

Kipchoge responds to Obama's moving tribute

When legends chat. Record-breaking athlete Eliud Kipchoge invites former US President Barack Obama to use athletics to make the world a better place. **Page 3**



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Madness on wheels. The rule book thrown out of the window



Recklessness. From an overloaded Probox in Migori town to people hanging precariously on a lorry in Nairobi, it seems the madness that the late John Michuki fought so hard to get rid of on Kenyan roads is now the norm. [Caleb Kingwara and Phillip Orwa, Standard]

THE GRAPEVINE

Politician at loggerheads with Kibra youth over handouts

A senior political figure found himself in volatile territory in Kibra at the weekend when a group of youths nearly roughed him up over handouts he allegedly promised them. It is said that the man, through his handlers, approached the group to provide security during a campaign for their candidate in the Kibra by-election. The Grapevine has learnt that the young men executed their duty as instructed but were shocked when the aspirant's convoy started snaking its way out of the slum before they were handed their cut. It was at this point that the young men attacked the convoy while demanding their money, forcing the big man to get money and hand it to the group.

Minister and MP in vicious fight over lucrative tender

A Cabinet secretary and a parliamentary committee chairperson are reportedly fighting over a multi-million shilling contract. The bad blood between the two is said to have escalated in recent weeks after the CS cancelled the contract after he learnt that the MP was pushing to have his cut in the deal that would have cost the taxpayer millions of shillings. The war is so vicious that the CS no longer honours summons by the committee that oversees the ministry's budgets and operations. The Grapevine has learnt that the lawmaker wanted the ministry to buy more equipment from a firm he has interest in.

State, county left with egg on face over floods in Mandera

Images of flash floods ravaging parts of Wargadud in Mandera County following heavy rains at the weekend have put the county and national governments on the spot for their apparent lack of plans to harvest rain water for future use. Ironically, the area has always suffered famine due to prolonged dry spells leaving thousands of locals in need of relief food. Already, the locals are crying out for relief food from the national government after their belongings were swept away by the floods. Some were also left counting losses after their household items were destroyed by the raging floods. Access roads have also been cut by the waters. The locals are also at risk of contracting waterborne diseases after the rain water mixed with sewage. The incident raises questions of whether there is a disconnect between State department's handling drought, famine and emergencies with the reality on the ground.



Victory. Kenyan stars challenged to continue breaking barriers

Let us use sports to change world, Kipchoge tells Obama

Former US president terms two champions as 'remarkable examples of humanity's ability to endure' after historic races.

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World marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge now wants to meet former US President Barack Obama.

Mr Kipchoge made the request while reacting to Obama's congratulatory message following his historic feat on Saturday when he became the first person to run the 42km marathon in under two hours. Kipchoge ran the distance in 1:59:40 during the INEOS 1:59 Challenge in Vienna, Austria.

The former US president also heaped praise on Brigid Kosgei after she smashed Great Britain's Paula Radcliffe's 16-year long Women's World Marathon record in 2:14:04 seconds on Sunday.

In a tweet, Obama described Kipchoge and Kosgei as "remarkable examples of humanity's ability to endure" after their historic achievements.

He also challenged the Kenyan stars to continue breaking barriers so as to inspire millions all over the world.

The greatest marathoner of his generation, Kipchoge, thanked Obama and requested to meet him to discuss how athletics can be used to change the world.

Kipchoge pointed out that Obama was his inspiration and he would be honoured to meet him and use the power of sports to preach peace in the world.

Obama also broke barriers when he became the first black president of the US from 2009 to 2017.

The world record holder and Olympic champion crossed the line in Austria at



"Yesterday (Saturday), marathoner Eliud Kipchoge became the first ever to break two hours. Today (Sunday) in Chicago, Brigid Kosgei set a new women's world record. Staggering achievements on their own, they're also remarkable examples of humanity's ability to endure – and keep raising the bar."

Barack Obama on Twitter

1:59:40 after consistently completing each kilometre in around 2 minutes 50 seconds.

"I am feeling good. It has taken 65 years for a human to make history in the sport. After Roger Bannister,



"Dear Mr Obama, Thank you for your special words. In life, we hope to inspire others. Thank you for inspiring me. It would be my greatest honour if we could meet and discuss how we can make this world a running world. As a running world is a peaceful world."

Eliud Kipchoge's reply

it took another 65 years. I'm happy to be the man to run under two hours. No human is limited and I'm expecting more people to do it after today. The 41 pacemakers are among the best athletes in the whole world ... to all of them I want to say thank you, thank you for doing the job. We made history together," said an elated Kipchoge after finishing the challenge.

Kipchoge holds the men's world record for the 42km marathon with a time of 2:01:39, which he set in the Berlin Marathon on September 16, 2018.

The world marathon record has, for the past 16 years, been contested between athletes from Kenya and Ethiopia. The two nations are also fierce rivals in long distance events on the track.

Kipchoge's record was almost beaten last month in the Berlin Marathon by Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele, who ran 2:01:41, just two seconds short of the official world mark.

"What amazing weekend for sport. Eliud and Brigid taking it to next level. I tweeted Mo Farah.

In Brief

Nairobi. Unit to probe illicit flows to be formed

■ The governments of Kenya and Switzerland have agreed to establish a police unit that will handle investigations into money laundering and the recovery of proceeds of crime. The agreement was reached yesterday during a meeting between the Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji and Swiss Ambassador to Kenya Ralf Heckner. According to Mr Haji, the unit will be mandated with financial investigations, the tracing, confiscation and recovery of proceeds of crime. "There was also a discussion about the setting up of a prosecution fund to manage and administer proceeds of crime," a statement from the DPP's office said. [Cyrus Ombati]

Nakuru. Police service to rein in rogue cops



■ National Police Service Commission Chairman Eliud Kinuthia (pictured) has announced measures to address rising cases of police involvement in criminal activity. Mr Kinuthia said those found to have been involved in crimes had been interdicted, and the commission would ensure no guilty officer escaped disciplinary action. He added that the Government had released Sh1.08 billion to cater for salary increments for officers to bolster their morale. Kinuthia said the commission would also establish welfare and psycho-social support centres in the counties to help officers cope better with challenges in their personal lives. [Kennedy Gachuhi]

Health

Audit: Counties paid Sh105m more on hired kits

The Ministry of Health varied the annual contract for Medical Equipment Service (MES) from the initial Sh95 million to Sh200million per county, the office of the auditor general has said.

Officials from the auditor general's office yesterday told a Senate committee that a Health Information Management System (HIMS) that was meant to inter-link health facilities was not installed as contained in the contract agreement.

The reasons advanced by the ministry for the increase in the initial amount was that some 21 health facilities in the counties and three national facilities were added to the 98 health facilities earmarked during signing of the

contract.

It also emerged that suppliers who delivered the equipment had been paid yet the National Treasury deducts the money at source.

The Senate ad hoc committee chaired by Isiolo Senator Fatuma Dullo probing the medical equipment leasing scheme sought to why the initial contract amount was increased before a needs assessment or requests from the Counties.

Bungoma Senator and the vice chairman of the ad hoc committee Moses Wetangula questioned why counties were being made to pay Sh105 million more for equipment that was not confirmed to have been delivered and software installed.



Senior officials from the Office of the Auditor General when they appeared before Senate Ad-Hoc Committee on medical leasing equipment yesterday. [Boniface Okendo, Standard]

The contract entailed leasing of assorted medical equipment – renal, laboratory, ICU, radiology and theatre equipment – to at least two hospitals in each of the 47 counties for a seven-year period. It also included installation of the equipment and training of technical staff.

The contract had also envisaged training of medics to handle the equipment but this was not done.

The deputy director in charge of special audit, Sammy Kimunguri, told Senators that comprehensive details of why the variations were done will be revealed once a complete audit of the Health ministry for the 2018-19 financial year is completed. [Rawlings Otieno]

Nyeri. Man denies killing ex-lover's son

■ A county official accused of killing his former lover's son has been released on a Sh500,000 bond with surety of a similar amount. Charles Muriuki has denied killing Gideon Kang'ethe, 12, on September 26, 2019, at Ragati forest in Mathira sub-county. The body was found buried in a shallow grave inside the forest by the police. State counsel Kennedy Magoma did not oppose Muriuki's release on bond. Justice Abigail Mshila directed the case be mentioned on November 21, this year, while hearing was scheduled to start on December 11. [Nderitu Gichure]

Urbanisation. State of rural economies

How collapse of lakeside economy has left behind decaying towns

Indian traders packed and left, followed by Arabs. Soon NCPB and Kenya Railways quit, sugar factories stopped paying and cotton ginneries went silent.

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Old buildings that have clearly seen better days, crumbling graves and an abandoned jetty on Lake Victoria are the only signs that Asembo Bay was once a major economic hub in Nyanza.

Between the 1970s and 1980s, the town, also known as Kamito, was a household name.

Sitting on the shores of Lake Victoria in Asembo, Siaya County, the town bustled with fish, cotton and garment trade, most of it run by Indian traders.

It drew traders and visitors from as far as Gem, Ugenya, Alego and Seme. Today, it is a pale shadow of itself, having been brought down by the region's economic downturn.

The departure of Indian traders, who owned almost all beachfront shops in the town, drove the last nail on Asembo Bay's coffin.

Today, the trading centre looks eerily deserted. Ghostly tombstones marking graves of long dead wealthy traders that drove its economy decades ago stand sentry on beaches that once thrived with life.

Half of the buildings that gave the township its fame are gone, either vandalised or brought down by old age.

Just to show how important the trading centre was, Kamito originated from an Indian businesswoman that locals used to call "Min Mitu," Dholuo for Mitu's Mother. But locals simply pronounced "Mitu" as "Mito" and so Kamito, or the place of Mitu, came to being.

The exit of Indians

Benson Milando, 68, is one of the traders still trying to eke a living from what is left of Asembo. He recalls the arrival of Mama Mitu, followed by other Indian traders such as Manji, Babu and Hussein.

"They came and settled here. They even built a temple about 100 metres from the beach," he recounts.

According to Mr Milando, the beach was one of the most vibrant markets in the region between 1953 and 1989. Its piers were built by the Kenya Railways in 1960s to dock steamers.

Then suddenly, the town stopped growing and started withering away. Residents attribute the death of the town to the departure of the Indians, who left as a result of incessant theft.

Some of the theft, they said, was calculated to push the Indians out. "Some locals who were not happy with the Indians dominating businesses in the centre, and they decided to frustrate them," says Milando.

But Asembo is not the only such centre that fell. In the northern part of Siaya, the once vibrant Ukwala town, one of the oldest administrative centers in Western Kenya, is also withering away.

Like Asembo, Ukwala, in Ugenya Sub-county, was started by Indian traders who later relocated to Kisumu and other towns.

So vibrant was the town that in 1966, when

Nyambambo-Homa Bay/Nyamira



A deserted Nyambambo market. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

Nyambambo-Homa Bay/Nyamira



Nyambambo Trading centre on the border between Nyamira and Homa Bay counties. Fear of post-election violence has stalled its growth. [Sammy Omingo, Standard]

Asembo Bay



An abandoned pier at Asembo Bay. The centre was once a vibrant economic hub. [Isaiah Gwengi, Standard]

Central Nyanza District that was headquartered in Kisumu was split, the seat of the new district named Siaya was moved to Ukwala due to its superior infrastructure.

Pioneer Siaya District Commissioner Isaiah Chelugot operated from Ukwala before the headquarters shifted to Siaya, 29-kilometres away.

According to residents, the then Senior Chief Muganda Okwako demanded that the headquarters

Miwani-Kisumu County



The state of Miwani town today, years after the fall of Miwani Sugar Factory. [Denish Ochieng, Standard]

Asembo Bay, Siaya



The deserted temple built by Indian traders in Asembo Bay. [Isaiah Gwengi, Standard]

Kendu Bay



Part of Old Kendu Bay. Many traders have abandoned the town for New Kendu Bay, about a kilometre away. [James Omoro, Standard]

be moved, saying there was no land to expand it. He recommended that the headquarters be taken to Alego, Siaya, where his colleague, Senior Chief Amoth Owira, had more land.

The decision haunts Ukwala to date.

Today, the court built decades ago is still functional. So is a dispensary built in the 1960s, which has since become a sub-county hospital. But Ukwala town has been eclipsed by other centres.

"Maybe Ukwala would be a different place today had the district headquarters remained and attracted more development," says Ben Ochieng, a resident.

In Rarieda, Madiany town witnessed rapid expansion in the 1980s. Today, little is heard about the town that hosted the headquarters of what is today Rarieda Sub-county.

Word has it that the headquarters was



"temporarily" transferred to Aram market, 10 kilometres away, after a strong wind blew off the roof of the district commissioner's office. It never returned.

Madiany is now a forgotten town, where livestock from nearby villages roam.

Residents recall with nostalgia the well-kept district headquarters, secured with wire fence. Senior citizens also say the small town once hosted a ginnery that was fed on cotton from Bondo and other parts of the county. But all is quiet now.

So low has Madiany sank that even administration police officers posted here feel forgotten. "Since almost all the services were transferred to Aram, the Government has forgotten to even build a latrine here. We use public toilets at the market centre," an officer who requested anonymity said.

However, Rarieda Sub-county Luo Council of Elder chair James Ayaga refuted claims that the transfer of Rarieda Sub-county headquarters was politically instigated.

He said representatives from Asembo and Uyoma were called to a meeting before the decision to transfer the headquarters was made.

In Kisumu, the tale of Miwani town is tear-jerking. The once robust sugarcane growing town

"Life was good here, but now the town is dead. It could not survive without the (sugar) factory."

James Ogol, boda boda taxi operator, Miwani

is a ghost metropolis - bartered, abandoned and forgotten.

The town started dying a slow death after its lifeline - Miwani Sugar Company - was put under receivership in 2000, and finally died a few years later.

With the death of Kenya's oldest sugar mill, thousands of people lost their jobs and businesses that depended on cash flow from the factory closed down.

Even the road linking Kisumu to Chemelil through Miwani fell apart. It now has some of the biggest pot holes in Nyanza.

Public schools such as Miwani Primary School that catered mostly for children of factory workers were adversely affected. Even the commercial sex workers who eked a living from the workers, packed and left.

The township, which had an estimated population of 10,000 in late 1990s, is deserted.



New Kendu Bay is growing rapidly, sucking life out of Old New Kendu Bay. [James Omoro, Standard]



A deserted Miwani Sugar Company compound. Its fall killed businesses around it. [Denish Ochieng', Standard]

During the night, the steady purring of Miwani's engines kept hope alive. Since they fell silent, the town has remained as quiet as a graveyard, especially during the night.

The factory's ghost stands forlornly about a kilometre from the main road, its compound overgrown with grass and the few remaining machinery rusting away. Around it, life has come to a standstill.

"Life was good here, but now the town is dead. It could not survive without the factory," says James Ogol, a boda boda operator.

The motorbikes are the only form of public transport left operating on the ghostly streets after matatus, finding no passengers to carry, changed routes.

The death of Miwani town has worsened the

biting poverty in the once rich sugar belt.

"Health and social facilities in the town that were managed by the company are all falling apart," says Martha Onuko.

Still, Miwani remains the oldest commercial sugar farming zone in Kenya, having hosted the first sugar cane plantation in 1924.

With Miwani's death, two new townships - Kibos and Mamboleo - have sprung up in the neighborhood. Ironically, their growth is spurred by Miwani Sugar's private competitor, Kibos Sugar and Allied Industries.

In Homa Bay County, the death of Old Kendu Bay town has left behind a long list of orphaned businesses. The centre started limping in the late 1990s after engineers tarmacking the Katito-Homa

Bay road left it out in the plan. With the new road passing nearly a kilometre away, traders shifted to a new center - now called the New Kendu Bay.

The fate of Old town was sealed when the Kenya Railways Corporation also abandoned the Kendu Bay Pier where passenger ships docked from Kisumu.

The once busy Kendu Bay ginnery that gave the old town its business lifeline also died with the collapse of cotton farming.

