time one is older and wiser. In addition, one can detect a lack of authenticity in a potential date a mile away, and are less likely to be wooed by super-flattering conversations. You're invariably more cautious and less impulsive than you were in your younger years," Nzusa notes.

However, not settling in your 20s and 30s has challenges. For Brenda, loneliness from time to time and pressure from relatives and friends to find the right mate was something she had to grapple with. "They did not understand how a person in the corporate world would miss a life partner. I had friends who went an extra mile of hooking me up, but none was fruitful. One time my aunties told me to consider having a baby, saying menopause would catch up with me. My response was, dignity is a virtue and at God's time He would make things beautiful," she says.

Comfort and pleasure

On the other hand, Anthony's dating experience in his 30s was a bit challenging as he says he couldn't find any serious and focused woman to date. While some people thought that he was avoiding marriage, deep in his heart, he had faith that he would soon meet his perfect mate.

For men on the other hand, 40s means the ability to look deeply into things. Usually, selfishness, pettiness as well as being inconsiderate are turn-offs while a woman who is confident and aware of herself can make someone seem sexy to a man of a certain age. "As men grow older, they are aware of the inevitable need to have someone to take care of them. Even the most independent person has at least emotional needs that require tending, and there is comfort and pleasure that can be derived from the company of a person who possesses a quality soul," says Nzusa.

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Rodney Afande (Dj Nruff), deejay and author of comic book, Adventures of Nruff

Biggest misconception people have about you?

That deejays are all about having fun and we are not serious in life. I'm a university graduate with a degree in Political Science and I am also a businessman. So there is more to it than just playing music and having fun.

Best thing about being a deejay?

You get to travel a lot and meet new people from across the world.

Best gadget that you currently own and cannot live without?

My phone. I've personalised with so many functions such as alarm, calendar, social media apps and clock, which keep me going. Sometimes I automate posts so that even when I'm not near it, it will post stuff.

Best and worst place you ever had a gig?

Las Vegas must have been the best experience back in 2009. Doing road shows would be the worst.

Lowest amount of money you have ever been paid at any performance?

Lowest would be Sh3,000 at a certain gig in Kisumu. The event was not well hyped and it was poorly planned. I ended up getting such an amount after signing a deal of Sh30,000. Highest amount, I will not mention for my safety and privacy.

Best place you have ever visited?

Las Vegas. The clubs, women and party life is on another level.

Best advice you would give someone in their 20s?

Do what makes you happy. Never do anything to impress others, but yourself. Self-actualisation is important as it keeps you grounded. Have fun, work hard and most importantly, pray.

Lowest moment in your life?

When I lost my parents at a tender age.

Biggest addiction?

Listening to music.

Your worst gadget ever and why?

Motorola V6G phone. The antenna used to unscrew itself sometimes so the network was shifting.

Worst advice you ever received?

You will never succeed in life without a degree; basically what it meant was that you can only achieve success through education.

CircleofLife WITH HARRIET JAMES

Akothee's second born daughter Agrey Dion Okello popularly known as Rue Baby turned a year older this week. Thrilled, Rue posted a photo of her seated on a grand chair on her Instagram, which she captioned, "Like the queen she is, she sits on her throne. Happy birthday to me..." Rue who's walking in the shadows of her mother has managed to make a name for herself as a model—she was the winner of Face of Nivea 2017/2018 and voted as the best model at the Diaspora Entertainment

Akothee's daughter celebrates birthday

Awards and Recognition (DEAR) 2018 edition. Akothee chose to lecture her daughter on life matters on this special day. "... Never change for the world because it will never even sacrifice a bed for you ... be careful with female friends around you. ... The worst a manfriend can do is to ask you to go to bed with them, but just know that the moment you give in, the friendship is gone and enmity begins. Let me be the first person you confide in...been there and seen it all."





Purchasing building materials from China

We all know that China has increasingly become the to-go-to source of building materials, especially finishes.

Indeed, you can save if you know where to shop in China, although not assured. First, ensure that your quantities make sense because purchasing from China only makes sense for large quantities. Your small residential house might not enjoy the savings, as could a large shopping mall because the quantities of floor tiles purchased are in thousands. Further, small quantities are sometimes not acceptable by the manufacturers or distributors in China who set minimum order levels.

Secondly, you may want to ensure that the savings you make cover your travel expenses, accommodation and all logistics associated with the imports— insurance, freight charges and taxes. Without doubt, the quantities must make economic sense for sea transport by container as well as to justify the effort and time taken.

Thirdly, note that this is a cash heavy transaction. Most of it has to be paid upfront, so you will need to be ready before you travel.

And oh, this paying upfront becomes complicated when the goods delivered are not to your satisfaction because you can't get refunds. And like any off shore purchase, you need to be ready with all taxes and duties to clear your goods once they land in Mombasa. Any delays always attract demurrage, which are quite punitive. Oh, did I mention that you need to be working with a shipping agency in China who will handle your goods from the manufacturers' warehouse?

Notably, the commonest terms are FOB—Free on Board. After clearance at the port, you will be expected to arrange your own local transport.

Most importantly, beware of the quality you are purchasing. Inspect before packing and keep samples of what you are purchasing.

If possible, sign a contract that will spell all your requirements; after all, you are the client. You may need to, however, take note that language is a barrier and a local interpreter (who does not come for free) is a necessity. And with all documents written in Chinese, you just need to remember to ask for the English version lest they are all indecipherable.

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BOMA

Home of property and leisure

Off-plan concept key to reducing housing deficit

The idea works well when applied seriously, says Banda Homes director, Paul Nderitu



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Buying property off-plan is a trend that has seen many aspiring property owners acquire their dream properties by putting their money on nothing more than architectural plans.

The concept is fast gaining popularity among prospective home buyers in Kenya. It is a route to homeownership that some consider risky, but it has proved rewarding for others, especially if the home is located in a high growth area.

It is, therefore, one of the easiest ways of getting onto the property ladder because you only need to deposit a small percentage of the purchase price then pay the balance later. Although some companies selling houses off-plan in Kenya have been on the lime-light for the wrong reasons, it is time Kenyans realise that this is could be the future of housing.

Malicious allegations

Buyers pay a percentage of construction costs before actual building starts and keep paying instalments until the homes are completed.

Banda Homes is one of the companies selling houses off-plan and try



to change the notion that developers using this concept are out to swindle Kenyans. "For any off-plan project to be successful, investors need to show commitment by paying a certain percentage of the house price. In our case, investors pay about Sh1.5 million to help us start construction work. The rest is paid within 10 months," says Paul Nderitu, a director at the firm.

