New drive

launched to

circumcise

male infants

SIAYA

**The number of male infants**

**circumcised in Nyanza this year**

15,000

THARAKA NITHI

Family’s agony over

son’s untreated illness

A family in Chogoria is in distress

after a condition their son

was born with 30 years ago is yet

to be treated due to lack of funds.

Mr Chrispus Murithi said his

family was financially drained as

they continued to appeal to wellwishers

for funds for the treatment

of his son who has bladder

exstrophy (the bladder is outside

the body). He said the family requires

Sh5 million to access treatment

in an Indian hospital.

MERU

Officials crack down

on dirty businesses

Health officials have launched a

crackdown on business premises

ignoring health regulations in

Igembe South. Speaking to the

*Nation*, public health officer

Charles Njoka said the crackdown

which started yesterday at

Athiru Gaiti division is to ensure

that traders adhere to health

requirements to prevent transmission

of diseases. The rules

include a medical examination for

all food handlers among others.

MURANG’A

Hunt still on for gang that kidnapped miraa farmer

**BY NATION CORRESPONDENT**

Police are yet to find four gangsters

who kidnapped a farmer and injured

a student two days ago.

A baraza is scheduled for tomorrow

at Maragua market to address

the escalating cases of abduction

in the area.

Police boss Naomi Ichami yesterday

said her officers were following

crucial leads and it was a matter of

time before they apprehend the suspects

who seized Mr Simon Njaramba

Gitau in Ngemu village, Makuyu division,

on Monday night.

The gangsters, two of them said

to have been dressed in Administration

Police uniform, also shot and

wounded Bernard Ngigi, a 16-yearold

student at Karigu-ini Day Mixed

Secondary School who was among

neighbours who had responded to

the alarm by the farmer.

The police boss revealed that

the abductors have demanded a

Sh200,000 ransom to release the

miraa farmer.

She noted that the gangsters were

constantly changing SIM cards and

were calling the farmer’s family using

different numbers.

“We suspect the man is still being

held within the county and we hope

to trace him and the gang,” she told

the *Nation* in her office.

Ms Ichami appealed to the public

to volunteer information that could

help deal with escalating cases of

crime in the county.

**Ransom the kidnappers have demanded**

**to release the farmer.**

Sh200,000

**DAILY NATION**