The Old town sat along the shores of Lake Victoria and traces its origin to Arab traders who settled in the area in 1912. The Arabs were joined later by Indians.

Today, the Old town is dead. Buildings that lined the only street are rusting away. What used to be a cotton ginnery is an eyesore. No investor wants to put up any new business on this decayed mass of stone and cement.

According to Daniel Ogweno, a resident, Old Kendu Bay would have survived had the Kenya Railways continued with the passenger service steamers that docked there.

The cereals board effect

Things worsened when the National Cereals and Produce Board also stopped using its Kendu Bay depot in the old town. "After the NCPB depot closed, Old Kendu town closed with it," says Christabel Auma.

In Nyamira, the one-time robust Nyambambo Trading Centre is also on its deathbed.

The centre sits along the Homa Bay-Nyamira border and brought two communities - the Kisii and the Luo - together for trade.

The Kisii called it Nyambambo, while Luos named it Karota. The centre was once a vibrant economic hub, drawing traders from Kisii, Kisumu and Kericho. But not anymore.

Today, the jury is still out on what changed the town's fortunes. However, many agree that the spectre of violence after the disputed 2007 presidential polls dealt the final blow on the town. "No fighting was witnessed in this area, but the fear of possible unrest made traders to shun this place," says Daniel Omuga, 57, one of the residents.

More than 10 years later, fear still seems to haunt Nyambambo, stagnating its growth and slowly shrouding its importance. [Isaiah Gwengi, James Omoro and Stanley Ongwae]



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Tough times. Private sector struggles to grow in tough operating environment, as NGO funding taps run dry

From banks to farms, economy bleeding

More than 25,000 Kenyans sent home as employers struggle to balance books.

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Thousands of people have lost their jobs as private firms either scale down operations or close shop entirely.

The situation has largely been blamed on a harsh economic and policy environment.

A Nairobi-based timber dealer became the latest addition to the long list of companies that have announced job cuts after it announced plans to send home a third of its 3,000-strong workforce.

And it is not just business enterprises that are struggling to retain their employees; non-governmental organisations have also had to resort to layoffs as funding taps run dry.

In the past one month alone, at least 1,000 redundancies have been declared by implementing partners of anti-HIV programmes, including the Liverpool Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centres, as President Donald Trump's protectionist policies take a toll on developing countries.

Slashed funding

The US government has slashed funding for the fight against HIV in Kenya, which has brought with it massive layoffs that are complicating an already precarious unemployment situation.

Through the President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief (Pepfar), the US has been spending an estimated Sh120 billion a year, and employs an estimated 6,000 people to tackle the epidemic.

But now the sponsor believes the objective has been achieved, and Kenya should be more self-reliant after attaining lower middle-income status.

Partners for Health and Development in Africa (PHDA), an agency working with high-risk population groups such as sex workers, has also ended several programmes as funding taps dry up.

PHDA alone sent 40 workers home in the latest restructuring, as its operations in various towns were withdrawn, according to one of the affected employees.

Other donor-funded programmes have also sharply cut back on their operations and workforce.

Businesses, responding to policy changes and a tough business environment, have desperately restructured their operations to remain afloat, and for most of them, this has meant slashing production and firing workers.

While most of the macro-economic indicators have remained bright, the business environment has slowed down, with the value of what the country produces, or gross domestic product (GDP), in 2019 expected to dip as agriculture struggles.

Moreover, those who have been doing business with the 47 county governments are yet to be paid, with the latest report from the Controller of Budget showing that suppliers are owed Sh35 billion.

Officials at the Labour ministry, which keeps track of employment statistics, said the cut-back from development partners was presenting the biggest



Some of the more than 30 employees from Mombasa Maize Millers strike earlier this year after they were fired. (Gideon Maundu, Standard)



"We cannot have a business environment that encourages companies to produce from outside the country and sell products in Kenya."

Federation of Kenya Employers
Executive Director Jacqueline Mugo



"It becomes very difficult to create new job opportunities when there are wrong policies... CS Treasury is also CS Labour, so he should know better what borrowing does to job creation."

Cotu Secretary General Francis Atwoli



"We must look at providing solutions for SMEs by addressing their concerns to create and sustain employment. Other governments have managed to support businesses."

KNCCI President Richard Ngatia

Company	Job cuts	Financial performance
Stanbic Bank	More than 200	Sh6.27 billion profit in the full year to December 2018
East African Breweries Ltd	More than 100	Sh11.5 billion profit in the full year to June 2019
East African Portland Cement Company	136 (plans to re-hire minus 40 per cent salary)	Sh3.5 billion operating loss in 2018

headache in this round of ongoing or planned redundancies.

"We have received huge redundancies from non-governmental organisations because the funding is a challenge, especially from the Trump administration,"

said Geoffrey Omondi, the Labour Commissioner.

Redundancies in donor-funded projects are amplifying the horror of widespread layoffs in the private sector, helped by a shift in Government policies

and a tough operating environment.

Mr Omondi said unfair competition from cheap imports, some brought in fraudulently by evading taxes, was killing the local manufacturing sector and had been cited as the reason behind

some of the redundancies.

Reasons given for the layoffs include the ban on logging, which has cut supply of the main raw material in the manufacture of wooden products. Cheap imports of furniture made from wood-like substitutes could also have informed the layoffs.

And in Mombasa, a recent guideline on cargo transport threatened to stall the economy of the city, which relies on business from the port, where tens of thousands are employed.

Already, the Ministry of Transport has been forced to withdraw an earlier directive requiring all imported cargo to be hauled straight to Nairobi on the Standard Gauge Railway, in the hope of pacifying Mombasa residents.

About 3,000 direct jobs were lost as a result, with several container freight stations (CFSs) folding up, as well as attendant businesses in cargo handling, which prompted a standoff in the port city.

In a study done by the University of Nairobi School of Business on the impact of moving cargo handling to Nairobi, it was additionally reported that Mombasa lost Sh174 billion over the past year.

Recover loans

In Nakuru County, the country's main horticulture hub, an estimated 8,300 workers have been laid off in recent months.

Some 6,000 of them were employed in three flower farms, including Oserian and Kongoni River, while another 1,000 working at the stalled Itare Dam have been rendered jobless after the contractor, CMC di Ravenna, went bankrupt.

Another 1,300 employees of two firms, dealing in timber, were rendered redundant following the logging ban enforced in 2018 that is intended to help in forest regeneration.

In western Kenya, all employees of the collapsed Mumias Sugar Company have been asked to go home after the miller was placed under receivership for defaulting on a Sh12.5 billion loan.

KCB, the miller's lender, intends to auction the plant and other assets to recover its loans after giving workers notice to keep off indefinitely, which could as well mean they have been rendered jobless.

And in the betting industry, a dispute over taxation culminated in Sportpesa announcing to its 362 employees that they would be out of their jobs at the end of October.

Betin, another betting giant, opted to bow out rather than stage a fight when the crackdown on the industry began in July. It laid off 400 employees in the process.

More workers are at various stages of being sent home in the corporate sector. East African Portland Cement Company (EAPCC) halted operations after it was unable to compete owing to its obsolete equipment.

And a decision taken by Kenya Railways Corporation to recover its land left at least 50 workers of what was formerly Tilapia Beach Hotel in Kisumu in the cold. Many others who worked for smaller restaurants in the area are yet to figure out where to move next.

Other firms that have declared redundancies include Telkom Kenya, which plans to slash jobs ahead of a planned

jobs

merger with Airtel; Securex, a security company that recently announced it would lay off more than 200 workers; and Stanbic Bank.

Jacqueline Mugo, the executive director of the Federation of Kenya Employers, termed the retrenchment wave as unfortunate.

"... there are many other enterprises being forced to reduce staff because of the unique business circumstances they find themselves in. The sectors deeply affected are the timber industry, mining sector, manufacturing and the security sector," she said.

Wasted generation

Ms Mugo added that the business environment was not conducive enough to promote the growth of business and create employment, but was actually toxic to existing formal jobs.

"We cannot have a business environment that encourages companies to produce from outside the country and sell products in Kenya," she said.

FKE, added the director, does not support popular and simplistic policies that destroy businesses, a reference to the crackdown by the State on various sectors.

She said the growing rate of unemployment was likely to brew frustration, leading to what she described as a "wasted generation" of well-educated, energetic and ambitious men and women "if we continue down the path we are witnessing, where policymakers are disregarding the voice of employers".

8,300

■ The number of workers who have lost their jobs in recent months in Nakuru County's horticulture industry, with 6,000 of them coming from just three flower farms.

362

■ The number of employees expected to lose their jobs at betting giant Sportpesa at the end of this month.

Sh12.5b

■ The loan amount Mumias Sugar defaulted on, which saw it placed under receivership and its employees asked to all go home.

Richard Ngatia, the president of the Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI) - the lobby for businesses - said the Government should create a supporting environment for trade.

Among his proposals are ensuring the private sector has access to financing and the State paying promptly for goods and services procured to ensure businesses are not starved of operating capital.

"We must look at providing solutions for SMEs by addressing their concerns to create and sustain employment. Other governments have managed to support businesses," Mr Ngatia said.

Official data indicates that most of the new jobs created over the years are within the informal economy and small enterprises, which sadly have been worst hit by a lack of credit.

Warning. Legislators say country should be ready for increased cases of suicide if situation is not reversed

Layoffs immoral, senators say in push for answers

Shutdowns a threat to national stability and sanity, warn leaders.

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A Senate committee has opened an investigation into the reasons behind the recent wave of job losses.

This follows a petition filed by Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malala that detailed how at least nine companies had recently laid off 14,000 employees.

The Senate Labour committee has been directed to look into the reasons behind the rampant closure of businesses and job cuts.

Mr Malala argued the crisis would make depression a more widespread concern, as well as shrink national and county government revenues.

While tabling his motion, Malala said the closure of businesses is mostly occasioned by an unfavourable business environment in the country and the inability of businesses to sustain themselves.

"If we allow these massive business closures and job losses, we should also be ready to shoulder massive cases of depression and suicide as a country," he said.

Root causes

Companies that have laid off staff this year include Stanbic Bank, which let go of more than 200 employees; East African Portland Cement Company that declared all staff redundant; Kenya Airways that fired 38 employees; and Finley Flowers in Kericho where at least 1,700 workers lost their jobs.

Former giant store chain Nakumatt also laid off 800 workers out of approximately 4,000 employees, while Nestle Kenya parted ways with more than 100 staff.

According to Malala, Unilever Tea Kenya sent home 11,000 employees, while 222 employees of Securex Company were ren-



Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malala wants probe done on job losses. [Edward Kipimo, Standard]

Employment distribution in different sectors in 2018: in thousands



Lost jobs by industry

Betting	800
Horticulture	6,000
Itare Dam	1,000
Health	1,000
Timber	1,300

dered redundant.

"This is a sad state of affairs. As a country, we must delve more into the root causes of these closures and urge the Government to enact favourable economic policies for businesses to thrive. Our inability to create enough jobs for the youth graduating from colleges is immoral," said Malala.

"If as a country, we shall allow

rampant business closures, in the not-so-distant future, we shall be pushed into astronomical borrowing ... This is a dangerous path for our country."

He added that taxation is a crucial element among the factors of production of any legal business, and informs corporate decisions and emboldens commercial plans.

"It is, therefore, important that

as a country we demystify and simplify our tax regime for consistency of policy and attraction of more investment."

In a session chaired by Deputy Speaker Kithure Kindiki, Malala said the closures are resulting in job losses that are affecting thousands of Kenyans who are in most cases the sole breadwinners in their families.

These redundancies are happening against the Jubilee Party's manifesto promise to create one million jobs a year.

Malala said the closure of betting companies, for instance, had resulted in a decline in tax revenue.

"It will reach a time when the Government will be struggling to finance free basic education, free maternal healthcare and will not be in a position to fully roll out Universal Health Coverage."

Performing worse

Senate Majority leader Kipchumba Murkomen (Elgeyo Marakwet), while contributing to the motion, said the complaint across the country is that institutions of Government that play oversight roles are among those contributing to the closure of businesses.

"It is a paradox that the economy is performing worse when there is a 'handshake' than the time when we had proper political oversight. It is possible that those of us who are in the Government side have slept on the job because there is no proper oversight. We cannot continue burying our heads in the sand."

Nominated Senator Rose Nyamunga added that there is need to go beyond partisan politics.

"We need to give Kenyans direction on how to handle the whole issue. The Jubilee Government had a lot of promises for Kenya. They promised to create over 500,000 job opportunities every year. That was a big number compared to what we are now seeing."

Unemployment

Two Kenyans tell of their agony after losing work

As Kenyans wallow in the pain of losing a job, *The Standard* caught up with two individuals who have found themselves jobless in recent months.

Joseph Njoroge worked as a digital operator at betting firm Sportpesa before he lost his job. When *The Standard* spoke to him yesterday, Njoroge said the loss of his job left him dumbfounded.

"I worry for my two-year-old son. He will have to do without the medical insurance cover that the com-

pany provided for us. His birthday is approaching next month, but he will have to do without much that we could have provided," said Njoroge.

Jane Minayo has raised her children single handedly. She used to deliver food for employees at Sportpesa. She is now at a loss after the company was closed.

"Gambling may be a vice. But Sportpesa helped me. Alcohol too is a vice. Drinking and gambling is someone's choice. I feel punished," Ms Minayo said. [Kenyanitto Oyier]



Joseph Njoroge was a digital social media strategist at Sportpesa.



Jane Minayo sold food to Sportpesa staff. [Wilberforce Okwin, Standard]

Politics. MPs rally to raise the debt ceiling to Sh9 trillion

How handshake turned Uhuru past critics to his cheerleaders

Opposition MPs who once criticised Jubilee excesses are only too happy to prosecute government agenda in and outside Parliament.

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The closing of ranks by MPs to raise the debt ceiling to Sh9 trillion is the latest pointer to how the political truce between President Uhuru Kenyatta and Opposition leader Raila Odinga has turned politics on its head, both in parliament and outside the House.

Yesterdays' critics have become today's cheerleaders as the March 9, 2018 handshake blurs political lines - almost turning the House into a one-party chamber where government business is railroaded without opposition.

MPs who spoke to *The Standard* on condition of anonymity for fear of flouting party protocol, said most lawmakers had been cowed by the camaraderie between the President and ODM leader. The two leaders control huge blocs in and outside Parliament, and it would be politically suicidal for most MPs to go against their wishes.

Former critics of Jubilee's borrowing spree like Junet Mohamed, John Mbandi and Gladys Wanga, last week rallied led the National Assembly to raise the debt ceiling. This was the second time in under a year opposition MPs defied public pressure to push through government motion.

Last year in September opposition lawmakers helped the Government side push through new taxes in disregard to public protests against rising cost of living.

Dead opposition

With the Opposition in Parliament virtually non-existent, and the civil society neutered to the bones, the public is on its own.

Watchdogs committees appear to have abdicated their mandate to ensure robust oversight of government which punctures accountability while vetting processes have become routine rubber-stamping of executive nominees.

In the latest case, opposition MPs backed government push to raise the country's debt ceiling to Sh9 trillion, a 360-degrees turn from their previous hard-line stance against borrowing.

National Assembly Minority Whip Junet Mohammed, who only three years ago was part of



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Kimilili MP Didmus Barasa

MPs against Jubilee's appetite for borrowing - especially the Sh250 billion Eurobond - cited the "renewed fight against corruption" as a reason for echoing government position.

"When I realised that the war on corruption has serious political support, all the way from the President to the Speaker, I was convinced that this money will be spent in a good manner," says the Suna East MP.

Homa Bay Woman Representative Gladys Wanga, an erstwhile fierce critic of the Jubilee borrowing spree, has become the foremost advocate for more government debt. She even bandies around statistics to back up her case.

"No economy grows without borrowing. In fact, if you look at the data from the American economy, in 2018, American borrowing was at 77 per cent of the GDP. That is a debt that is moving towards 100 per cent of GDP. If we measure our debt by the percentage to the GDP, it grows scarier and scarier."