During a visit by *Boma* to some of their projects along Kenyatta Road in Gatundu South, we found tens of employees working to ensure the houses are completed on time. We also found workers busy doing final touches for

the 77 houses at Oak Park Estate. They were fixing tiles, cabros or painting homes nearing completion.

Based in Nairobi, the firm has been in the lime-light in social media amid claims it is a pyramid scheme. According to the social media claims, the company operates through deposits from new buyers, the reason it has managed to launch 1,500 housing units last year.

Nderitu denies this, terming the claims as malicious. The director dismisses the claim as insensitive, slanderous and malicious personal vendetta. "Oak Park is fully sold and once we hand it over to our clients, Kenyans will



Rosewood Estate under construction by Banda Homes on Kenyatta Road, Gatundu South. MAIN AND BELOW: Workers busy doing final touches for the 77 houses at Oak Park Estate also on Kenyatta Road. PHOTOS: ROGERS NDEGWAWA

learn that not every company is here to con Kenyans. Many developers are serious with what they are doing. We want our action to speak louder than words. I don't know why someone would think that the company operates through deposits," he told *Boma* in an interview.

Kiambu Road

"Banda Homes are less than a year old and our first project, Oak Park Estate which was commissioned in March 2018 is almost complete. The homes will be handed over next month (March) well within the promised delivery schedule. This is a clear indication that our off-plan promises are true," said Nderitu.

The three-bedroomed master en suite houses are built on 40ft-by-80ft plots. Every house has parking for two cars. "We have multiple projects which are all in varying stages of development, a fact that can be ascertained by visiting any of our sites. All our projects will be handed over to our clients within the agreed time limits," said Nderitu.

So far, Banda Homes has 16 projects under their name. Ten are located along Kenyatta Road, four along Waiyaki Way (Zambezi/Nderi area) and at Ondiri. There is an ongoing project in Thindigua, Kiambu Road and the last one in Kiamuui, Nyeri county. "At Banda Homes, we build and deliver and if anyone would like to visit the site and confirm whether this is true, let them visit our offices at Mayfair Suites (Parklands Road, Nairobi) and we will arrange for a site visit," Nderitu added.

Banda Homes started construction in January 2018 with Oak Park Estate (77 units which sold out in 13 days). It then moved to Pine Wood Estate (96 units that sold out in 21 days) and Maple Ridge Estate (112 units which out in 28 days). They developer has since launched several other housing projects.

The article on social media had alleged that Banda Homes directors have mastered the art of rebranding each time after soiling their reputation of not delivering on their projects. "The company started as Dinara Developers in 2011, then Lettas Developers in 2013 before rebranding to Banda Homes in 2018. But there are projects started as far back as 2011 that are still ongoing," alleged the report.

However, Dianara Properties, which has offices in Westlands, Nairobi, is still operational. Last year, Dianara Properties handed over their Greenview Apartments development in Thindigua, off Kiambu Road, Kiambu county, to home buyers.

PropertyNews

■ by William Murigi
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The Capital Markets Authority (CMA) has licensed Cytonn Asset Managers Limited to operate as a Real Estate Investment Trust (Reit) manager as well as a Unit Trust Funds. The move comes barely a month after the Retirement Benefits Authority (RBA) also granted Cytonn Asset Managers a licence to manage retirement benefit schemes funds in December 2018.

The licence to operate Reit makes it the ninth Kenyan fund manager to be granted a Reit Manager Licence by CMA. The development will allow Cytonn to register its own Reit products, which include development Reit's and income Reit's, which allow them to access a pool of investor capital that wishes to take specific real estate exposure. A Reit is a firm that owns, and in most cases operates, income-producing real estate—ranging from office and apartment buildings to warehouses, hospitals, shopping centre and hotels.

CMA allows Cytonn to operate Reits

Reit's source funds to build or acquire real estate assets, which they sell to generate development returns, or rent to generate income. The income generated is then distributed to the shareholders at the end of the financial year. The licence is critical for the firm since it marks the beginning of transitioning the Sh11 billion Cytonn High Yield Solutions (CHYS) portfolio, from a private product to a regulated product managed by Cytonn.

According to Cytonn Asset Managers Principal Officer, Maurice Oduor, Kenya's real estate market has seen exponential growth over the years, and consistently delivered attractive returns to investors. He says despite the growth, the real estate sector is facing challenges of access to financing away from the traditional sources of funding, which include bank loans. "Financing structures such as Reit's and real estate-backed funds such as high yield fund, offer a capital markets-based solution to raising funds towards real estate development, and also a chance for eligible



Cytonn CEO Edwin Dande (left) operates an excavator during the ground-breaking ceremony of the Sh2.5 billion Applewood project in Karen, Nairobi on Tuesday. PHOTO: MILLIAM MURIGI

investors to invest and gain attractive yields, capital appreciation and above-average returns," Oduor said.

Edwin Dande, Chief Executive Officer, Cytonn Investments, said deepening of the capital markets remains a key priority for Cytonn Asset Managers and the Reit Managers

licence is another positive step forward towards regulated product development. "This will be the first real estate-backed high yield fund in the market and it demonstrates that our capital markets are open to innovation," says Dande.

Investorsclub



Greatwall Gardens Phase One project near Athi River town (2,173 homes). Phase Two was launched last week. PHOTO: CHRISTINE MUSA

High taxes, fees in construction sector frustrate developer

■ by Christine Musa
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The national government has a key role to play in boosting construction of affordable, decent and durable housing by waiving taxes in the construction sector.

Erdemann Properties Limited Director, Zeyan Yang says high fees charged on building approvals and taxes which result in soaring costs of construction materials are directly increasing the costs of owning a home. As a result, low-income and middle-class home buyers are being locked out of owning houses as the market prices are not affordable.

Speaking during the launch of Greatwall Gardens Phase Two project near Athi River town, Yang said developers have been forced to offer long periods for customers to repay since the homes are too expensive for them.

Additional costs come from infrastructure developments meant to ease the lives of homeowners. "We urge the government to lower taxes on construction materials and licensing approvals. This will directly lower prices of homes and more people will then purchase houses," said Zeyan.

Located 2km from the Athi River-Kitengela Interchange on Mombasa Road, the project comprises 2,173 apartments of two- and three-bedroom units. The Sh7.5 billion project also entails Greatwall Gardens Phase Two which is under construction, an additional 500 units. Phase One is already 70 per cent occupied.

The company's assistant sales and marketing manager Caroline Wahito says they have been forced to offer a more flexible payment plan to clients to attract low-income earners. A three-bedroom unit is going for Sh3.75 million for cash buyers but Sh7 million for instalment buyers.

A buyer is required to pay 30 per cent of the total cost and the balance paid in instalments of up to 15 years. "A home buyer is not restricted to have a flat rate instalment payment plan upon paying the initial deposit; we agree on a yearly payment duration that suits them," said Wahito.

Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua said he will push for zero rating on construction through legislation in an effort to ensure that President Kenyatta's Big Four Agenda of affordable housing is attained.

Décor WITH CYNTHIA MUKANZI

A wooden flower pot with an all-weather plant for the outdoor or interior.



This set is all done and ready for bright coloured cushions.



People tend to play it safe when decorating their homes. A lot of homes have traditional furniture that is almost always similar to other households. This is because furniture makers tend to reproduce designs already created by their counterparts in the industry. To avoid such cliché looks, people can opt for furniture or other home accessories such as crates and flower pots of extraordinary designs. One way to do that is to embrace the use of pallets or products made from pallet wood. They have a rustic appeal that distinctively sets home decor apart from the normal. Gachari Kamweti uses pallets to create furniture and other home accessories as seen below. The couches, for instance, add vibrancy to any space with the rustic nature that can be complemented with colourful cushions and pillows.

Wooden rustic décor for homes



Storage crates can also act as decorative accessories in the living room. PHOTOS: CYNTHIA MUKANZI



Colourful cushions add character and vibrancy to a couch made from pallet wood.

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HOROSCOPES

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You'll find it easy to deal with government agencies or large institutions. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)

You need to spend some time reflecting on past experiences and involvements. Make changes that will enhance your appearance.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)

Attend to things that you should have done yesterday. You could find yourself having problems with coworkers and employers.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)

Trips should be your choice. Your personal situation is fluctuating. You may have difficulties with family members if you get involved in petty arguments.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Your outgoing charm and obvious talent will be admired. Reciprocate by offering helpful hints.

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The locks, stove, gas, or electric wires may not be secure. If you're uncertain of your feelings, keep your opinions to yourself.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24-OCT. 23)

If you can include them in your plans, do so. Go out shopping today. Try not to skirt issues if you think you'll hurt someone's feelings.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24- NOV. 22)

You may make someone else look bad. You may find that romance will unfold through business connections.

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You are best to be discreet. There are ways of making extra cash if you put your mind to it. Don't be too hard on yourself.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22- JAN. 20)

Your high energy, original ideas, and excellent memory will aid your accomplishments. Your time, not your cash, will do a lot more for your relationship.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21-FEB. 19)

You may have personal problems, but professional duties might be pressing. Don't rely on others to handle the workload.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)

Make sure that you make reservations early. You will gain knowledge through your adventure.



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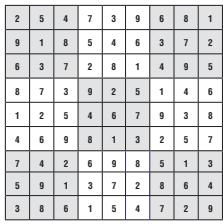
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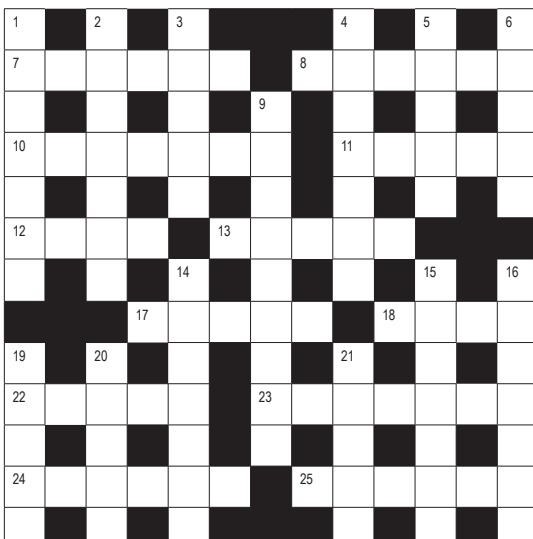
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ACROSS

- 7. Measure of capacity (6)
- 8. Mineral used in fertiliser (6)
- 10. Large flightless bird (7)
- 11. Public disturbances (5)
- 12. Denote (4)
- 13. Long flower - stalk (5)
- 17. Owl: large white owl (5)
- 18. Role model (4)
- 22. Hurling away (5)
- 23. Reverberating (7)
- 24. Utterly senseless (6)
- 25. University lecturer (6)

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- 1. Stuck on the bottom (of a ship) (7)
- 2. Unsurpassed up to the present (3-4)
- 3. Of definite shape (5)
- 4. Morally depraved (7)
- 5. Francis ___: English statesman (5)
- 6. Card game (5)
- 9. Herbaceous plant (9)
- 14. Responses (7)
- 15. Makes one think of (7)
- 16. Falsification (7)
- 19. Collection of maps (5)
- 20. Tactless (5)
- 21. Absolute (5)

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ACROSS

- 1. Gobble
- 4. Unclog
- 9. Perturb
- 10. Snubbed
- 11. Ebony
- 12. Aspen
- 14. Agate
- 15. Sides
- 17. Betel
- 18. Caesura
- 20. Relapse
- 21. Toller
- 22. Pauses
- 6. Limb
- 7. Garden
- 8. Abstract art
- 13. Platypus
- 14. Assuage
- 15. Secret
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SAMMY KABIRA MWIHA & SUSAN WAMBUI NJOROGO (Suing as the legal Administrators of the estate of ISSAC MWIHA KABIRA DECEASED)

v/s

SAMSON NGURE GAKUNGU, TABITHA WANJIKU & JOHN KABIRU NGURE (Sued as the legal representative of SAMSON NGURE GAKUNGU)

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SPORTS BRIEFS**Alumira throws down gauntlet at Vihiga**

FOOTBALL: Vihiga Queens coach Alex Alumira has challenged his charges to maintain the teamwork spirit that helped them clinch the title last year. He said a good cooperation and focus remains key to their hatrick quest when the Kenya Women Premier League 2019 season kicks off this weekend. Coach Alumira attributed hard work, discipline and teamwork as part of the strong foundation in which the team is built on. "We can only thrive in these three key pillars that is hard work, mutual respect and team work," he said. Alumira will be kicking off their 2019 campaign against fellow county opponents Vihiga Leeds in a derby at Mumias Sports Complex. He said the 2018 squad is still intact and he is optimistic that they will continue with their team-work as last season. "We enjoyed great chemistry last year, we had great team-work and am optimistic that this cooperation will continue," he said.