"If our debt ceiling is not raised, it does not mean that we are not borrowing. We are borrowing domestically. We are competing in the local market... it had become very difficult for SMEs to get loans from com-

mercial banks because they had to compete with the Government in terms of borrowing," she says. Critics, including the World Bank, have warned against the appetite for loans, citing risks of debt stress.

MPs even ignored expert advice from the Parliamentary Budget Office which advised against the raising of the country's debt ceiling, according to minutes of the committee on Delegated Legislation that considered the Treasury proposal.

PBO, an independent think-tank of economic experts that advises MPs, warned that raising the ceiling would undermine the country's budget credibility.

"Currently, the country has surpassed some of the debt sustainability thresholds. This implies that the country is not generating enough revenue to cover the debt service requirements. The risk is the country will continue to borrow to repay the existing debts and not for development expenditure," PBO said.

Last Wednesday's events in Parliament mirrored the approval of the 8 percent fuel levy in September 2018. As Kenyans protested, Opposition MPs joined hands with the government to push through the

changes contained in the Finance Bill, 2018. This saw a rise in cost of fuel products and consequently a hike in the prices of basic commodities.

The curse of the handshake has replicated itself in House oversight committees which no longer churn out hard hitting reports.

No whistle-blowing

In August Parliament rejected a report prepared by a joint committee on sugar suspected to have been toxic or unfit for human consumption as it was not fully processed on the grounds that the team ignored its terms of reference.

The vote on the report that had indicted two Cabinet Secretaries was rocked by bribery claims that saw the Privileges Committee question 10 MPs, who alleged that their colleagues were bribed to reject the report. There are also concerns that Opposition MPs no longer blow the whistle on national crises such as loss of jobs and plunder of public resources by state officers.

By tradition, the House Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the Public Investments Committee (PIC) are chaired by Opposition members.

Yesterday, Kimilili MP Didmus Barasa said the handshake has compromised the oversight role of Parliament and turned it into a conveyor belt where the executive calls shots.

Barasa, claimed that various parliamentary watchdog committees chaired by the opposition MPs have gone slow on Cabinet Secretaries and Principal Secretaries on misappropriation of taxpayers' money.

"They are now covering themselves with the same blanket and have stopped holding state officers to accountable. I am a member of a ruling party but we need the minority to use the watchdog committees to expose rot in the government," says Barasa.

"This handshake has reduced the value of Parliament because both the National Assembly Majority Leader and the Minority Leader are now singing the same tune on the floor of the House," he adds.

Minority Leader John Mbadi disagrees, saying the handshake has made discussions on national issues more objective and inclusive.

Mbadi says he has developed a productive working relationship with the Leader of Majority, Aden Duale, giving room for

minority views to be heard.

"We started when we (opposition MPs) did not recognize that Parliament was properly constituted. At the moment, a lot of discussions happen between us. The leader of majority calls me and I call him and we compare notes. There are cases where we have quietly disagreed, but we have found a way to work it out. Our relationship is very friendly in terms of work," Mbadi says.

"The voice of minority is being heard. We can make recommendations that can be taken into consideration. In the past, only executive views were discussed," he observes.

Nominated MP and face of Kileleshwe wing of Jubilee party Maina Kamanda says the handshake has opened doors for Opposition figures to push their agenda.

"Even those in Tanga Tanga, at the bottom of their heart know that the handshake has brought peace in the country. Unlike in the past even those in the opposition can access ministers and various government departments. Only one person is fighting the handshake," says Kamanda, in a thinly veiled reference to Deputy President William Ruto.

Assault

Kihika kin appeals jail sentence

The late politician Kihika Kimani's daughter Peris Kihika has appealed against a two-year jail sentence for assaulting her sibling.

Peris was jailed for assaulting her sister Caroline Kihika in 2015 but is out on a Sh30,000 bond pending the hearing of the appeal.

But yesterday, State counsel Amos Chigiti in a notice of motion seen by *The Standard*, claimed the sentence was lenient.

In the documents filed at the High Court, Chigiti has warned her that if she continues with her appeal and loses, her sentence will be enhanced to five years.

The case will proceed on December 10, 2019.

In her appeal, she argued that she was convicted without a watertight evidence.

"The testimony that the court relied on were gotten from the complainant's allegations of being assaulted. There is no witness who came to court to testify having seen the appellant assault her sister," reads the appeal.

She also accuses the trial magistrate of not taking into consideration that the witnesses testimonies were contradictory and inconsistent.

She also claims that the court shifted the burden of proof to her instead of it relying on the prosecution side.

"The court prejudged the appellant and it was unfair to her to convict her when it was clear that there was no enough evidence from the prosecution to prove their case.

She accuses her sister of framing her in an attempt to tarnish her name. [Daniel Chege]

Health. State of infrastructure in many public facilities wanting

Shame of hospitals with no toilets, water

Researchers measured facilities' performance against 67 good hospital hygiene practices.

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Many of the public hospitals that received the Sh38 billion leased medical equipment lack toilets or drinking water.

A study in 14 top county hospitals shows many do not have adequate toilets, lack piped water and lack storage for safe drinking water hence putting the lives of patients and workers at risk.

The survey published last Wednesday was carried out by Kenya Medical Research Institute, (Kenri) University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands and the University of Oxford, UK and appears

in the journal Plos One.

The team assessed the status of water, sanitation and hygiene in the former district hospitals now turned county referral facilities.

The 14 hospitals are among 98 county facilities which were to receive state-of-the-art medical equipment in the controversial Sh38 billion national government leasing scheme.

Medical equipment

In 2015, the Ministry of Health entered into a deal with five global companies for supply of medical equipment. The deal that attracted the wrath of governors, would see the the ministry deduct Sh90 million annually from counties for leasing of the equipment.

Critics of the scheme have argued that some of the hospitals need to first fix their basic infrastructure

Participating county hospitals

- Vihiga
- Kakamega
- Mbagathi
- Mama Lucy Kibaki
- Machakos Level 5
- Nyeri
- Kisumu East
- Embu
- Karatina
- Kerugoya
- Kitale
- Busia
- Kiambu
- Mbale RHTC

before acquiring top-end equipment.

"Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (Wash) in health-care facilities is critical in the provision of safe and quality care. Poor Wash increases hospital-associated infections and contributes to the rise of drug resistance," says the new study.

The researchers measured facilities' performance against 67 good hospital hygiene practices, such as availability of toilets, water, hand washing stations and

management of waste. Overall performance was rated to as low as 47 per cent, according to the study.

The study says the state of infrastructure in many public facilities especially the old ones is in a sorry state and worst in provision of toilets and water and waste management.

About a third of hospitals did not have adequate toilets for ward patients while only about half had a hand-wash station.

About 42 per cent of toilets were not lit while in 15

per cent of wards men and women used the same toilets.

Only eight per cent of the facilities had toilets suitable for use by people with disabilities or the elderly while less than a third of the hospitals kept records on the cleaning of toilets.

The team says many hospitals did not observe critical yet inexpensive practices that could significantly reduce diseases such as keeping cleaning records.

Drinking water

Only eight per cent of the assessed 116 wards in the 14 hospitals had safe storage of drinking water. At the same time, only about a third of the wards had stations for drinking water while 42 per cent did not have connected water taps.

The use of bed nets to protect patients against mosquito bites and possible malaria infection was only in a third of the wards. Only 11 per cent of the wards met the recommended distance between one bed and the next one.

The poor state of hygiene in public hospitals, the authors say, is mainly due to low funding and old infrastructure.



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40 UN 14K	UNDP KENYA	PEUGEOT 407, SALOON CHASSIS NO. VF36DRF7-9L0E3898 ENGINE NO. 10LH5C177036	2009	2000	226,253
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The Authority has received funding from the European Union under the "Ending Drought Emergencies: Drought Risk Management and Coordination - Support to Pillar 6 (EDE / DRMC - SP6)" grant contract. Under this funding, the NDMA invites applications from ongoing PhD students, for partial grants of an amount **not exceeding Kenya Shillings One Million (Kshs 1,000,000)** per applicant.

Interested applicants may download the Terms of Reference for the Call for Applications free-of-charge from the Authority's website www.ndma.go.ke or from the Government Tenders Portal: <https://www.tenders.go.ke>.

The deadline for submission of applications is **6th November 2019 at 2:00 pm**. Applications will be opened immediately thereafter in the NDMA Boardroom on 17th Floor, Lonrho House, Standard Street, Nairobi in the presence of applicants and/or their representatives who choose to attend.

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Trial

High Court rejects video clip on murder

A court in Nairobi yesterday rejected a 47-minute video evidence detailing how lawyer Willie Kimani and his two associates were killed in 2016.

Justice Jessie Lesiit, in a ruling read yesterday, observed that the officer investigating the killing of Kimani, the lawyer's client Joseph Mwenda and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri made a blunder of visiting the site while his colleague was recording the video.

According to the judge, evidence rules required the investigating officer to hand over police informer Peter Ngugi to another authorised officer and ought to have kept off the process.

Justice Lesiit said the investigating officer's conduct amounted to soliciting evidence from the suspect, which is not the proper way of reconstructing a scene-of-crime or recording an admission.

"In conclusion, I uphold the fifth accused's (Ngugi) objection and hold that the evidence of crime scene reconstruction recorded by prosecution witness 40 (Joseph Muindi) and the transcription is inadmissible for not following the rules and consequently violated the right of the accused person," the judge ruled.

At the heart of the ruling was a recording in six sites and which detailed what happened on the day the trio was killed.

The objection against handing the video as evidence and being played in court was raised by Ngugi's lawyer Kevin Michuki.

Senior Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions Nicholas Mutuku, who was to seal the hand-written confession by the suspect on the video, accused the defense lawyer of employing delay tactics.

He argued that the evidence before the court was collected within the law, adding that the defense ought to have waited until he had concluded taking the court through the evidence for them to raise the objection.

Ngugi and police officers Frederick Leliman, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku and Leonard Mwangi were charged with murder. The case will proceed today. [Kamau Muthoni]

Mombasa. Painting a winning picture



Artistry. Zuber Bakhrani puts finishing touches to one of five drawings of marathon runner Eliud Kipchoge at his Ganjoni residence yesterday. Kipchoge made history in Vienna, Austria on Saturday when he became the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours. One of the drawings will be presented to the runner when he arrives in the country while the rest will be displayed in the streets of Mombasa and Eldoret. [Gideon Maundu, Standard]

Court. Kariuki says order freezing his companies' nine accounts was unlawful and meant to cripple operations

DCI has no authority to probe tax evasion claim, judge rules

High Court says it is wrong for investigators to claim they are acting in public interest when they are breaking the law.

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The High Court has dealt a major blow to the fight against tax evasion, ruling that the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) has no authority to investigate alleged tax cheats.

Justice Luka Kimaru ruled that under the tax laws, it is only the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) that is mandated to investigate and prosecute cases of tax evasion or instruct the Asset Recovery Authority to institute recovery of taxes.

Justice Kimaru made the ruling in a case in which billionaire businessman Humphrey Kariuki's companies have challenged an order obtained by DCI officers to investigate and freeze their accounts.

"It is evident that there was an element of jurisdictional overreach by the DCI on matters which are statutorily under the jurisdiction of KRA and the

Asset Recovery Authority. In the performance of its duties, the DCI must respect the authority of other institutions," ruled the judge.

Justice Kimaru also upheld an order directing the unfreezing of several bank accounts of Mr Kariuki's companies, noting that the order to freeze the bank accounts was obtained illegally since it was never sought in the application lodged by the DCI.

The court ruled the billionaire's companies, Africa Sprits Limited and Wow Beverages Ltd, had proved the orders were illegal since the firms were never served in the first instance to present documents the investigators were looking for.

According to the judge, police investigators only have the power to ask for orders to access account details but not to ask for orders to freeze an account.

"The Evidence Act grants a police officer investigating an offence power to access to an account held in a bank for the purposes of investigations, but it does not grant the investigating officer power to apply for the seizure, freezing or the preservation of the contents in the account," ruled Kimaru.

He said that it was clear the applica-

Illegal order

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tion the DCI sought before the magistrate's court at Kiambu against Kariuki's bank accounts was not to freeze the accounts and the magistrate made a mistake in issuing an order which was not sought.

Justice Kimaru added that in instances where the police want to investigate

a person's account, the holder of such account should be served at the appropriate time and notified of the reasons.

"In conducting investigations, the police must at all times respect the rights of those they are investigating. That right includes the right to enable those affected by the orders issued by the court to be heard," ruled Kimaru.

He stated that it is wrong for investigators to claim they are acting to safeguard public interest when they are breaking the law.

The judge said the police cannot be allowed to benefit from an outright illegality on claims that they are acting in the public interest.

Kariuki, in his application filed through lawyer Cecil Miller, argued the order freezing his companies' nine accounts was unlawful and meant to cripple their operations after the DPP failed to link its directors to the tax evasion claims.

He accused the DPP of acting in bad faith and abusing the court process, arguing that the decision to file the application in Kiambu was to get a favourable magistrate to rule in their favour after a similar application was declined by a magistrate in Nairobi.

Courts

Trader accused of evading Sh173m in taxes

A company director has been charged with evading taxes amounting to Sh173 million.

Hassan Ahmednur was charged together with his company Hanamal Construction Limited and denied five counts of tax fraud before magistrate Peter Ooko of Milimani law courts.

According to the prosecution, Mr

Ahmednur, (pictured), committed the offence on diverse dates between January 1, 2015 and January 1, last year while earning a taxable income as a director of Hanamal.

Ahmednur is said to have made incorrect statements in his Value Added Tax (VAT) returns for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, which reduced his tax liability

by Sh65,651,535. In 2018, Ahmednur is said to have cumulatively reduced his tax liability by Sh107,348,465.

According to prosecution, the money is payable to the Kenya Revenue Authority Commissioner General as required by the Value Added Tax Act 2013, of the laws of Kenya.

State prosecutor Nelly Ngovi opposed

Ahmednur's application for bail, saying he was a flight risk and if released, would abscond court proceedings.

"He had resisted arrest by threatening a police officer. He had pointed a gun at the officer and threatened to shoot him at point blank range," said Ms Ngovi. Ruling on bail will be read today. [Faith Karanja]



Tragedy. DNA matching was used to identify the body fragments

Remains of Ethiopian crash victims arrive

Ethiopian authorities say the remains of four Kenyans were buried or cremated in the capital.

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The remains of 28 Kenyans who died in the ill-fated Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 were yesterday delivered to their families.

Officials from the airline, last Friday, invited two representatives from each family to Addis Ababa where they spent the weekend before making the return journey with their relatives' caskets.

Government officials, including Transport Cabinet Secretary James Macharia and his Foreign Affairs counterpart Monica Juma, attended a funeral service held at the presidential pavilion of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport yesterday.

Speaking after the modest but sombre service, Ms Juma said bringing the remains to the victims' families was important to help them find closure.

"We came to condole with the families in this very emotional event," she said.

Juma said the Government had done all it could to help the families and that the pending compensation was a matter to be handled by the airline and lawyers who have already sued Boeing - the plane manufacturer.

Body fragments

It was, however, clear that there were no bodies to be viewed. Earlier reports had indicated that the Boeing 737 Max had crashed with so much force that only body fragments of the 157 people aboard were recovered from the crash site.

Ethiopian officials said that some remains had been cremated or buried in the country, according to the wishes of the respective families.

The remains that arrived yesterday, which have taken months to identify through DNA matching, were driven in hearses to various morgues around the city to allow time for burial arrangements.

For many, it was a painful moment reliving the events that followed the accident. Some families had already conducted final rites, including burial Mass, but without the bodies.

Among those present were the relatives of Florence Wan-



Family members of Kenyans who died in the March 10 Ethiopian Airlines crash leave the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport yesterday after they were allowed to collect the remains of their loved ones. [Stafford Ondegö, Standard]



Family members of Jane Njeri, who was among 32 Kenyans who died in the March 10 Ethiopian Airlines, leave the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport yesterday after they were allowed to collect Njeri's remains for burial. [Stafford Ondegö, Standard]

gari, a nun, who had held a ceremony to mark her death. A family member said her scheduled burial would only help to awaken their feeling of loss.

Dan Muturi, Wangari's elder brother, said the family had filed two suits in the United States and they were hopeful the compensation would be paid soon. The airline has already given Sh5 million to several families, including the

Muturis, as part-payment. A further Sh5 million payment is outstanding.

Richmond Mureithi, who has been coordinating the families' activities, told *The Standard* that Boeing had offered Sh14 million (\$140,000) for every victim in payment that is awaiting completion of paperwork.

The offer, which has been interpreted as a donation to appease the victims' families,

does not, however, shield the aircraft manufacturer from multiple legal suits that have been filed in Chicago.

"Those who do not feel satisfied with the 'gift' have decided to sue for compensation," said Mr Mureithi, who also lost a relative.

Ethiopian Airlines' insurer is paying the Sh10 million (\$100,000), a settlement that is being coordinated by a Nairobi-based law firm.

Crash money

But to receive the money, relatives have to provide proof that they were dependent on the crash victim. This explains, in part, why some families are yet to receive a cent.

This is the case for Benson Gathu's family whose wife is yet to prove that they were married so that she can be cleared to receive the payout.

Boeing has already acknowledged that the plane's design was faulty following similarities between the March 10 crash and one in October last year involving a plane operated by Indonesia's Lion Air.

A design fault which allowed software to overrule the pilots' actions when the jet was malfunctioning has been blamed for both accidents.

In both incidents, which took place minutes after take-off, all passengers died. A total of 344 jets of the hitherto popular plane have been grounded worldwide with American aviation authorities yet to give a timeline for their return to service.

In Brief

Nairobi. Man killed during Kibra campaign

■ A middle-aged man died Sunday afternoon after falling from a moving vehicle during campaigns for the Kibra by-election. The victim was

reportedly hanging onto a moving Toyota Prado when he slipped outside Yaya Centre and was run over by other speeding vehicles in a convoy that had left Kibra DC ground where ODM leaders had converged to campaign for their candidate, Imran Okoth. Witnesses and police said the man died on the spot. The body was moved to the mortuary. Meanwhile more police have been deployed to Kibra to beef up security in the campaigns. This follows claims by some parties that they are being threatened by hooligans. [Cyrus Ombati]

Mombasa. Trader sues KPA for Sh35 million

■ A businessman is seeking over Sh35 million from the Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) for fresh water supplied to the parastatal. Peterson Mitau (pictured) told Justice Dorah Chepkwony that KPA had refused to pay up despite entering into a contract with his firm, T/A Mombasa Fresh Water Supply Company, between 2017 and 2018. Justice Chepkwony yesterday directed KPA to file witness statements and warned that the case would not be adjourned again. The matter will be heard next month. [Joackim Bwana]



Mombasa. Appeal over hotel ownership flops

■ A court yesterday ruled that an application to stop the police from evicting the appellant from a hotel in Watamu was defective. Giovanni Ozzi had moved to the Court of Appeal to seek orders to stay the execution of an order issued by Malindi Environment and Lands Court. Judge James Oloa that authorised police to kick him and his associates out of the multi-million-shilling Mawimbi Lodges in favour of

Joyce Jepleting, her husband Daniel Bernhard Reinhard and Elizabeth Bernhard Reinhard. Justice Kairu Gatembu was yesterday scheduled to hold a pre-trial hearing on the matter when it emerged that Ozzi had not cited Jepleting as one of the defendants despite the fact that she was the main defendant in the main suit. Justice Gatembu gave Ozzi ten days to file an amended application that included Jepleting's name failing which the application would be struck out. [Kelvin Karani]

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On guard. Senior security officers will not take leave during examination period



Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha (right), Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang (left) and Teachers Service Commission CEO Nancy Macharia consult at the Kenya School of Government in Nairobi yesterday. (Philip Orwa, Standard)

Don't you dare, CS tells cheats ahead of exams

State says it will heighten surveillance in bid to prevent irregularities.

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Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha has listed Wajir, Mandera, Garissa and Migori as the counties where there will be heightened surveillance to curb exam cheating.

Prof Magoha warned of severe consequences if he finds evidence of collusion between exam officials, parents, teachers and students to cheat in the national exams that are set to begin in the next two weeks.

He said surveillance would run up to two kilometres away from schools to ensure that there are no irregularities in the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) and Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams.

Aid cheating

Speaking during the launch of the national examination period yesterday, the CS illustrated his point using Nyatike in Migori County, where teachers colluded with an exam official to aid cheating.

"In Nyatike, for example, last year all our officers went to bed with the teachers there

All set for KCSE and KCPE exams

■ There are 1,388,987 and 699,746 candidates registered for KCPE and KCSE, respectively
■ 179,149 teachers will be involved in the

administration of exams
■ KCSE is due to begin in a week's time with orals and practicals, while KCPE will start on October 29

because they had an open exam. All the officials were looking away so that the schools were able to do eight exams as open books. It must not happen this year," Magoha said.

He added that in almost the entire North Eastern region, the issue of examinations has been politicised.

"I am asking the leaders of North Eastern, that is Wajir, Mandera and Garissa, please kindly allow our children to do their exams without interference, and I can guarantee that you better results," Magoha said.

"Children are intelligent from everywhere, including North Eastern. You confuse them by giving the wrong answers."

Magoha said they have sealed all loopholes and would monitor the returning of scripts.

"This time we will know as soon as we have taken the exam that something is missing, and the centre manager will be held responsible," he said.

He urged parents not to put too much pressure on their

children to perform because they have different capabilities.

"Just accept them the way God has given them to you. Not everyone is the same, and don't make the child go and commit suicide," Magoha said.

He assured students that everybody would move on to the next stage, and asked them not to take the exam too seriously.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i said no senior security official would be allowed to take leave during

"In Nyatike, for example, last year all our officers went to bed with the teachers there because they had an open exam. All the officials were looking away so that the schools were able to do eight exams as open books."

Education CS George Magoha

examination period.

"This is the time when we all have to focus on the welfare of our children," he said.

The CS added that if there are areas where they suspect there will be challenges, his officers are ready to deal with them.

He said this year, there are more resources, including aircraft to enable officers to move around with ease.

Undivided attention

Teachers Service Commission CEO Nancy Macharia said cases of exam malpractices are reducing, according to their records.

"In 2015, we handled 66 cases; in 2017 we had 48, and in 2018 we had 30. This year, TSC has dismissed 17 teachers over exam irregularities," she said.

Ms Macharia added that the commission has cancelled all leave for its staff so they can give the examinations undivided attention.

Kenya National Examination Council CEO Mercy Karogo said this year, there are 1,388,987 and 699,746 candidates registered for KCPE and KCSE, respectively.

KCSE is due to begin in a week's time with orals and practicals, while KCPE will start on October 29.

"The council requests all those involved to be vigilant and ensure all rules and regulations are followed to prevent any form of malpractice from taking place," said Ms Karogo.

Education

Examine children in mother tongue, says World Bank

English and Kiswahili are not the favourable languages to determine the development of children before school age, a World Bank report has stated.

While these are the official languages in the country and used in exams, the report suggests that mother tongue is better placed.

"Thus, assessments of children before school age, conducted in a nation's official language, may not fully reflect a child's development, underscoring the importance of test translation and adaptation," reads the report.

The report denotes that when children are growing, they are most likely to grasp the diction of the language which their caregiver speaks. This language, most times, is the mother tongue in most rural areas in the country.

"Conversely, most families and neighbours do not converse in English, so children would have less regular exposure to the language," the report reads.

The report's finding is based on a study that was conducted in Homa Bay and Kisumu counties on September 2015 and October 2016 for children aged between two and six years old.

The study also sought to understand children's performance on receptive vocabulary assessments in mother tongue (Luo) and official languages (English and Kiswahili).

Families with at least one child between the ages of 24 and 83 months were recruited from a set of nine primary school catchment areas in rural communities within two hours' drive from Kisumu.

"Overall, 189 children answered the expressive vocabulary test entirely in Luo, while 13 children answered entirely in English, and six children answered entirely in Swahili," reads the September 2019 report.

The other 297 children (58 per cent) answered in more than one language.

"The number of children answering in only one language decreased with age. Across all ages, children answered more expressive vocabulary words in Luo, followed by English and then Swahili," reads the report titled *Multilingual Assessment of Early Child Development Analyses from Repeated Observations of Children in Kenya*.

The use of Swahili was small and decreased slightly with age that even the youngest of children showed a clear preference for expressing themselves in mother tongue. [Graham Kajilwa and Anyango Otieno]



Crime

Mother kills baby and dumps body in latrine

Police in Murang'a have arrested a woman for allegedly hacking her baby to death.

The suspect, 40, was arrested by officers in Kigeturi village after residents reported the incident.

The woman allegedly used an axe to kill her one-year-old son before dumping his body in a pit latrine. A relative said when she met the woman, she looked disturbed and efforts to get her to speak bore no fruit.

"I visited her house, but she was in panic. I found her wrapping something before she went out of her house," said the relative. She later learnt the woman was suspected to have killed her son.

"The body was later found in the toilet and the police were alerted through the area chief," said Mary Wanjiru, a community health worker.

Ms Wanjiru said the suspect had earlier threatened to terminate her pregnancy, but was advised against doing so.

Murang'a East Sub-County Police Commander Alex Muasya said investigations had been launched, and would include a mental assessment of the woman.

"She will be taken to court after the police complete investigations," said Mr Muasya.

Meanwhile, a student at Murang'a University of Technology died on Sunday night after he fell sick.

Julius Ochieng was found dead in his room at Kiharu estate by fellow students who had gone to check up on him.

"The body was moved to Murang'a District Hospital mortuary and is awaiting a post-mortem examination," said Muasya. [Boniface Gikandi]

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TOWNS	MAXIMUM PUMP PRICES		
	Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
	KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
1 Mombasa	105.44	99.35	98.47
2 Kilifi	105.63	99.54	98.67
3 Likoni Mainland	105.79	99.70	98.83
4 Kwale	105.79	99.70	98.83
5 Malindi	106.28	100.19	99.32
6 Lunguanga	106.64	100.55	99.67
7 Voi	106.93	100.84	99.97
8 Taveta	108.37	102.29	101.41
9 Lamu	109.13	103.04	102.16
10 Hola	109.02	102.93	102.06
11 Nairobi	108.05	101.96	101.08
12 Thika	108.18	102.10	101.21
13 Machakos	108.18	102.10	101.21
14 Kajiado	108.45	102.37	101.48
15 Makuyu	108.59	102.51	101.62
16 Muranga	108.59	102.51	101.62
17 Sagana	108.69	102.59	101.72
18 Embu	109.19	103.10	102.22
19 Kerugoya	109.21	103.11	102.24
20 Narok	109.41	103.32	102.44
21 Nyeri	109.50	103.41	102.53
22 Namanga	109.60	103.50	102.62
23 Kiganjo	109.63	103.54	102.66
24 Chuka	109.67	103.58	102.70
25 Kitui	109.67	103.58	102.70
26 Mwingi	109.70	103.61	102.72
27 Nanyuki	110.06	103.96	103.09
28 Nkubu	110.29	104.20	103.32
29 Mtito Andei	110.53	104.43	103.56
30 Meru	110.55	104.46	103.58
31 Isiolo	111.07	104.98	104.10
32 Maua	111.07	104.98	104.10
33 Garissa	112.31	106.22	105.34
34 Marsabit	114.48	108.39	107.51
35 Liboi	114.99	108.89	108.02
36 Moyale	117.56	111.47	110.59
37 Sololo	116.58	110.49	109.60
38 Habaswein	114.91	108.81	107.94
39 Dadaab	113.63	107.54	106.66
40 Tarbaj	117.16	111.07	110.19
41 Elwak	118.77	112.67	111.79
42 Wajir	115.73	109.65	108.76
43 Mandera	120.91	114.82	113.94
44 Nakuru	108.56	102.67	101.78
45 Gilgil	108.56	102.67	101.79
46 Mogotio	108.62	102.72	101.84
47 Molo	108.71	102.81	101.93
48 Olenguruone	109.29	103.39	102.52
49 Londiani	108.71	102.81	101.93
50 Nyahururu	108.78	102.88	102.01
51 Archers Post	111.79	105.90	105.02
52 Lodosoit	112.90	107.00	106.12

TOWNS	MAXIMUM PUMP PRICES		
	Super Petrol (PMS)	Automotive Diesel (AGO)	Kerosene (DPK)
	KES/L	KES/L	KES/L
53 Naivasha	108.89	102.99	102.11
54 Marigat	109.21	103.31	102.43
55 Kabarnet	109.74	103.84	102.97
56 Bomet	110.35	104.45	103.58
57 Maralal	112.43	106.53	105.66
58 Eldoret	109.56	103.66	102.79
59 Kapsabet	109.57	103.68	102.80
60 Webuye	109.74	103.84	102.97
61 Kitale	109.87	103.97	103.10
62 Kapenguria	110.25	104.35	103.47
63 Bungoma	110.27	104.37	103.50
64 Moiben	109.60	103.70	102.83
65 Matunda	109.54	103.64	102.77
66 Burnt Forest	109.50	103.62	102.73
67 Tambach	109.59	103.69	102.81
68 Kapsowar	109.79	103.89	103.00
69 Chebara	109.69	103.79	102.92
70 Kimwarer	109.87	103.97	103.10
71 Timboroa	109.80	103.90	103.01
72 Nandi Hills	109.75	103.86	102.98
73 Kaiboi	109.56	103.66	102.79
74 Kiminini	110.08	104.18	103.31
75 Endebes	110.14	104.24	103.37
76 Saboti	110.29	104.41	103.52
77 Chepareria	110.60	104.70	103.82
78 Lomut	111.50	105.60	104.73
79 Burgich	111.91	106.02	105.14
80 Sigor	111.27	105.37	104.49
81 Lowdar	113.74	107.84	106.97
82 Kakuma	115.33	109.43	108.55
83 Lokichar	112.65	106.76	105.88
84 Kalokol	114.50	108.61	107.72
85 Lokori	113.52	107.62	106.74
86 Lokitaung	116.48	110.58	109.71
87 Kapedo	111.79	105.90	105.02
88 Malaba	110.70	104.81	103.92
89 Lokichogio	116.89	110.99	110.12
90 Kisumu	109.56	103.66	102.78
91 Sondu	109.56	103.66	102.78
92 Oyugis	109.56	103.66	102.78
93 Kakamega	109.62	103.73	102.84
94 Bondo	109.83	103.93	103.06
95 Siaya	109.88	103.98	103.10
96 Kericho	110.01	104.11	103.23
97 Nyamira	110.12	104.22	103.35
98 Kisii	110.43	104.54	103.66
99 Sotik	110.66	104.76	103.88
100 Keroka	110.76	104.86	103.99
101 Busia	110.76	104.86	103.99
102 Homabay	111.10	105.22	104.33
103 Migori	111.33	105.43	104.56
104 Isebania	111.49	105.59	104.72

In accordance with Section 99 of the Petroleum Act 2019, a person convicted of retailing petroleum products above the recommended price shall be liable to a fine of not less than Kenya shillings ten million, or a term of imprisonment of not less than five years or both. In this respect, consumers are requested to be vigilant in reporting non-compliant retailers to the authorities for necessary legal action. The Authority has installed a hotline number (0708 444 000), operational during normal working hours, with a view of increasing its engagement with stakeholders to enhance enforcement and compliance activities.

The Authority maintains a Short Message Service (SMS) based inquiry system for petroleum pump prices where members of the public can obtain the latest petroleum prices in major towns by sending the message: "price <space> name of major town" to 0707667623.

The Authority would also wish to alert petroleum retail station dealers of increased instances of fraudsters purporting to monitor petroleum prices on behalf of the Authority. On this account, the Authority has put in place an SMS inquiry system where dealers can verify the authenticity of persons inspecting their stations by sending the message: "staff <space> ID no. of the person inspecting" to 0707667623.