-VIDEN OCHIENG

Du Plessis tips Kabras to continue good run

RUGBY: Kabras Sugar head coach Henley Du Plessis has tipped his team to continue with its fine form in the 2018-19 Kenya Cup season when they take on rivals defending champions KCB on Saturday. The bankers will be aiming to extend their dominance over Kabras and inflict a first defeat on the millers. The sugar millers' are currently on the verge of breaking Nakuru's 13 game unbeaten record they set in 2014-15 crowning season as they lead the standings with 49 points after playing 10 games and losing none. KCB has won eight matches out of nine against Kabras in the past four seasons, but Du Plessis is confident they can stop the bankers this year. "The boys are on fire after stopping both Quins and Homeboy in our last two tricky fixtures. We have had three good training sessions and we look forward to another good away game," he said. The South African, however, said they will be tactical against Curtis Olago's side saying they are going to play the game as a final both in Erick Shirley Shield (ESS) and Kenya Cup.

-VIDEN OCHIENG

Teachers attend referee and coaching course

FOOTBALL: Over 150 teachers from western region are taking part in a three-day coaching and refereeing clinic at Mukumu Girls Secondary School, Kakamega County. The meeting which has brought together participants from Vihiga, Busia, Bungoma and Kakamega counties that is being sponsored by Western Region Secondary Schools Sports Association (WRSSSA) and is being facilitated by highly respected international instructors in soccer, handball, rugby, basketball, hockey, volleyball, table tennis, lawn tennis among others. Addressing the coaches and referees at the opening ceremony, WRSSSA secretary Quinto Omusugu warned that the region will not entertain unqualified referees and coaches as they hope to improve the standards of the sports in the region. We want to see to it that all our coaches are well acquainted and informed with the current laws and rules that govern our secondary schools games that we want to ensure they are enforced to the letter.

-FREDERICK



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2019

PEOPLE

FOOTBALL: Goal poacher Ochieng gives defenders and coaches in the NSL nightmare - Pg29

The one-stop sports shop...**SPORT****Confusion threatens school games as AK and KSSA dig in**

by Viden Ochieng
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Trouble looms between Athletics Kenya (AK) and the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSA) ahead of the national Under-18 and U-20 trials next month

KSSA regions will do their Term One games, including athletics from March 18 to 23 while the national trials will run between March 20 and 22. This means secondary school students will have to make a choice to either attend the national trials or the regional championships.

The national trials will be used to select athletes to represent the country during the third edition of the Confederation of Africa Athletics Under-18 and the 14th U-20 championships to be held in Abidjan, Ivory Coast between April 13 and 20.

AK and some schools have suggested that the regional games be pushed back by a week to allow the students to participate in both events.

"We have written to the ministry and we are working on a formula to allow primary and secondary school students to take part in both events.

Communication will be made to

schools by Wednesday (today)," said AK's youth committee chairman Barnabas Korir. "We want to have a programme that will suit both parties and there is no cause for alarm because we have a good working relationship with KSSA."

However, yesterday, Nyanza Secondary Schools Sports Association secretary Tom Odhiambo maintained that the schools championships will be held between March 18 and 23 at Homa Bay School as earlier scheduled.

"All regions including Nyanza will hold their championships as earlier scheduled," said Odhiambo.



Athletes compete during a recent secondary school games competition in Embu. PHOTO: FILE



Groundsmen preparing the course for tomorrow's National Cross-Country Championships at the Eldoret Sports Ground. PHOTOS: EMMANUEL MASINDE

Eldoret all set for trials

Logistics initiated to deliver an international performance at the events with organisers pulling all stops to make it happen

by Emmanuel Masinde
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Preparations are complete for the first National Cross Country Championships outside Nairobi on February 23 in Eldoret.

Athletics Kenya (AK) will use

the championships to select a formidable team ahead of World Cross-Country Championships in Aarhus, Denmark on March 30.

The national event will be held at Eldoret Sports Club Grounds and Local Organising Committee (LOC) led by

AK Central Rift chairman Abraham Mutai said they are ahead of preparation and everything is in place.

"The course is ready and it has been demarcated on how the spectators and the media will be moving around," said Mutai.

Mutai added that they have laid four obstacles and a small hill on a flat Eldoret course despite of Denmark hilly course.

"This is a flat course and for us to attain the international standards we had to be innovative to meet the standards. The four obstacles give an athlete hard times to jump over, hence exiting the race," said Mutai.

But the flat course according to Mutai cannot stop Kenyan runners from claiming the world cross country title

the same way they have been doing.

With new blood of athletes from the regions and all forces across the country, Mutai said the course in Aarhus, Denmark was received long time ago and athletes are aware of the course.

"What we will be doing here is just selecting the team. The course was received long time ago and athletes are training according to the course and weather conditions and in Denmark. After selecting the team, coaches will deliberate and get to know how trainings will be done to make sure that Kenya wins at the world cross country title," said Mutai.

While on tour of the course on Thursday morning, Mutai said the current crop of athletes are educated and can under-

stand different weather conditions, hence training according to the changing weather patterns across the world.

"Looking at the quality of athletes lately, they are great, educated and can deliver at any given time. We have great and elite athletes from Kenya Police Service, The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) and Prison Kenya who have competed well across the world and flat course in Eldoret cannot deny them a world title," added Mutai.

He said that the competition in Eldoret will be intense, remarkable and nobody will want to miss the championships.

"The mixture of young and elite athletes will offer good competition. Young athletes like Rhonex Kipruto (the world under 20 10,000m champion, Edward Zakayo (Commonwealth Games 5,000m bronze medallist) will give good competition to the established athletes like Geoffrey Kamworor, not forgetting the regions which have been producing good athletes every year," said Mutai.

All athletes should be in competition to get opportunity to be selected in the national cross-country team, must compete during the trials says Athletics Kenya (AK) vice-president Paul Mutwii.

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AUTOCROSS

Snow gets boost prior to Kenya Open with StarTimes award

by Lynette Matheka
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With less than a month left to the Magical Kenya Open that will run from March 14-17 at Karen Country Club, Safari Tour star Greg Snow is hoping to reciprocate the good form displayed during the six of the seven-legged Tour.

Show accrued a total of 113.5 points across the six Safari Tour golf series. He bagged maximum points in four of the six events to take top spot on the Road to Kenya Open ranking.

"It has been a good six months since

the tour was launched and I have had good preparations for the European Tour event. I will be looking to have fun on the course and hope to post good results," said Snow.

He was speaking at Muthaiga Golf Club when he was named the StarTimes SJAK Sports Personality of the Month of January. The award followed a remarkable performance on the Muthaiga leg of the Safari Tour golf series where he swept the course with all his opponents.

His win at his home club, Muthaiga, was his third title and his fourth top prize money win of the 2018/19 Safari Tour

golf series. He had played an impressive round of 7-under par in round 3, started the final round in decent form hitting par in the opening two holes before dropping shots at the Par-4 3rd and par-4 9th. He however managed a lone birdie on the first nine at the Par-5 7th for a total of 36.