Further, the Authority wishes to caution petrol station dealers that it is an offence to store or offer for sale adulterated or export bound petroleum products. The Authority shall not hesitate to revoke licences of petroleum dealers found to have committed such an offence.

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Editorial

Kibra chaos shows handshake message has not sunk in yet

It is shameful for those on campaign trail to resort to such draconian tactics against the advice and principles of Uhuru and Raila

The wounds inflicted by the 2007/8 post-election violence are far from healing. The chaos, sparked by the opposition's claim that its victory had been snatched by the ruling coalition, left more than 1,100 people dead, many injured, uprooted 600,000 from their homes and deeply divided the country.

After the painful spell, the country picked up the pieces, but again the ghosts of ethnic division, violence and destruction was stirred by the 2017 presidential election. Again, the opposition alleged the election was rigged in favour of the incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The stand-off once again caused deaths and displacement but on a lower scale.

Importantly, after that election President Uhuru Kenyatta and his bitter rival Raila Odinga surprised the nation when they came together on March 9, 2018 and made public their now popular "handshake". They declared that political contestation would never breed anarchy in the country again. That handshake gave birth to the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI).

BBI's nine-point agenda was meant to end Kenya's five-year curse including ending ethnic antagonism, promoting inclusivity and thereby minimising division that crop up during elections.

And while the contents of the much-hyped BBI report are yet to be made public, we expect Kenyans, particularly members of Jubilee Party and Orange Democratic Party (ODM), to respect their leaders' and Kenyans' aspirations.

Unfortunately, they do not seem ready to do this, if the lead up to next month's Kibra by-election is anything to go by. Last Saturday, McDonald Mariga - the Jubilee candidate's - campaign convoy was attacked. One vehicle was set on fire.

Following the incident, Jubilee and ODM leaders have been accusing each other of orchestrating the attack.

While it is still unclear which side should be blamed for the violence, it is clear the handshake has done little to lift the cloud of suspicion that breeds bad blood during elections.

By engaging in combative politics, those who sponsored the Kibra violence have showed contempt to their party leaders and what they stand for. Even as police carry out investigations, it is time the two leaders read their foot soldiers the riot act. Jubilee and ODM leaders should take the handshake seriously, if they expect the rest of Kenyans to do the same. Lighting fires in Kibra, despite the danger of sparking a conflagration, sets a very bad example.

Kipchoge, other people who deserve celebration

Julie Masiga



I was at a parents/teachers meeting when Eliud Kipchoge was chasing his sub-two hour marathon dream. In fact, the meeting started at 9am and was scheduled to end at 11am. I mean, what are the odds? For the first hour, I sat there calmly listening to agenda this, and agenda that.

When it got to 10 O'clock I began to worry. I quickly went through my Twitter feed to see whether things were holding together or falling apart. Things were looking good.

Eliud was on course to breach the two-hour barrier. With a sigh of relief, I put my phone back in my pocket and tried to concentrate on the discussion.

The teachers were scolding parents for not making the effort to sign their children's diaries. I am one of those parents. In fact, I am a serial offender. I could see their eyes on me, and I should have been ashamed, but my mind was tuned to 159FM. I thought maybe some tea would help, so I stood up to get myself a cup.

As I started to put sugar in it, my mind raced back to Vienna, where Eliud was determined to show the world just how far discipline, preparation and grit could take a man. By the time it came back to the Equator, the cup was half full of sugar. I filled the other half with water, threw in a tea bag and returned to my seat.

By this time, it was way past 10am. Scratch worrying. I was beginning to panic. I was hoping that by some miracle we would be let out of class by at least 10.55am, but the teachers seemed determined to exhaust their agendas.

A cursory look around the room revealed that a number of other parents were also sneaking glances at their phones. I could have resisted that peer influence, but the pressure to check in on Eliud was beyond any measure of will power I might have possessed at that point.

This time, there were no sneak peeks. I whipped out my phone and jabbed furiously at the YouTube icon. The clock was just about to strike 11.15am and Eliud was just about to kick history in the back side.

I saw him point once, twice,

and then cross the finish line, thumping his chest like the absolute superhero that he is.

After that, folks, I take no responsibility for my actions. Not for the thumping of feet, fists in the air, or loud and prolonged "woohos!" that could have shattered bullet-proof windows. I was elated. Thrilled. Exhilarated. I was overjoyed.

Now, the teachers were probably shocked, and the other parents slightly taken aback, but there was no way I would have let Eliud's victory go uncelebrated.

Days later, I was still walking on sunshine, at altitudes that I thought no human could surpass. But then, Brigid Kosgei checked in and did her thing at last Sunday's Chicago Marathon. She set a blistering pace from the start and by the end of it, she had shattered Paula Radcliffe's women's world record.

That's a record that no one has been able to break for 16 years. And so the pride I feel in our athletes is now stratospheric. Beyond the stars that these humans have shown themselves to be.

See, these are people who have succeeded not because they are Kenyan, but despite that fact. They thrive in a dehydrated environment, devoid of the kind of state support that is given to their foreign contemporaries.

Utmost humility

These athletes have become the poster children of Kenyan excellence in spite of the great odds that stand in their way.

And because of that, their victories are theirs alone. Yes, we are proud. And yes, we claim them as our own, but their victories are theirs.

They have succeeded against the most damning of odds, and they have done it with grace, enviable sportsmanship, and the utmost humility.

So, while I would like to revel in the "what a great time to be a Kenyan" rhetoric, I choose to stand in the light of Kipchoge and Kosgei, to warm my heart by the fire of their glory, and the glory of every other Kenyan who gets up and gets things done in this economy, this political climate, this deoxygenated state of being, day in and day out.

We who defy the odds, and push every limit to keep our country running while the wheels are falling off. We who spit in the face of indignity to showcase our excellence on every stage. We who endure. We are the ones who deserve a party.

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Bid to rein in rogue police officers welcome

Rogue police officers make nonsense of the police motto 'Utumishi Kwa Wote' (service to all). Indeed, police officers come handy in various situations and have on many occasions done commendable work.

But while we celebrate those to whom policing is a calling, there are a few who use the police service as a cover to perpetrate crime.

Of late, some police officers have been involved in the theft of money from banks and security firms' vans transporting large sums of cash.

Thus, the need to sanitise the police service cannot be overemphasised. We cannot have a situation where police officers become extortionists, robbers, murderers, drug traffickers and kidnappers, yet fold our hands and pretend all is well.

For years now, citizens have complained of police harassment with little being done about it by those in authority.

However, having taken cognisance of this, the new National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has taken elaborate steps to reclaim the image of the police.

The dismissal of 298 officers in a few months is a step in the right direction. By ensuring all officers are in uniform while on duty and that no off duty officer carries a gun, incidences of crime in which off-duty officers lend out their uniforms and arms to criminals will be contained.

NPSC should take this sanitisation task seriously and push it to its logical conclusion. Many times before, tougher action against rogue officers has been promised, with little to show for it as more officers engage in criminal activities.

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Can Luhya unity be achieved and should leaders push for it?

Luhya unity is achievable. Luhya leaders should pursue it since it is critical to development in the region. The unity, however, should not be primarily a political issue, but for the purpose of development and uniting everyone.

The unity is important in making sure leaders meet regularly to review development projects that have stalled and

Peter Mumia



YES

how they can revive the ones that have collapsed. If Luhya leaders were united and met regularly, Mumias Sugar Company would not have collapsed.

Leaders should take advantage of unity to share ideas that will propel the region to higher levels in terms of development.

United, Luhya leaders would have stronger bargaining power. The leaders should focus on remaining united since the region has lagged behind in development because

of bad politics by elected leaders who undermine each other. The unity will also help them earn trust from other regions.

Luhya unity should not just be about bringing Luhyas together, but a movement with tangible development results that can inspire other regions to come together even in their cultural diversity. We need to see people being empowered, industries being revived and development agendas being discussed instead of focusing on divisive politics.

King Mumia II is the reigning traditional ruler of the Wangari people

There are no divisions among the ordinary Luhya people. Those who are divided are the leaders being used by outsiders to deny the region the chance to develop.

Just because Luhya sub tribes have divergent political

opinions does not mean they are divided. Politically, people unite or get divided when they have a common enemy. Those advocating Luhya unity are doing so to gain political mileage.

Culturally, Luhyas are homogeneous, have different dialects but that does not prevent communication. The perception of disunity is created by people who come hunting for votes thus, Luhya unity calls are merely a hollow political gimmick.

Despite being the second largest tribe in Kenya, the Luhyas are yet to agree on whom to field as a presidential candidate. To make matters worse, Luhyas do not fully participate during elections. As such, Luhya leaders must change their narrative and stop wasting time on the Luhya unity song; one that has been there for a long time.

The fact that the region is still an opposition stronghold makes it hard for agents of presidential candidates to sell the Luhya agenda, which has caused some leaders outside the opposition to lose their bids for election.

It is important for Luhya community to realise that before going for the top seat, a lot needs to be done. Thus, distillation of contending parties is important. Leaders should champion and strengthen campaigns to urge the Luhya people to register in large numbers.

Mr Okwaro is a businessman in Kakamega

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Peter Okwaro

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The yet to be made public Building Bridges Initiative report has elicited a lot of reactions. Some people oppose it while others, like Trade CS Peter Munya, think positively about it. The funny part is that Mr Munya was reported by the media telling off those opposing the BBI, urging them to wait for the contents to be made public before dismissing it. But having said the contents are not yet available, Munya goes ahead to say the BBI would benefit people from Mt Kenya living in other regions. How does he know and the report is not out yet?

The newly rebranded National Police Service Commission (NPSC) has promised to ensure accountability within the police service as it weeds out rogue officers. Having dismissed 298 officers since March, NPSC is upbeat about making the police service clean. What NPSC does not know is that for it to be adjudged to have succeeded where many before it failed, it might have to dismiss more than three quarters of police officers. The reason is simple; the vices it seeks to fight, blackmail, extortion, threats to civilians and brute force, are the hallmarks of most police officers.

Did our forefathers fight for self-rule just for the fun of it? You bet not. They saw weaknesses and injustices by colonialists that they wanted rectified. Sadly, if any of them rose from their resting places today, they would be shocked at what they would find. Disunity, poverty, inequality and pure ineptitude hold sway today. We cannot even get simple things like drainages in our major cities to work well. It only takes half an hour of rains in Nairobi and Mombasa CBDs and miniature lakes emerge! Now, could the county governments build us boats for such eventualities?

At the community level, we are hopeless in Kenya, says Githuku Mungai. "I say this after reading an article on how Rwanda is getting it right at the community level when it comes to matters health insurance and immunisation. The clarion call is that nobody should be left behind. Several times on Umuganda day when I was there, I saw those groups discussing whatever they were looking at after cleaning the compounds and road sides on the last Saturday of the month. In Kenya at the village level, we do not meet to discuss local problems. Emulate Rwanda and start by looking at issues of environmental degradation".

Here is a lament from Patrick Majanja: "A bright spark has just passed through my head. I retired from the Public service some time back and look on enviously as old men who were in service when I was still in school continue to ply their wares at the nucleus of the public service. Maybe... just maybe, if I had been named Francis instead of Patrick, I would not be smelling of chicken droppings in this western side of the country as my namesakes wear their wrinkles out in service to the country. I am thinking, about Francis Atwoli, Francis Muthaura and many others called Francis".

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Uhuru's ideas could pull Kenyans out of poverty

Suleiman Shahbal



Mariam, married with five children, lived in a nice apartment in Kileleshwa. Her children went to a nearby school. Once a year, they took a bus to visit Mombasa to allow the children enjoy the Christmas vacation with their grandparents; a typical Kenyan middle class family.

Without notice, her husband of 20 years had ran off with a young girl from university and stopped supporting his family within a few months. After rent arrears accumulated and the children were kicked out of school, Mariam was forced to relocate to a cheaper one bedroom apartment.

She opened a kiosk with the little money that her brothers gave her and moved the children to a government school. Within months, she moved from the middle class to the lower income bracket.

Such is the predicament of the Kenyan middle class. They sit precariously on an economic precipice that could collapse any time. Many families have found their financial circumstances changed overnight because of death, loss of a job or abandonment. Is the Kenyan middle class so fragile?

There are various definitions of what constitutes the middle class. The Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) says that less than 2.9 per cent of Kenyans earn more than Sh100,000 per month, 64.5 per cent earn between Sh20,000 and Sh40,000. A Kenyan writer described this class as a "floating class living two to three months away from poverty". This means that if they lost their jobs, within two to three months, they would be destitute.

National objective

Amazingly, Forbes magazine stated that 65 per cent of all Americans cannot raise \$500 in an emergency. A recent IPSOS survey was even more alarming, stating that half of Kenya's households make less than Sh10,000 per month, 2 per cent make zero income and 1 per cent makes between Sh55,000 and Sh75,000.

Another 1 per cent makes between Sh75,000 and Sh100,000 per month. At least 24 per cent earn between Sh10,000 and Sh25,000, ten per cent earn between Sh25,000 and Sh40,000 and another three per cent earn between Sh40,000 and Sh55,000 per month. Clearly, the majority of Kenyans can be described as poor, rather than

middle class by these definitions. Our stated national objective as envisioned by Vision 2030 looks more and more like a pipe dream.

Middle class families cannot sustain their lifestyles for long. Many are indebted either to online lenders, banks, chama's, saccos or friends and family. The cost of living is rising faster than incomes, which means they are becoming poorer as the days go by. Most families now depend on two incomes and if one parent is unemployed, the family suffers. As more and more of the middle class are forced to hustle, many children are abandoning school too early and by so doing, further reduce their chances of financial growth.

Upward mobility

The personal and family stress of surviving in these tough times is taking its toll. The number of single parent families in the urban areas is reaching alarming proportions. Drugs and alcohol addicts have increased.

The middle class is under siege from all sides. There is a growing sense of despair in the middle class and a feeling that they and their children are condemned to a life bordering on poverty and loss of upward mobility. A recent Brookings study in the United States noted the same sentiments amongst the American middle class.

But all is not lost. Kenyatta's Big Four agenda could truly be transformational for Kenya. The new infrastructure projects are changing Kenya for the better. Kenyans today pay roughly one third of their incomes for rent because the vast majority cannot afford a mortgage. With the proposed low cost and social housing projects, lower income Kenyans could hope to own a home and build equity for the future.

Every Kenyan knows that if you don't have rent to pay you can somehow find food. Universal healthcare is a fantastic development if fully implemented and would spare Kenyans huge hospital bills. Most Kenyans cannot afford to be sick. Though free education has opened up education to all Kenyans, our public schools are not the best.

In 1965, Lyndon Johnson transformed the US with his ambitious dreams of a "Great Society." He introduced programmes to reduce poverty and crime, improve education, medicine, development of depressed areas, urban renewal and conservation.

There were parts of America that looked worse than the poorest parts of Africa. He changed America for the better. Uhuru has brought some fantastic ideas that rival the vision of the Great Society. For the sake of Kenya they must be implemented.

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Tax Summit. Two-day meeting promotes spirit of public participation on tax matters

Another time to hold frank talks with KRA

Grace Wandera



Since time immemorial, taxation has been perceived as a hard nut to crack. In light of this, a top global agenda on tax administration has been to explore possible avenues that would lead to simplification of tax processes as much as possible.

Many scholarly findings unanimously posit that one of the most important outcomes of a simplified tax system is improved tax compliance.

In his article titled 'Tax Simplification: Issues and Options' published on Brookings in 2001, William Gale notes that successful simplification of the tax processes has numerous benefits. Fundamentally, Gale notes that simplification of tax processes means reduced cost of compliance in terms of time, money, and mental anguish.

The discussion on simplification of the tax processes is very live in the Kenyan tax jurisdiction. Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) in conjunction with various economic and tax administration think tanks have been on the front-line cracking their brains on the best way to simplify tax administration in Kenya.

One of the platforms KRA uses to engage scholars and members of the public on tax matters is the annual tax summit.

The annual tax summit, now in its fifth year, has availed a perfect opportunity for fruitful engagements that inform important policy decisions on tax administration.

This year's annual tax summit is anchored on the theme "Tax simplification and digitisation for economic transformation".

The theme resonates well with the global agenda mentioned earlier on simplification of the tax administration process. The theme also aligns to the contemporary

mass digitisation of processes.

However, there has been a two-sided coin of perception when it comes to automation of the tax processes. On the one hand, automation of tax processes is viewed as a crucial step towards conforming to the contemporary digital era. One of the merits of digitising the tax processes is enhancement of efficiency in tax administration.

Some years back when tax administration was largely manual, it would take inordinately long to have crucial services delivered. For instance, before implementation of iTax, taxpayers had to visit KRA offices in person to apply for tax compliance certificates, a process they can now initiate from the comfort of their houses or offices.

Prior to iTax, submission of tax returns, especially the annual income tax returns, was a nightmare, thanks to the long and meandering queues especially during the deadline. iTax, has now put that to an end.

The efficacy of iTax in doing away with long queues was more pronounced during this year's filing season where only a handful taxpayers showed up on the last day.

However, although not totally against digitisation of tax administration, some see it differently.

They term digitisation of tax administration an obstacle to tax compliance, especially in countries with low uptake of information and communication technology.

This begs the question: Do we maintain the manual tax administration and lag behind in efficiency, or should we digitise the system for enhanced efficiency?

The annual Tax Summit has for the fifth year now provided the perfect ground for such conversations affecting tax administration in our country.

This year's tax summit, just like previous ones, provides an opportunity for members of the public and scholars to air their views on various tax policies and reforms with a view to making them suitable for administration in our jurisdiction.

In other words, the two-day annual

tax summit promotes the spirit of public participation on tax matters. The Tax Summit will be held at Kenya International Conference Centre (KICC) on October 16 and 17, 2019. Renowned local and international tax and economic affairs experts with a wealth of experience that suits the teething issues on tax administration will also be in attendance.

The resolutions reached during the annual summit play a key role in informing KRA's next course of action in improvement of tax administration. During the 4th Annual Tax Summit last year, for instance, a key proposal was made that KRA should institutionalise engagements with the informal sector.

Though contributing significantly to the Gross Domestic Product of our country, it has been hard bringing the informal sector into the tax net. As a result, KRA has organised a series of tax seminars for the informal sector to better understand the sector.

From these engagements, KRA has learnt that majority of the sector players are willing to be tax compliant. All they require is facilitation and information on how to do so. One of KRA's tax base expansion strategies is bringing the informal sector within the tax net.

KRA is on course implementing other resolutions arrived at during the previous tax summits for purposes of making tax administration more efficient and at the same time improving the tax payment experience.

The outcome of this year's tax summit will be a landmark input in the transformation journey of tax administration in Kenya.

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Handwashing should be a way of life for all

Pawan Kumar Marella



Did you know that even today, every 23 seconds a child dies from either pneumonia or diarrhoea worldwide?

So, what do we do? We know that access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene education – or WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) – can reduce illness and death and have an impact on poverty reduction and socio-economic development.

The simple act of handwashing for example, is the single most cost-effective way of stopping child deaths.

It can reduce the incidences of pneumonia by 23 per cent and diarrhoea by up to 45 per cent. When more people use soap regularly, and have access to sanitation, the impact on health is significant.

In fact, if everyone followed ideal handwashing habits – washing with soap before eating and after using the toilet – each person would require approximately 20 bars of soaps every year.

However, consumption levels are far below this with 1.5 billion people using less than eight bars of soap per year – this clearly shows the magnitude of the task facing the world in terms of driving the WASH agenda.

While progress is being made on the WASH agenda with two of the Sustainable Development Goals clearly calling this out (SDG3 – Good Health & Hygiene & SDG6 – Clean Water and Sanitation) more needs to be done.

To address this challenge, we need the private sector, the public sector, the social sector and the community to come together stronger than ever before to create a brighter future for our children.

Game-changing

Towards this end, a game-changing approach is in empowering young people to drive change. The power of young people in driving change across the world across many issues is well known. They want to be part of something meaningful and have an impact.

For themselves, for their community and the world. Their connectedness, their collaboration and their sense of community is what's going to make a big difference.

In Kenya, Unilever's Lifebuoy has been partnering with the HEROES4CHANGE programme to drive large-scale handwashing education programmes har-

nessing the untapped power of good of young university students.

These young people have high social capital in the communities they come from and they are known in their communities for being passionate about creating lasting social impact.

The project works off this insight and is a social-mobilisation model, leveraging the power of young people, engaging them through digital social platforms like WhatsApp, Twitter & Facebook to train them and then getting them to deploy hand-washing behaviour change programs across Kenya.

The first phase of this programme was deployed in 2017 with 100 young heroes reaching more than 100,000 children across Kenya. Following the success of this, in 2019, 500 heroes were recruited and reached 700,000 children across Kenya teaching them the life-saving habit of handwashing.

Behaviour change

The success of this programme has now inspired other organisations to join the model and as more and more partners join this programme, its scale and impact in driving handwashing behaviour change will increase dramatically.

Another aspect of this journey is to constantly raise awareness of the importance of handwashing with soap to prevent disease. A major event to do this is the Global Handwashing Day (GHD) that is celebrated every year on October 15.

Across the world, 200 million people take part in celebrating GHD in more than 100 countries.

Lifebuoy is a founding partner of the Global Handwashing Partnership, which has supported GHD from its outset.

It has been celebrating GHD in Kenya for some years now and we celebrate GHD by committing once more to the cause of helping every child reach the age of five and to do what it takes with our partners to move faster and with greater impact on this journey.

Globally, Lifebuoy has reached more than one billion people through hand-washing programmes and TV reach and today, we celebrate this amazing achievement.

As we go forward together on this journey, we inspire each one of you today, on Global Handwashing Day, to give a High five to a person next to you to celebrate GHD – a High5 transcends all barriers of language and culture.

It's a sign of celebration – and most importantly, a sign of clean confident hands. It's a way of life.

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FROM THE WEB

What agenda do atheists have for the country?

Reader: The fact that these people have no religion does not mean they are atheists. Atheism is elitist. I have never heard a poor man declare his hate for religion.



Wairimu Githahu: This should be interesting. Always with the agendas and conspiracies. But maybe they may shock me and actually have a logical debate about atheism that is not based on feelings, thoughts and prayers.

Carole Magoha: Start teaching philosophy from primary school and let children become critical thinkers.

Catherine Mbagaya: What is this scare-mongering about? Allow each person to practice their belief or non-belief.

Dan Kim: There is nothing like atheism. You either worship God or serve the devil.

James Amolo: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But a fool says there is no God.

Resources

Discovery of oil need not be a curse

Last year, Kenya joined the list of nations exploiting their petroleum resources. For the first time since our journey in oil exploration and extraction began, the Head of State flagged off four trucks ferrying unrefined oil to Mombasa for processing at the Kenya Petroleum Refinery. While this marked a milestone, it also offers a glimpse of challenges and opportunities that the pastoralist communities face. The residents of Turkana County have experienced fear and excitement at the discovery of petroleum. The county has much to offer, from the hospitable people to the beautiful sceneries. But it did not come as a surprise a few weeks later to see locals up in arms, blocking transportation of the oil. Beneath the demonstrations lay deeper issues that must be resolved. Some of these reasons could be genuine, while others are not. The conflicts that are emerging are both historical and current. After Independ-



ence, while other regions moved ahead in development, Turkana was left behind. This created a sense of exclusion and marginalisation.

The residents have always felt that successive regimes did not do much to open up the region to the infrastructure network. While this could be untrue, politicians have taken advantage and manipulated the residents. The fact that thousands of guns are in the hands of civilians should also worry the Government, even as it engages in an operation to mop up the firearms. For generations, rearing camels and weaving baskets have been the main socio-economic activities for residents. The discovery of oil brings both blessings and

curses. While it has the power to drive development in the region, if managed effectively, it can also spark conflict that has often turned tragic in other places where the resource has been exploited. Countries such as Algeria, Angola, Nigeria and Sudan have a history of long and deadly conflicts, which are often linked to natural resources. If these conflicts are not managed in the early stages, they have the potential to tear the country and communities apart. The Government must assure the residents of security and stability in the region. Oil is a national resource that must benefit the country's economy as well as empower the people of Turkana. **Saruni Lemargeroi**

Letters.

Employ more teachers to create a diligent workforce

World Teachers' Day, also known as **International Teachers Day**, is marked annually on October 5. It is intended to remind all and sundry of teachers' indispensable role in the creation, preservation and dissemination of knowledge. Teachers are researchers who also serve as mentors. The emphasis this year was on the need to absorb young teachers after graduation into service while bringing their experiences from the classroom to the field. But before policy matters are pushed to the centre, there are issues that need addressing. First, how are serving teachers getting remunerated? Are we rewarding excellence or is the profession slowly slipping into oblivion? The countries that have registered major milestones in the field of education are those that have put the interests of teachers above all else. Finland is a classic example of a country that rewards its teachers handsomely.

A well-protected teacher serves to heighten the level of education in terms of character and personality development while a demoralised teaching force is the bane of any education system and a curse to a country's economy. All the other professions are hinged on education. Our country has many teachers who are serving in other sectors of the economy while schools are grappling with a dire shortage of tutors. Some schools have to contend with a teacher to student ratio of 1:70 against the recommended ratio of 1:40. When unions demand that more teachers be recruited, the Teachers Service Commission claims it lacks the necessary resources. But the country has the capacity to do this and the resultant effects will be a transformed nation characterised by a productive, creative and hardworking labour force. **Eric Kirui**



State must intervene and sort out tea industry mess

Agriculture is the mainstay of Kenya's economy. For decades, tea has been the largest foreign exchange earner. However, the recent public outcry coming from small-scale tea farmers is disheartening. The farmers have been enduring many problems ranging from poor leadership to low bonus payments. The measly bonuses paid recently by the Kenya Tea Development Agency have become the straw that broke the camel's back. Whereas KTDA has attributed the poor pay to overproduction, financial mismanagement and corruption cannot be ruled out.

To add insult to injury, more than 60 per cent of the tea dollars are spent on administrative costs. Farmers are calling for postponement of the forthcoming grassroots elections in all tea factories, citing irregularities and illegalities during election of directors. They are also threatening to uproot their tea bushes and replace them with horticultural crops. KTDA's impunity and monopoly must be addressed to ameliorate the unspeakable suffering of farmers. Time is ripe for the Government to intervene. **Joseph Muthama**

TALK OF THE DAY



Probe into Likoni ferry tragedy begins

The management of Kenya Ferry Services must be arrested and charged. I cannot imagine that a ferry carrying over 3,000 people in each trip has no lifeboat. Even those plastic canoes used in water rafting in Sagana? Do they even cost more than Sh5,000? A lifeboat should be a basic safety equipment. In any marine accident, what happens in the first few minutes is very important. **Sam Okech**

The ferry management is to blame. What would happen in a major tragedy and there are no lifeboats or jackets on the ferries? Let that tragedy be a reality check that money probably meant for such emergency situations and equipment has been lost or the management is not doing its job by requesting the necessary funds. Let us not sugar coat the situation because it does not help in the future. **Ezekiel Maina**

We were told that when the car was retrieved the parking gear was engaged. Let KFS carry the blame. **Joseph Olale**

I am not blaming the dead. The part about engaging reverse gear was trying to see what may have happened. I am blaming the ferry's management. Mistakes happen and that is why accidents occur. **Sam Okech**

We are all to blame for accepting shoddy services that we pay for through the nose. The ferries are junks and the prows do not function. In fact, some of the prows are so badly mangled that we use a narrow part to board. All due to greed, corruption, our ineptitude and acceptance. We owe the departed an apology. **George Wachira**

Accountability must be shown. The MD must resign or be shown the door. **Saman Kausar**

This was an accident. May God grant strength and healing to the family. Those ferries should be fitted with barriers that should be closed when all vehicles are inside. **Dan Omitto**

SMS

David Nyapinda: In the 1984 Olympics, Joseph Nzau ran in the 10,000 metres and the marathon, coming 14th and 7th respectively. I remember Kipchoge Keino saying, "From now on, Kenya is going to take the marathon very seriously. You'll soon begin hearing of Kenya in the marathons." The rest is history.



Felix Ochwal: The customer service week that was celebrated between October 7 and 11 should serve as a wake-up call to all service providers to go the extra mile in their interactions with customers. It is time to shift gears and let every organisation be sensitive to customers' needs.

Jerry Okenyansa: MPs should save the tea industry from collapse. Let them craft laws to protect farmers before the crop goes the route of coffee. How can a broker who auctions tea earn 1.25 per cent higher than a farmer? And why do farmers earn a fraction of auction prices?

Courts. Family patriarch Amrik Singh Rihal died in 2008

Brothers fight for father's estate

In his will, business tycoon directed that his properties be divided equally between his sons.

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Two brothers have taken their fight for control of a multi-million-shilling estate that they inherited from their late father to court.

In a sworn affidavit, the two brothers - Harjinder Singh Rihal and Jaswinder Singh Rihal - are accusing each other of dishonesty and using underhand deals to disinherit the other.

Whereas Harjinder claims that his brother wants to grab everything to enrich himself, Jaswinder has defended himself, saying Harjinder is lazy and does little to help manage their companies, yet expects a share of the returns.

Among the properties the

brothers are fighting for in Nairobi are a residential house in Spring Valley, a commercial building along Duruma Road, Rihal House along Tom Mboya Street, an office building on Parklands Avenue and a prime piece of land in Muthaiga.

Majority shares

Their late father Amrik Singh Rihal was a businessman with investments in real estate, and vehicle dealerships in Kenya and the United Kingdom.

Before he died in 2008, he put it in his will that his wealth be divided equally between his two sons, court papers show.

Harjinder was the first to sue his brother Jaswinder, claiming that he fraudulently transferred all shares in their father's companies to himself, while leaving him destitute.

"I am exposed as a result of my brother's conduct. He has changed the will and allocated himself the majority shares in our father's companies. He has

been operating the companies' accounts without my knowledge," said Harjinder in court papers. In response, Jaswinder accused his younger brother of trying to blackmail him to increase his monthly allowances from income generated from the businesses.

"He sued me to achieve an ulterior motive, which is to arm twist me into increasing his monthly allowance that I pay him as his older brother. He keeps trying to blackmail me with court cases unless I pay him exorbitant sums of money from my own sources," Jaswinder told the court.

He also denied disposing the family properties, claiming in his affidavit that it is their mother, Mohinder Kaur Rihal, who transferred her shares in the businesses to him because of the trust she has in his ability to continue their father's legacy.

The case is scheduled for hearing on November 11 before Lady Justice Wilfrida Okwany.

Competition. 'Saka Chapaa' road show launched



Prize money. Radio Maisha brand ambassadors (from left) Fatma Issa, Olivia Tush and Alindi Patrice pose for a photo before the flagging off of 'Saka Chapaa' road show at the Standard Group offices on Mombasa Road yesterday. The winner of the competition will take home Sh300,000. [David Gichuru, Standard]



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In Brief

Busia. Quit protesting Sh5b project: State

■ The Government has warned local politicians against inciting locals to oppose a mega water project to be established in Teso. The State, in collaboration with the Korean Exim Bank and African Development Bank will fund the Sh5.8 billion Kocholia Multi-Purpose Dam project set to benefit residents of Teso North and Teso South sub-counties. Gladys Wekesa, director of water resources in the Ministry of Water, Sanitation and Irrigation, said for the project to be smoothly implemented, local politicians must support it. She spoke during the presentation of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment report in Malaba on Saturday. "This project will help in floods mitigation and check on catchment conservation," said Wekesa. [Ignatius Odanga]

Kakamega. Man found guilty of killing niece

■ A court has found a man accused of defiling and killing his 17-year-old niece guilty. High Court Judge Ruth Sitati yesterday found that the prosecution had proven its case against Zablon Misiko Bushuru. Misiko is said to have murdered Caroline Bushuru on December 7, 2013 at Shikogwe village. According to the prosecution, the deceased had returned home after attending a memorial service at a nearby church at around 12.30am. One of the witnesses, Jackson Bushuru, Misiko's brother, said earlier in the day, he had overheard Misiko making sexual advances on Caroline. Gladys Bushuru, an auntie to the deceased, testified that after the murder, a blood-stained shirt was found in Misiko's house. Elizabeth Oyiengi, a doctor, said she conducted a DNA test on the shirt and the blood matched that of the deceased. Misiko had attempted run away when he heard his niece's bloodied body had been found. He will be sentenced on October 22. [Jack Murima]

Tourism. Enthusiasts track and document various birds sighted

Bird lovers in for a treat as migrants flock Rift Valley

Millions of birds fly across the continent in search of food.