He then followed it up with an impressive back nine score of 34, with birdies at the Par-4 14th and Par-5 18th, to return a score of one under par 70 for the round, taking his total to an impressive 13-under par 271, 15 strokes ahead of the duo of Dismas Indiza and Riz Charania who were tied for second place.



SJAK President Chris Mbaisi, Beian Njoroge, Greg Snow, Nelson Mudanyi and Star Times Marketing Manager Japheth Akhulia during the SJAK awards at Muthaiga Golf Club. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

GSU pumped up for great outing in continental showpiece



GSU volleyball team celebrate with their victory during the Kenya Volleyball Federation's (KVF) national league. PHOTO: FILE

by Ericson Kiprono
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General Service Unit (GSU) men volleyball team are optimistic that they will perform well during the Africa men's club championship slated for Cairo, Egypt from March 30.

The paramilitary side will be one of the five clubs Kenya will be sending to Cairo for the tournament, in which the winner will secure a ticket to compete in the volleyball World Club Championships.

Alongside GSU, Kenya will also have Prisons Warders for men and three other clubs in women competition - Kenya Prisons, KCB Bank and Kenya Pipeline.

GSU head coach Gideon Tarus says he is ready for the onslaught to end Kenya's poor run and emulate the women's side which has won over 10 titles at the continental level.

"GSU is ready to break the duck and win the Africa Championship. Based on our performance, we have the capacity to challenge the North African opponents. We are working on the mistakes which hindered us in the previous editions and by mid next month it will be all systems go," said Tarus.

GSU lost 3-1 at the hands of eventual winners and hosts Al Ahly of Egypt in the finals of last year's tournament. Kenya's other representatives Kenya Prisons were edged out by El Guish of Egypt in straight sets.

The women's African Club Championship is set to start on March 16-25, while the men's edition will start on April 1-10.

"We are optimistic to see another thrilling competition at the great Ahly club after last year's successful editions," said Confederation of Africa Volleyball (CAVB) President Amr Elwani.

"Al-Ahly club won the bid to host the tournament in Cairo. They beat Esperance of Tunisia. Ahly is ready to host the Club World Championship," said Elwani.



KCB KENYA NATIONAL AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP 2019 STANDINGS AFTER RD1

CLASS 1 - 2WD NON TURBO

- 1 Zameer Verjee 22
- 2 Sameer Mehboob Nanji 17
- 3 Rajveer Singh Thethy 15
- 4 Sahir Mughal 14
- 5 Albert Kigen DNS 0

CLASS 2 - 2WD TURBO

- 1 Kunal Patel 22
- 2 Imran Hakada 17
- 3 Nazir Verjee 15
- 4 Shaz Ismail 14
- 5 Shaiyen Mughal 13

CLASS 4 - 4WD TURBO

- 1 Sahib Omar 22
- 2 Jackson Wandeto 17

CLASS 5 - OPEN

- 1 Imran Hakada 22
- 2 Shaiyen Mughal 17
- 3 Hamza Anwar 15
- 4 Kirit Rajput 14

CLASS 6 - QUAD

- 1 Wayne Fernandes 20

CLASS 7 - BAMBINO

- 1 Illuyun Mughal 20
- 2 Kuvraj Rajput DNF 0

CLASS 9 - PEEWEE

- 1 Tsorav Soni 20
- 2 Kiana Rajput NE 0
- NE - Not Eligible for points
- DNF - Did Not Finish
- DNS - Did Not Start
- DNE - Did Not Enter

Zameer, Nazir hopeful at start

Studio A-Z Racing team finalise preparations ahead of the season opening KMSF event at Jamhuri Park

by Lynette Matheka
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Studio A-Z Racing of Zameer and Nazir Verjee has completed the final tests of their

buggies in preparation for the second round of the KCB National Autocross Championship slated for Jamhuri Park racetrack on February 26.

The Kenya Motor Sports

Club (KMSC) organised event will get underway with the early morning practice heat which will precede official four heats where the 'best of three' rule will apply.

Zameer tops the 2WD Non Turbo log with 22points, thanks to a "Fastest Time of the Day" (FTD) timing which earned him two bonus points

at the Sikh Union leg held at the TGRV circuit in Mai Mahiu. His dad Nazir finished third in 2WD Turbo Class driving an Attacker 1 Buggy.

"We have tested this week, and declared ourselves more than happy with the performance of the Rage," said the team's lead driver Zameer said adding: "We've also finalised the suspension set-up for the big the massive Jamhuri jumps, and all two of us are brimming with confidence ahead of the weekend," Zameer added.

"It really is a mammoth task, but our experience since first competing a few years ago has taught us a lot, and we've got the operation streamlined to the point where we find ourselves fully prepared ahead of schedule," continued Zameer

He won the opening round

of the series to take an early lead ahead of Sameer Mehboob Nanji (15points) and Rajveer Thethy (15points).

He and his dad have been hard at work in their strip-re-build of the Rage Buggy and Attacker 1 buggies.

'Road to Karen' parked with 220 golfers fighting for 30 places

by Lynette Matheka
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KCB's 'Road to Karen' opening leg set to be played at the par 72 Sigona Golf Club tomorrow has attracted at least 220 amateur golfers at the journey to booking six of the 30 tickets on offer to the prestigious Karen Masters Pro-Am tournament tees off.

The 'Road to Karen' is a qualifying tourney for this year's Karen Masters, which is a Sunshine Tour sanctioned event. The pro-am competition will be run in five Clubs

across the country namely Nyali, Sigona, Thika, Nakuru and Royal. This weekend's event will however exclude the professional golfers.

KCB Bank, during the launch of the five tournaments announced a Sh 2million prize kitty for the local for the four events they will take part in. The prize money for the Pros will be split on a 60/40 ratio. The 60 percent will be prize money for the top 15 finishers while the 40 percent is set aside for those who meet the set scores for the different courses. The cut will be set at level par and better.

With a new qualification format, the series adds considerable lure to the Pro-Am tournament that sees amateurs paired alongside top golfers drawn from across the globe.

"The course is excellent and the greens are on a normal pace, with the current weather situation, we are expecting great day of golf," said Muraya Kariuki, the golf captain at Sigona.

Six winners from each of the participating clubs will get automatic qualification to play at the main event slated for June 25-30 at the Karen Country Club.