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As the winter season slowly approaches in Europe, bird enthusiasts are in for a treat as migratory birds start arriving in the Rift Valley.

Conservationists say this season's migration has started earlier than usual much to the delight of bird watchers and nature lovers.

Twice a year, millions of birds fly hundreds and even thousands of kilometres across continents in search of food and the perfect grounds to breed and raise their young ones.

Lake Bogoria National Reserve senior warden James Kimaru said eight species of migrants have been spotted in the past two weeks during the latest water-bird count.

The birds include the Madagascar pond-heron, African skimmer, the ruff, common sandpiper, wood sandpiper, and common greenshank.

Mr Kimaru said there were an estimated one million greater flamingos in Lake Bogoria while lesser flamingos numbered fewer than 2,000. Another group of birds called little grebe were a little over 1,000.

These birds are among dozens of species expected to grace major wetlands in the country in a phenomenon expected to last through to December.

Enthusiasts have taken to an online forum known as Spring Alive, which is a platform that brings together residents of several counties as they track and document the various birds sighted.

Spring Alive began as a European project and was



Barn swallows.
[Courtesy]



Black stork.
[Courtesy]



Eurasian roller.
[Courtesy]



Eurasian sparrowhawk.
[Courtesy]

live feed linking several countries is usually key in updating visitors on the exact dates to expect the spectacle in certain points," Kimaru said.

Nature Kenya communication officer John Mwacharo said this season's Afro-Eurasian migration came earlier than expected with several regions across the country recording sightings in the just concluded water-bird counts.

"Water-bird counts are usually conducted during January and July/August just after the migration. This month, we have started receiving recordings which we are updating in Spring Alive where citizens record birds they have spotted to allow for data analysis and tracking," Mr Mwacharo said. A peek into Spring Alive

under the Kenyan category reveals several sightings of white storks spotted in Rift Valley, Eurasian bee-eaters spotted in Mount Kenya and barn swallows spotted in parts of northern Kenya.

The birds make the journey despite the growing environmental pressures arising from deforestation and pollution.

On October 12, bird lovers celebrated World Migratory Bird Day whose theme this year was "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!" The event highlighted the impact of plastic pollution on migratory birds and their habitats.

extended to Africa in 2010, where from September onwards enthusiasts look out for the return of bird species from their breeding grounds in Europe and Asia.

This helps to create a real-time map of the incredible journeys these birds take every year.

Tugumoi ridge

Enthusiasts, experts, and tourists are expected to pitch camp at the Tugumoi Ridge flyway, which forms part of the

African-Eurasian flyway circuit, to watch as raptors and storks glide over the Rift skies to Egypt and other African countries.

A flyway is a flight path used by large numbers of birds while migrating between their breeding grounds and their wintering grounds. Flyways generally span continents and often pass over oceans.

"It is often an interesting time when bird watchers come together to witness the spectacle unfold on some set dates. A

Nakuru

Uhuru to open Nairobi-Naivasha phase of SGR

The second phase of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR), from Nairobi to Naivasha, will officially be opened tomorrow.

President Uhuru Kenyatta will preside over the launch during which he will also be commissioning works on the Internal Container Depot at the dry port

near Mai Mahiu town.

The launch comes against the backdrop of reports that a group of residents has gone to court to stop the relocation of families living on the 1,000-acre land earmarked for the special economic zone.

But according to Naivasha sub-

county commissioner Mbogo Mathioya, all is set for the event that will start at Syokimau and end in Mai Mahiu.

Mr Mathioya said President Kenyatta will open various stations along the way.

Speaking after touring the site where the function will be held,

the commissioner said the Government was aware of the court case.

"The case is being handled by the concerned Government department as the affected families had been compensated by Kedong ranch with 4,000 acres," he said.

However, Narok East MP Ken Aramat said more than 10,000 families would be affected by the project and the 4,000 acres provided would not be enough.

Traders welcomed the launch, saying it would open up businesses and towns served by the railway. [Antony Gitonga]



Some of the equipment installed for the second phase of SGR.
[Antony Gitonga, Standard]

Kakamega. Bodaboda operators engaged police in running battles at Harambee market in Matungu, protesting the killing of their colleague. Ismail Watakwa, 38, was beaten to death and his motorcycle stolen by unknown people at Kabula centre in Bungoma County. Matungu Sub-county police commander Alex Ndili on Sunday pledged to investigate the killing. [Brian Kisanji]

Counties

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In Brief

Nakuru. Two KCSE candidates go missing

Two students scheduled to sit the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) at Utumishi Boys High School in Gilgil have gone missing. The boys disappeared from the institution last week. Gilgil Police commander Emmanuel Oporu said the school's management reported the two students missing last Friday. Reports indicate the two were last seen on Thursday. The father of one of the missing boys described their disappearance as "worrying." "It's worrying as KCSE is starting in a couple of weeks," he said. The principal, Samuel Maina, said the school was working with the police to find the students. [Anthony Gitonga]

Nyandarua. Thieves steal offering, two TVs

Thieves raided ACK Diocese of Nyahururu on Sunday night and stole the day's offering and electronics. According to Bishop Stephen Kabora, the thieves gained access into the church compound by scaling the perimeter wall. They then broke into a safe and stole an unknown amount of money that had been collected earlier in the day. They also made away with a piano, one mixer and two flat screen televisions worth over Sh245,000. Nyahururu police boss Geoffrey Maylek said two watchmen, who were on duty when the incident occurred, had been questioned. [James Munyeki]

Kisumu. Abused minors' parents 'covering up'

Parents have been accused of obstructing justice for defiled minors amid escalating cases of defilement in the county. According to the Gender Technical Working Group many defilement cases go unreported after parents get compromised by perpetrators. Speaking during the International Day of the Girl Child celebrations in Seme, a paralegal at Women Concern Center, Magret Ambira said some parents have been arrested for preventing defiled minors from appearing in court to testify against their defilers. [Mactilda Mbenywe]

Taita Taveta. Lessons from Samboja's woes

Governors from parties with minority ward reps under siege

County bosses face pressure from regional assemblies that they cannot control through party loyalty.

By Rawlings Otieno
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The impeachment of Granton Samboja has revealed the soft underbelly of governors leading counties where a majority of ward reps are not from their parties.

Governor Samboja, who was elected on a Wiper Party ticket, has been at loggerheads with a county assembly dominated by ward reps from the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM).

On October 9, 2019, 30 out of 33 ward reps unanimously voted in favour of a special impeachment motion moved by Rong'e ward rep Harris Keke, after a four-hour debate.

In Kitui, Governor Charity Ngilu, elected on a Narc ticket, is fighting a mutiny by an assembly dominated by Wiper Party ward reps who have refused to pass her bills.

The ward reps are yet to pass the Kitui County Corporations Act to legalise Ngilu's pet project — Kitui County Textile Centre.

Makueni reenacted

The tribulations of the two governors rekindle memories of a frustrated Governor Kivutha Kibwana, who, pushed against the wall by ward reps during his first term, moved to have the county dissolved.

At the time Prof Kibwana had been elected on a Muungano Party ticket.

Like Samboja, Kibwana pushed for dissolution of Makueni county government after majority party ward reps made it difficult for him to operate.

The county was only saved from dissolution by President Uhuru Kenyatta who in 2015, overruled recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry



Kitui Governor Charity Ngilu and her Taita Taveta counterpart Granton Samboja. Ward reps voted to impeach Samboja last week. [File, Standard]

Grounds for removal

- Governors can be ousted for: Gross violation of the Constitution or any other law
- Where there are serious reasons to believe that the governor has committed a crime under national or international law
- Abuse of office
- Gross misconduct
- Physical or mental incapacity

"There is need to look at the relationship between the County Executive and the assembly because they can be used to settle political scores. When a governor is impeached does he get impeached together with the deputy since they got elected on one ticket?" poses Mwamu.

Nandi Senator Samson Cherargei has introduced the Impeachment Procedure Bill 2018, which is now before Senate that seeks to clearly set out impeachment procedures to ensure procedural justice.

Mr Cherargei's bill seeks to clearly set out impeachment procedures. It proposes a period within which court matters relating to impeachment proceedings shall be concluded.

The bill is due for discussion by the committee of the whole House in the Senate, and if passed will be referred to the National Assembly.

Samboja has received support from fellow governors.

Governor Kimemia's take

Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia came to the defence of the embattled governor, saying his impeachment was a betrayal of the people of Taita Taveta.

Governor Kimemia argues that the process of impeachment takes time and that by the time its concluded the county will have lost a lot, in terms of development.

"There are underlying political issues that need to be addressed. There is need for reconciliation and focus on development," he says.

Samboja had earlier met Uhuru and ODM leader Raila Odinga in his bid to dissolve the county.

Raila advised all parties involved to try dialogue first.

"I appeal to the aggrieved parties to reach a consensus. If no solution is reached, then there is no other option," he said.

into the Makueni County Government Crisis.

The President overturned the decision of the Mohammed Nyaoga-led commission, which had called for the suspension of Makueni county government.

Uhuru pointed out that the reasons the commission gave were neither exceptional nor extraordinary and thus did not meet the impeachment threshold set in the Constitution.

With a single stroke of pen, Uhuru saved Makueni from going down in history as the first county administration to be dissolved.

Kibwana is not out of the woods yet. Although he successfully sought re-election on a Wiper Party ticket, having been appointed party chairman in the run up to 2017 elections, he has since fallen out with party leader Kalonzo Musyoka.

Samboja becomes the fifth governor to be impeached by ward reps since 2013 after governors Martin Wambora (Embu), the late Nderitu Gachagua (Nyeri), Mwangi wa Iria (Murang'a) and Paul Chepkwony (Kericho).

Mr Wambora, Mr Gachagua, Prof Chepkwony and Mr Iria were, however, saved by the

courts and Senate.

Experts warn that impeaching a governor should not be left at the whims of the ward reps, saying this would be a recipe for chaos in all the 47 county governments.

"Impeachment of a governor disrupts the smooth running of county governments. Impeaching a governor is not a walk in the park and should not be," says James Mwamu, a Constitutional lawyer.

Mwamu points out that although the Constitution clearly states the process of impeaching a governor, there are grey areas that need to be re-looked.

Busia

Ward reps shoot down Aukot's Punguza Mizigo Bill

Thirdway Alliance's constitutional amendment initiative was yesterday rejected by Members of the County Assembly (MCAs).

The ward reps unanimously shot down Ekuru Aukot's Punguza Mizigo Amendment Bill, arguing that it does not reflect the wishes of the people they represent.

resent.

The Bill was tabled by the chairman of the Legal Affairs and Human Rights Committee Gardy Jakaa of Bukhaya North/Walatsi ward.

Majority of the MCAs took issue with the proposal that individuals implicated in corruption

be tried within 30 days, noting that this was unrealistic.

The debate and voting for the Bill was witnessed by County Assembly Forum Chief Executive Officer Judy Oduma.

Chakol South MCA Masikini Okodoi said Aukot was on an "impossible mission".

According to Mr Okodoi, several problems have been pointed out in the Bill, but, so far, no solutions have been offered.

"What we have as a country are normal challenges whose solutions can be found easily, not through Punguza Mizigo Bill," said Okodoi.

Nominated MCA Azida Ali criticised Aukot for failing to engage other experts and politicians to come up with an all-inclusive document.

"The Bill is targeting elected leaders, particularly their salaries. Kenyans have not complained that they are tired of pay-

ing leaders who represent them," said Azida.

Nominated MCAs Angela Nafula said the locals, who made their contributions during public participation that was conducted across the seven sub-counties, also opposed the Bill. [Ignatius Odanga]

Nakuru

Woman to exhume body after 14 years

A court has allowed a woman to exhume the remains of her husband, which were buried 14 years ago at a public cemetery.

High Court judge Teresa Matheka yesterday allowed Lucy Muthoni to exhume the remains of Samuel Kahihia for a decent burial at their ancestral home in Nyeri County.

Lady Justice Matheka made the order after brothers and sisters of the deceased confirmed to the court that they supported Muthoni's decision.

Muthoni told the court that her husband died on September 22, 2005, and was buried at the Nakuru North Cemetery following a family dispute.

In her application dated September 27, 2019, Muthoni said the extended family had resolved the dispute and agreed to give Kahihia a decent burial at their home in Othaya.

Ancestral land

"The entire family has agreed to rebury the deceased in Othaya, Nyeri County, which is his ancestral home," Muthoni told the court.

Her lawyer Philip Mburu yesterday informed the court that the extended family had confirmed that there would be no issues if the deceased was reburied in Nyeri.

Muthoni's application was supported by Joseph Macharia, a brother of Kahihia.

Macharia's three sisters, who had accompanied him to court, also confirmed that the dispute had been resolved.

"I am here to confirm to the court that my brother has a place he can be buried," said Macharia.

The court directed Nakuru County Public Health Officer to ensure the exhumation order was effected.

Kahihia operated a business in Nakuru before his death.

He lived in Nakuru where his business interests were, but his ancestral home was in Nyeri County.

He was buried at the Nakuru North Cemetery because of family dispute. [Julius Chepkwony and Daniel Chege]

Embu. Report was released in September

Farmers fault findings on coffee society

They say concerns regarding by-laws were not addressed and appealed to President Kenyatta to intervene.

By Joseph Muchiri
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An inquiry into the affairs of New Kyeni Farmers Cooperative Society has exonerated the management from various allegations made against them.

The Embu-based coffee society has been in the limelight after farmers accused its management of several malpractices occasioning growers to uproot their coffee.

The row saw Parliamentary Committee on Trade, Industry and Cooperatives launch investigations into the farmers' complaints, last year.

After the probe, the Kieni East MP Kanini Kega-led committee recommended that the Commissioner of Cooperatives conducts an inquiry into the affairs of the society and the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission investigates alleged mismanagement of assets and loss of coffee proceeds.

The report of the inquiry was released last September and absolved

the management of malpractices. The report says the allegations raised had no merit, the complaints were not factual and the complainants "dishonest and untrustworthy."

However, a section of farmers are displeased with the findings, saying it departed from that of the parliamentary committee and raised more questions than answers.

In a press statement yesterday, the farmers accused the commissioner of disregarding their concerns about some of the society's by-laws which they say are not in tandem with the Constitution.

Public participation

"The composition of the management committee violates the Two-thirds Gender Rule as it is dominated by men. Whereas the Constitution provides for public participation, the by-laws gags members with production of less than 300kg of coffee," said human rights activist Taratisio Kawe.

Farmer John Kathangu said the inquirers should have been accompanied by a valuer who could tell if there was value for money in the construction of an office block by the society.

"The commissioner has failed to



Coffee farmers Erastus Nthigah and John Kathangu when they addressed the media yesterday. [Joseph Muchiri, Standard]

address the concerns of the farmers. For that reason, we appeal to President Uhuru Kenyatta to intervene," said Kathangu. Erastus Nthiga, another farmer, said his complaint that the management had declared him not a society member even when he had sufficient evidence was ignored.

The commissioner, however, concluded that the expulsion of members was a disciplinary action as provided for in the by-laws.

The farmers accused the management of spending Sh14 million to construct a building whereas members had only approved Sh7 million.