Kisumu RFC players huddle for a team players prior to a match at Mamboleo Sports Grounds. PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

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3. 22/02/2019	21:00	Chippa Utd vs Golden Arrows	2.87	2.71	2.92
4. 22/02/2019	21:00	Dijon vs St. Etienne	3.23	3.39	2.26
5. 22/02/2019	22:00	Red Star vs Valenciennes	2.63	2.96	3.01
6. 22/02/2019	22:00	VVV Venlo vs Heracles	2.64	3.51	2.59
7. 22/02/2019	22:00	Troyes vs Le Havre	2.57	3.00	3.05
8. 22/02/2019	22:00	AC Ajaccio vs AJ Auxerre	2.48	2.96	3.23
9. 22/02/2019	22:00	Nancy vs Gazelle Ajaccio	2.48	2.96	3.23
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12. 22/02/2019	22:45	Strasbourg vs Lille	2.66	3.09	2.87
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2. 23/02/2019	18:00	Sheffield Wed vs Swansea	2.59	3.24	2.81
3. 23/02/2019	18:00	Millwall vs Preston	2.56	3.26	2.83
4. 23/02/2019	18:00	Bristol Rovers vs Sunderland	2.95	3.27	2.47
5. 23/02/2019	18:00	Portsmouth vs Barnsley	2.47	3.33	2.90
6. 23/02/2019	19:00	Mlada Boleslav vs Baumit Jablonec	2.56	3.25	2.77
7. 23/02/2019	20:00	Lech Poznan vs Legia Warszawa	2.94	3.16	2.42
8. 23/02/2019	20:30	West Bromwich vs Sheffield Utd	2.48	3.29	2.91
9. 23/02/2019	22:00	Guingamp vs Angers	2.50	3.09	3.09
10. 23/02/2019	22:00	Amiens vs Nice	2.66	3.04	2.93
11. 24/02/2019	14:00	Leganés vs Valencia	2.80	3.07	2.74
12. 24/02/2019	16:30	Anderlecht vs Brugge	2.74	3.44	2.53
13. 24/02/2019	17:00	Chievo vs Genoa	3.08	3.13	2.48
14. 24/02/2019	17:05	Manchester Utd vs Liverpool	3.12	3.50	2.26
15. 24/02/2019	19:00	Rennes vs Marseille	2.74	3.39	2.58
16. 24/02/2019	19:00	FC Rostov vs FC Krasnodar	2.73	2.94	2.83
17. 24/02/2019	20:30	Valladolid vs Betis	2.90	3.17	2.58

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Timely boost

Oliech,
Tuyisenge
return for Gor
as Hussein
Day arrive for
Confed Cup tie

By James Magayi
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Kenya's sole representatives in the CAF Confederation Cup Gor Mahia are confident of putting their quarter-final onslaught back on course as they welcome back four key players who missed their 2-1 loss to Petro Atletico in Luanda, Angola on February 13.

K'Ogalo host Group D leaders Na Hussein Day of Algeria on Sunday at Kasarani and are brimming with confidence at the return of lead scorers Jacques Tuyisenge (*pictured*) and Dennis Oliech. The latter missed the trip to West Africa owing to illness while Tuyisenge was serving a one-match ban for accumulating two yellow cards.

Defensive midfielder Ernest Wendo is also available for selection after serving his ban and so is right back Philemon Otieno who was direly missed as the Angolan club exploited the weakness in a void he left behind to create a second and decisive goal.

Gor Mahia will return to the group pinnacle if they topple Na Hussein Day in Kasarani. Their Algerian club was expected in the country late on Thursday night as they opted for a long trip connecting Nairobi through Turkey.

A frustrating midweek draw with western Stima sent panic waves within the team but Turkish tactician Hassan Oktay exudes great confidence in his players' abilities.

"We slipped in our last game and we must correct the mistakes to get right back on track.

Missing four key squad members for an away game is not easy and that totally messed our output that day," Oktay said as he explained the potentially injurious loss to a team Gor Ma-

hia dominated from kickoff to fulltime. He added: "I've done my homework as usual and watched a lot of games our opponents played recently, home and away and it is my wish that everyone support us fully because we will do our job well. We did it against Zamalek when everyone thought it was impossible and I can assure you that we will triumph here. The objective is reaching quarter-finals and we are firmly on course."

The Turk rested team captain Haron Shakava, Boniface Oluoch, Shafik Batambuze, Kenneth Muguna, Boniface Omundi and Francis Kahata for the midweek tie to keep them fresh for the Sunday game. Gor Mahia finished third in the Confederation Cup group stage last year and are aiming to go one better this season and reach the lucrative knockout stage.



GROUP D STANDINGS

1. Nasr Hussein Day	4pts
2. Gor Mahia	3pts
3. Petro Atletico	3pts
4. Zamalek	1pt

SPORTS BRIEFS

Serenge calls for patience as he hopes to turn Commandos fortunes

KAKAMEGA: National Super League side Green Commandos coach Fred Serenge has called on the fans to remain patient as he settles down after taking over from Eluid Omukuya who joined Kakamega Homeboyz technical bench this week. Speaking to *People Daily* yesterday after taking the players through training, Serenge said he intended to work out on the mind of the demoralised players and also improve their levels of fitness. "During our heavy loss to Shabana, I learnt so many things right from the players' mentality and also level of their fitness which is a major concern and as a technical bench we want to fix the problem as quickly as possible so that we can start winning matches. "The team will improve in the next coming matches as we look forward into getting out of danger zone and then see if we can push to finish the league in a good position," pointed out Serenge. He added that he was targeting six to seven new players during the next transfer window.



Journey man
Lassana Diarra released by French giants PSG



PARIS: Former French international midfielder Lassana Diarra has been released from the remainder of his contract by Paris Saint-Germain, the club announced on Thursday. Diarra, 33, signed for PSG in January last year on a deal through to the end of this season. He made 15 appearances in the second half of last season but has played just four times in the current campaign under coach Thomas Tuchel, most recently in October. Capped 34 times by France, Diarra has also played for Chelsea, Arsenal, Portsmouth, Real Madrid and Marseille, while he also spent time in Russia and in the United Arab Emirates. Having already founded a brand of energy drinks called Heroic Sports, Diarra may now choose to hang up his boots altogether and focus on his business interests. Meanwhile, PSG are sending a medical team to Brazil to oversee Neymar's ongoing rehabilitation from a foot injury. Neymar is to continue his rehabilitation from a foot injury in his native Brazil under the supervision of Paris Saint-Germain's medical staff, the club have confirmed.

IAAF clears 21 Russian athletes to compete as neutrals

NAIROBI: The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said Thursday it had cleared 21 Russian athletes to return to international events, albeit competing under a neutral banner and not representing Russia. Athletics' governing body banned Russia in November 2015 because of evidence of state-sponsored doping, but Russian athletes cleared by the IAAF can compete as neutrals. "The IAAF Doping Review Board has agreed that the applications of 21 Russian athletes have met the exceptional eligibility criteria to compete in international competition as neutral athletes in 2019," the IAAF said. "The application process for athletes seeking neutral status in international competitions in 2019 opened in December 2018. The Doping Review Board is prioritising, wherever possible, applications from athletes wishing to compete in the current indoor season." -AFP

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Sending Odera on loan is regretful, says Igaida



by Amos Abuga
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AFC Leopards Secretary General Oscar Igaida has confessed that sending highly rated striker Ezekiel Odera on loan to Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB), was a wrong move and blamed former coach Nikola Kavazovic for the decision.

Igaida said the club has invoked the clause to bring last season's club top scorer back to the den in a move aimed at rekindling the season for Ingwe whose season continues

to wither to unappealing levels as the league picks momentum. He believes the player will be instrumental in the second leg of the 2018/2019 SportPesa Premier League action.

"Letting our top scorer go in the first place was ill-advised, it is good to recognise that a mistake was made."

"We shall be having Odera back to the team with the hope that he will help us rise from the relegation zone," Igaida said.

He added: "We could not oppose the move by the coach at the time, but since he is now

gone and a new boss at the helm, and with the counsel of the new coach, Rwandese Andre Casa Mbungo, we believe time is right for the experienced forward," Igaida spoke of Odera who scored 12 goals for Ingwe last season.

The 13-time Kenyan champions has scored 10 goals in 13-league matches and currently sit in position 17 with 10 points, their latest series of defeats being a 1-0 surrender at the hands of 2010 champions Ulinzi Stars. They next play inform Mathare United on Saturday.

Ezekiel Odera when he played for Leopards last season.
PHOTO: SPORTPICHA

Action galore

Police worry of Ochieng's form as they host Kisumu All Stars in NSL

by Barry Ochieng
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Before the league started, Dennis Ochieng was not known beyond the Lake Region where he has played in his football so far, but he is currently the talk of all defenders and coaches in the National Super League (NSL).

This fixture therefore sees two strong sides that have good flair and skill upfront with the ninth placed hosts Police likely to parade the attack force of Martin Mutua, David Oluoch and Abraham Dapo. However, their defence which has leaked 23 goals must be wary of the unpredictable Allstars who also have Shadrack Omondi waiting in the wings to do damage at the Karuturi Grounds fortress.

Stuttering Ushuru, who have yet to pick a win in four matches face a banana skin in the frame of Nairobi City Stars today at Camp Toyoyo. The taxmen who are second in the log with 32 points will be desperate to win in a bid to cut the gap at the top which incidentally they occupied only a fortnight ago.



Dennis Ochieng of Kisumu All Stars (left) vies for the ball against Dennis Ng'anga of KCB in a past NSL match.
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20:00	1094	Seinajoen JK vs KPV Kokkola	2.06	3.37	3.48
20:00	2994	Rudes Zagreb vs HNK Rijeka	11.36	5.55	1.25
20:30	1810	Caykur Rizespor vs Yeni Malatyaspor	2.16	3.30	3.51
20:30	2202	Greuther Furth vs Heidenheim	2.94	3.31	2.46
20:30	4310	Goeztepe vs Trabzonspor	2.43	3.46	2.86
20:30	5836	Union Berlin vs Arminia Bielefeld	1.76	3.63	4.81
21:00	1626	VfR Aalen vs Sonnenhof Grossaspach	2.23	3.35	3.19
21:00	2500	Dijon vs St. Etienne	3.23	3.39	2.26
21:00	4904	Chippa Utd vs Golden Arrows	2.80	2.80	2.90
21:10	2015	FC Liefering vs SV Horn	1.56	4.30	5.38
21:10	2766	Floridsdoerfer AC vs Amstetten	2.19	3.48	3.16
21:10	3167	Austria Vienna II vs Kapfenberg	2.73	3.59	2.41
21:10	3352	SV Lafnitz vs WSG Wattens	2.81	3.29	2.50
21:10	5334	Blau Weiss Linz vs Wiener Neustadt	1.96	3.44	3.86
21:30	1954	LASK Linz vs Austria Vienna	1.73	3.78	4.81
22:00	1238	NEC Nijmegen vs Almere City	1.91	3.92	3.55
22:00	1992	Waalwijk vs FC Volendam	2.14	3.63	3.15
22:00	2262	Telstar vs Jong Ajax	4.34	4.18	1.69
22:00	2497	Sporting Braga vs Belenenses	1.41	4.61	8.13
22:00	2643	Den Bosch vs Maastricht	1.96	3.59	3.70
22:00	2820	AS Beziers vs Chateauroux	3.07	2.90	2.64
22:00	3528	Metz vs Paris FC	1.87	3.10	5.18
22:00	3672	Brest vs Grenoble Foot	1.93	3.33	4.30
22:00	3772	Cambuur vs Dordrecht	1.71	4.01	4.43
22:00	3773	Laval vs Cholet	2.18	3.13	3.56
22:00	3825	Nancy vs Gazelle Ajaccio	2.48	2.96	3.23
22:00	3888	US Quevilly Rouen vs Avranches	2.03	3.04	4.21
22:00	4023	Concarneau vs Lyon Duchere	3.41	2.93	2.35
22:00	4438	Helmond Sport vs Jong AZ Alkmaar	2.40	3.52	2.78
22:00	4713	Tours vs Le Mans	4.25	2.92	2.07
22:00	4805	Rodez Aveyron vs Dunkerque	2.14	3.06	3.75
22:00	5086	VVV Venlo vs Heracles	2.69	3.55	2.53
22:00	5207	Twente vs FC Eindhoven	1.60	4.15	5.17
22:00	5569	Jong PSV vs Roda Kerkrade	2.14	3.79	3.05
22:00	5705	Orleans vs Sochaux	2.26	3.02	3.61
22:30	2479	KAA Gent vs Standard Liege	2.10	3.55	3.44
22:30	3668	Werder Bremen vs Stuttgart	1.61	4.25	5.21
22:30	4739	AC Milan vs Empoli	1.41	4.77	7.85
22:45	1591	Sligo Rovers vs St Patricks	3.23	3.23	2.32
22:45	1630	Cork City vs Waterford Utd	1.66	3.70	5.63
22:45	1933	Strasbourg vs Lille	2.85	3.07	2.69
22:45	2340	Crusaders Belfast vs Glenavon	1.73	3.92	4.08
22:45	3185	Dundee FC vs Hibernian	4.31	3.67	1.83
22:45	3351	West Ham vs Fulham	1.88	3.72	4.04
22:45	3419	Cardiff vs Watford	3.06	3.27	2.41
23:00	1706	Finn Harps vs Dundalk FC	8.78	4.68	1.38
23:00	2644	Shamrock Rovers vs Derry City	1.61	3.86	5.90
23:00	2919	Tenerife vs Mallorca	2.21	3.07	3.67
23:00	3127	Espanyol vs Huesca	1.78	3.62	4.75

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Sterling: Schalke win shows where City are heading

MUNICH: Manchester City attacker Raheem Sterling praised his side after a hard-fought Champions League win at Schalke. Sterling believes Manchester City's dramatic 3-2 Champions League win over Schalke highlighted where his side are heading this season. Trailing 2-1 after a pair of penalties from Nabil Bentaleb cancelled out Sergio Aguero's opener, City were reduced to 10 men as Nicolas Otamendi saw red. However, the Premier League champions struck late through a Leroy Sane free kick and Sterling goal to grab a victory in Wednesday's last-16 first leg. Sterling, whose team are in the hunt for four trophies this season, hailed City's ability to deliver despite being under pressure. "We've been through some difficult patches this season, not every game is going to be great and 2-0 or 3-0," he told BT Sport. "These are the games in the Champions League we know the opposition can hurt you at any point and we're going to be under pressure at times but we've got to stay with it. "We did that brilliantly and showed what a great bunch of lads we are and what we're heading towards." -FOTMOB

Di Maria and Mbappe among the goals as PSG win big again

PARIS: Angel Di Maria scored a sumptuous free kick and Kylian Mbappe was also on target as Paris Saint-Germain continued their relentless march towards another French title by hammering Montpellier 5-1 on Wednesday night. With Neymar and Edinson Cavani still absent, Layvin Kurzawa also scored for PSG at the Parc des Princes, while two own goals completed the rout. Florent Mollet had equalised at one point in the first half for the visitors before they crumbled in a rearranged fixture that had initially been postponed in early December due to disruption caused by "yellow vest" anti-government protests in France. As they warm up for the second leg of their Champions League last-16 tie against Manchester United on March 6, PSG are now a huge 15 points clear of second-placed Lille, and still have a game in hand as they race to a sixth Ligue 1 title in seven seasons. "It came down to patience, and quality, and a bit of luck as well," said PSG coach Thomas Tuchel after his side maintained their perfect home record in the league this season. -AFP



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MILLWALL DENT DERBY'S CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF PUSH



Frank Lampard's Derby County suffered a blow to their Championship playoff hopes as relegation-threatened Millwall grabbed a vital 1-0 win at Pride Park on Wednesday night. Just Millwall's second away win in 18 Championship matches moves the FA Cup quarter-finalists five points clear of the drop zone, while Derby remain two points outside the top six. Derby could have few complaints after a desperately flat performance despite Lampard's former Chelsea teammate Ashley Cole making his full debut and Millwall thoroughly deserved the victory secured by Jed Wallace's second-half strike. After both sides' cup exertions at the weekend, neither goalkeeper was called upon in a poor first half. Wallace skinned the bar with a cross in the 55th minute but Millwall stunned the home side with a breakaway goal in the 72nd. Shane Ferguson released Wallace who ran into the box before driving a low shot under Kelle Roos.

FOUR-TIME MASTERS CHAMP WOODS PLOT FOR AUGUSTA

Tiger Woods, who counts four Masters titles among his 14 majors, has been laying plans for Augusta National in April ever since October. "Started probably back in October, November," Woods said Wednesday when asked just when he began thinking about the first major championship of 2019. "Thinking about shots I would need, clubs I'd be using for the event, what kind of swings I have been struggling with or doing well with." In that context, this week's elite WGC-Mexico Championship, where Woods will make his third start of 2019, is all part of the Masters plan. Woods's precise path to Augusta National, where the Masters takes place April 11-14, isn't entirely clear. His decision to play in Mexico has left him in a quandary regarding four tournaments coming up in successive weeks in Florida: The Honda Classic, the Arnold Palmer Invitational, the Players Championship and the Valspar Championship in Innisbrook. -AFP



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Atletico Madrid's Uruguayan defender Jose Gimenez celebrates after scoring a goal during their UEFA Champions League round of 16 first leg match against Juventus FC at the Wanda Metropolitan stadium in Madrid on Wednesday night. PHOTOS: AFP



Cameo performance

Formidable Atletico stun Ronaldo and Juventus

■ Madrid, Thursday
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Cristiano Ronaldo's Champions League mission with Juventus stalled on Wednesday as Atletico Madrid secured a deserved 2-0 victory from a thrilling first leg at the Wanda Metropolitano.

Ronaldo returned to the Spanish capital, where he enjoyed unprecedented success in this tournament with Real, but it was their rivals celebrating at the final whistle as goals from Jose Gimenez and Diego Godin put Atletico within sight of the quarter-finals.

"We are not through yet," Atletico coach Diego Simeone said. "There is

another match to play and we know we will have to suffer."

"Fortunately we didn't concede a third," said Juventus boss Massimiliano Allegri. "Because 2-0 is a result that can be turned around. We're not dead yet."

But this was a victory that Simeone's side fully deserved. Antoine Griezmann had hit the crossbar while VAR twice intervened, correctly, in Juve's favour, cancelling a penalty for a foul on Diego Costa and then ruling out an Alvaro Morata header just before Gimenez struck.

While Juventus tried to preserve the stalemate, Atletico were bold. Simeone introduced Morata, Thomas Lemar and Angel Correa, all around the hour-mark, and his daring paid off. "I showed balls," Simeone said.

Juve are certainly not dead and buried, particularly given Costa and Thomas Partey will both be suspended for the return in Turin after each picked up yellow cards.

But the failure to score an away goal, and their clear inferiority in the second half does not bode well for any hopes of a comeback.

"They don't give you chances," said Allegri. "They make you play badly."

Defeat in the last 16 for either team would be unthinkable, for Atletico, who know the final will be played here, at their own stadium, on June 1, the perfect chance to wrestle the trophy off Real in the very city they share.

And for Juventus, whose wait for Europe's premier prize has now entered its 23rd year, when expectations are higher than ever given they now boast the tournament's most prolific ever player.

Ronaldo, though, endured a disappointing night, suffocated from the outset by a typically relentless Atletico backline.

Perhaps it was frustration that made him wave five fingers in the direction of the baiting Atletico crowd, presumably to signify his five Champions League triumphs. -AFP

		Champions League				2018-2019	
		Last 16					
		1st leg		2nd leg			
Feb 12		Manchester United	0	2	Paris Saint Germain	Mar 6	
Feb 13		Roma	2	1	Porto	Mar 5	
Feb 19		Tottenham	3	0	Borussia Dortmund	Mar 13	
Feb 20		Ajax	1	2	Real Madrid	Mar 12	
		Lyon	0	0	Barcelona		
		Liverpool	0	0	Bayern Munich		
		Schalke 04	2	3	Manchester City		
		Atletico Madrid	2	0	Juventus		

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