In Brief

Migori. Man lynched for beheading his mother

A 53-year-old man has been lynched after he allegedly beheaded his mother. Sospeter Ouma, a resident of Kanyandege village, allegedly attacked his mother Felister Nyakuru, 87, on Sunday night in a domestic quarrel. In retaliation, villagers

beat Ouma, who later died while receiving treatment at Migori County Referral Hospital. County Police Commander Joseph Nthenge said the police who responded to a distress call found Ouma in critical condition and took him to a hospital. "We have not established the motive of the man attacking the mother, but we are piecing together information from our investigations," said Mr Nthenge. The county police boss said the two bodies were at Migori County Level Four Hospital mortuary pending investigation. [Caleb Kingwara]



Bungoma. Man dies, 19 suffer food poisoning

One person died while 19 others were hospitalised after they consumed meat from a cow's carcass at Wabukala in Tongaren Constituency. The victim, Isaac Mulongo, and his neighbours are said to have flocked the home of a neighbour at the weekend to get free meat after learning his cow had died. "After getting our share, I went home and we prepared the meat for our family. After consuming it, my children started complaining of stomachache and my wife started feeling abdominal pains," said Patrick Wanyonyi. He took

his wife and two children to a health facility. His neighbour, who was in critical condition, was taken to Sango dispensary and later referred to Naitiri Sub-county hospital, where he died while undergoing treatment. Naitiri Sub-county Health Officer Jentrix Barasa said most victims had been treated and were out of danger. Francis Lumumba, the local Public Health Officer, said his office had sent health officers to comb the affected villages to assess the situation. He urged those who consumed the meat but did not experience any problems to go for checkup. [Nathan Ochunge]

Kericho. Farmers have complained about low payout

Quality eats into tea farmers' pay



Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony (left) and Kenya Tea Development Agency Operations Director Alfred Njage after a meeting in Kericho yesterday. [Nikko Tanui, Standard]

Tea agency says growers receive varied bonuses depending on grade of green and processed leaf.

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Kenya Tea Development Agency has come out to explain to farmers in South Rift the differences in earning of tea bonuses.

Alfred Njage, KTDA's Operations Director, told farmers at a meeting in Kericho town that their earnings are determined by the quality of green leaf and that of processed tea.

"What brings differences in prices that farmers earn is the plucking standards. It is a great contributor to the overall quality of cup of tea. Only the very good leaf should be plucked and delivered to the factory," said Njage.

During the meeting attended by governor Paul Chepkwony, it also emerged that tea farmers in KTDA's West and East of Rift Valley plant the same clone of tea, but the difference is in quality of green leaf delivered to factories.

There have been concerns that there is unfairness in how bonuses are paid out across the factories.

"Factories process varied volumes of tea depending on the size of the catchment areas and the volumes of tea produced. This determines factory capacity utilisation and hence cost efficiency," said Njage.

He noted that quality of

Tea earnings

- Farmers in the region earned Sh15.85 billion from 69.325 million kilos of tea sales for the year ended June 2019
- Out of the amount, Sh10 billion will be paid out to farmers as initial and final payments.
- The farmers have already earned Sh1.86 billion as monthly initial payment and the remaining Sh1.96 billion will be paid to them at the end of October
- Global tea production stands at 5.8 billion kilos while demand is at 5.6 billion kilos resulting in 200 million kilos surplus.

green leaf is further determined by ecological and climatic features such as types of soil and quantity of rainfall, as well as the quality of farm management practices such as application of fertiliser, pruning and plucking.

Kericho and Bomet tea farmers have been up in arms against KTDA over low bonus prices when compared to earning by their Mt Kenya region counterparts.

"The major clones of tea planted by the smallholder tea sub-sector are developed by the Kenya Tea Research Foundation (TRF). Those are clone 31/8, 6/8, 303/577 among others," said Njage.

The plantation of the clones of tea stretches from Kapsara in Trans Nzoia to Igembe in Meru county.

"For instance, the reason

why in Kericho, Momul tea factory paid farmers Sh28 per kilo while Tegat tea factory paid Sh14 is because Momul has for the last 10 years persistently asked tea growers to deliver best leaf possible," said Njage.

The KTDA's operation director explained that in order for a factory to attract better prices it must place on the table better tea.

Governor Chepkwony asked the Government to abolish the 16 per cent VAT levied on local tea sales.

"My administration will establish a Sh150 million tea factory for value addition of the tea from our Kabianga tea farm. The factory will also deal with production of orthodox tea," he said.

Fertiliser subsidy

Chepkwony added that his administration will also set aside Sh50 million as a fertiliser subsidy to cushion tea farmers.

Njage said some of factories were investing on hydro-power plants to slash the cost of electricity.

In Kericho County, KTDA is in the process of constructing a hydro-power plant along Chemosit river.

"Energy and labour are the most significant cost in factory operations," said Njage.

KTDA factories buy energy from the national grid at Sh18 per a kilowatt an hour.

"Once the hydro power plants are up and running they will reduce significantly the amount of money spent on a kilowatt per hour to less than Sh10," said Njage.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAKAMEGA



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Following the advertisement that appeared in the local Dailies on the 9th of September, 2019 and pursuant to Section 18(1) of the County Assembly Services Act, 2017, the County Assembly Service Board (CASB) hereby publishes the names of applicants shortlisted for the position of Clerk of the County Assembly as well as their respective interview dates.

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Kwale

Residents, mining firm deal paves way for compensation

Base Titanium, a mining company, has struck a deal with residents of Nguluku in Ramisi Ward, which will see some of them relocated to pave way for its operations.

Last week, Administrative Secretary in the State Department of

Mining Frederick Ndambuki led a delegation to the area to oversee talks on how 52 families will be moved.

Mr Ndambuki said the relocation was necessary because Base Titanium was waiting for the government's approval to extend

its operations in the region by 18 months.

"A special mining variation licence has already received the nod from the Attorney General thus clearing the path for the process of compensation. We believe that we will be able to complete

the process in the next two weeks or so," he said.

The life of the mine currently being operated by the Australian-owned company is set to end by July 2022 but the new lease will ensure operations continue until 2024.

In June, the firm moved to Nguluku in an area called the southern dune after depleting the ore-rich grounds of an area called central dune in Maumba.

Base Titanium General Manager in charge of Environment and Community Affairs Collin

Forbes said consultations have been going on between the company, the residents' representatives, ministry officials and other government agencies before coming up with a package that was acceptable to both parties. **[Philip Mwakio]**

In Brief

Mombasa. Six suspects linked to terror freed

■ Six suspects, including two pregnant women, arrested in Mombasa over alleged terrorism links have been freed without charge after spending 10 days in police custody. Chief Magistrate Edna Nyaloti released the six last Friday after the State failed to supply evidence linking them to terrorism. Two men were not lucky as the court allowed the police to detain them for 14 days to complete investigation. The suspects were arrested during a raid at a house in Likoni on October 1. Three alleged terrorists were shot and killed by the police during the raid. Nyaloti said respect and observance of due process is critical to ensure anti-terrorism measures are effective. **[Kelvin Karani]**

Nakuru. MCA's defence to get more documents



■ A court has directed the prosecution to furnish Kabazi MCA Peter Mbae with documents he will use in his defence against charges of inciting chaos at Patel Mansukh farm. Nakuru Principal Magistrate Bernard Mararo said he would confirm whether Dr Mbae (pictured) had been furnished with the documents on November 3. He set February 3 for the hearing of the case. Mbae is accused, alongside eight others, of destroying property worth Sh7 million. Those charged alongside him are Samuel Kariuki, Gitonga Nelson, Benson Mungai, Daniel Kamau, Samuel Kibanya, David Muniu, Daniel Maina and Michael Kabiya. Mbae is said to have used his position to incite the people who went on to torch the Patel plantation. He is out on a Sh500,000 bond. The other suspects were each released on a Sh200,000 bond. **[Daniel Chege]**

Crime. Defence argues Baburam was an alcoholic who drowned while drunk

Woman 'killed her husband' over Sh500m estate

Prosecution alleges Jimmy Baburam's widow conspired with her lover to drown him in Watamu.

By Joackim Bwana
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Amina Shiraz Yacoub, the widow of Mombasa tycoon Jimmy Jagatram Baburam, planned and executed the murder of her husband, a court has been told.

Making submissions before High Court Judge Dorah Chepkwony, Alexander Monda, the State prosecutor, said Yacoub conspired with her American lover Jacob Schmalze to kill Jagatram.

According to Mr Monda, the two suspects drowned Jagatram in a swimming pool at Medina Palms in Watamu on June 26, 2015.

He claimed Yacoub planned the murder in order to inherit Jagatram's estate, which amounted to Sh500 million, and a life insurance cover worth Sh50 million.

Mr Schmalze has since fled to the US and an arrest warrant has been issued against him, according to the prosecution.

Tried to influence

Monda also alleged that Yacoub tried to influence one Abdi Sheikh, the detective investigating her husband's death, with a Sh45,000 bribe.

Mr Abdi, who has since been charged with obstruction of justice, has claimed Yacoub sent her the money as a gift for a religious ceremony.

Yacoub's defence, led by lawyers Jared Magolo and Ahmednassir Abdullahi, countered the prosecution's assertions, saying witnesses to Jagatram's murder were coached.

The defence claimed the witnesses were coached by Jagatram's father David Baburam, a former Kenya Defence Forces soldier and said to be eager to inherit his son's wealth.

According to Yacoub's lawyers, her husband drowned after falling into the pool while drunk. He also had an epileptic seizure.

The lawyers insisted that Jagatram had a history of alcoholism.

One of the witnesses that the lawyers claim has been coached is a night guard at Medina Palms, who claims to have seen Jagatram drown.

Prosecution and defence were making their submissions on Thursday last week. Monda said the drowning claim notwithstanding, there was abundant evidence that Yacoub killed her husband.

"All evidence shows the two

- Yacoub and Schmalze - conceived an elaborate scheme to eliminate Baburam (Jagatram) and get access to his vast wealth," said Monda.

"We, therefore, humbly urge you to scrutinise the records and find that the prosecution has discharged its burden and place the accused on his defence," he added.

Monda told Justice Chepkwony that prior to Jagatram's death, he had found out that his wife was having a love affair with Schmalze.

He explained that when Jagatram learnt of the alleged affair, he threatened to take away his children with Yacoub, and disinherit her; a situation that would have ended Yacoub's rich lifestyle.

Monda said
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Jacob Schmalze, suspect



David Baburam, Jimmy Jagatram's father

"All evidence shows the two - Yacoub and Schmalze - conceived an elaborate scheme to eliminate Baburam and get access to his vast wealth".

Alexander Monda, State prosecutor.

atram went to an extent of confronting Schmalze about the affair. Schmalze admitted to being romantically involved with Yacoub, apologised and promised to stop.

"We have soundly proved that the accused is guilty and we are sure the court will find her guilty," Monda said.

He added that despite the coaching allegations, the night guard, Emmanuel Wafula, witnessed the murder and could place Yacoub and Schmalze on the murder scene.

Monda said Mr Wafula had clearly explained seeing the two suspects drown Jagatram at around 4 a.m. through an opening on the fence that surrounded the pool.

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According to Monda, Yacoub and Schmalze tried to prevent Wafula from raising the alarm when they realised he had seen them commit the murder.

The guard claimed Schmalze was injured above the eye as he tried to drown Jagatram, who was resisting.

Mr Ahmednassir insisted that Wafula's testimony was flawed, and that the Jagatram's father was behind much of the prosecution witnesses' "bogus" testimony.

Ahmednassir said Wafula had changed his testimony many times and that it should be dismissed.

Maliciously obsessed

Referring to David Baburam, Ahmednassir said: "He was maliciously obsessed with inheriting his son's wealth. He hired witnesses in his effort to lead the prosecution. Were it not for his effort, role and drive, the case wouldn't have been prosecuted."

Ahmednassir has appealed to the court to specifically expunge the testimony of two witnesses - Ashraf Hassan and Wafula.

He said in two previous statements to police, Wafula denied witnessing Jagatram murder.

"This is a witness who is not just contradicting evidence, but manufacturing it," said Ahmednassir.

Justice Chepkwony released Yacoub on a Sh10 million bond with two sureties.

Eighteen witnesses have testified for the prosecution so far. The verdict will be rendered in December.

Amina Shiraz Yacoub. She is accused of killing her husband Jimmy Jagatram Baburam.





AWARDS

Holy Cross Emalindi Girls, Kakamega



Holy Cross Emalindi Girls Secondary School is an exclusive girls secondary school located in Kakamega County, Kenya. The Principal is Dr. Annette Bakari who is deputized by Madam Ann Mabonga. The school was started in 1972 and has 76 candidates in this year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education Examination. The BOM Chairperson is Justice Aggrey Muchelule, while the PA Chairperson is Mrs. Esther Chapia. The school motto is 'Sacrifice for victory.'

About the Winner: Merceline Nekesa's best subject is English. She aspires to be a Doctor when she grows up and hopes to study at Egerton University. The first born in a family of three children, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zacharia and Rael Wamae.

The NIE program at Holy Cross Emalindi Girls is sponsored by Mrs. Kezia Muchelule.



NIE Students Trophy: Ms. Annie Gitau, Newspapers-in-Education Manager, awards Merceline Nekesa who emerged the most improved student. Susan Improved from D+ to C (plain).



NIE School Trophy: Dr. Annette Bakari - Principal, Holy Cross Emalindi Girls Secondary, receives the NIE School Trophy from Ms. Annie Gitau - Newspapers-in-Education Manager, Standard Group.



NIE Awards: From left; Teacher Joseph Anyanzwa, Merceline Nekesa, Ms. Annie Gitau, and Dr. Annette Bakari.

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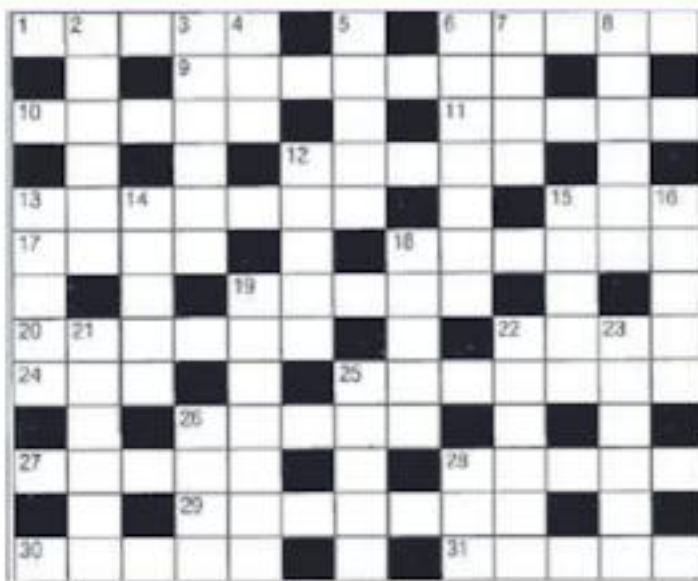
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20. Minor earthquake (6)
22. Scorch (4)
24. Possesses (3)
25. Confuses (7)
26. Cut of beef (5)
27. Fact (5)
28. Student (5)
29. Bullfighter (7)
30. Fiend (5)
31. Television, informally (5)

DOWN

2. Pandemonium (6)
3. Peaceful, mild (6)
4. Affirmative (3)
5. Female relative (5)
6. Accepting bribes (7)
7. Privy to (2,2)
8. Pencil rubber (6)
12. Sucrose (5)
13. Trust (5)
14. Multiplied by (5)
15. Hereditary units (5)
16. Looks at lasciviously (5)
18. Smooth and shiny (5)
19. Male servant (7)
21. Plunder (6)
22. Surgical stitch (6)
23. Antenna (6)
25. Trite (5)
26. Japanese wrestling (4)
28. Container (3)



Monday's solution

ACROSS: 3. Appal 8. Deter 10. Soars 11. Rot 12. Vests 13. Abysmal 15. Rebus 18. Log 19. Parade 21. Library 22. Atop 23. Desk 24. Snapper 26. Elicit 29. Hip 31. Local 32. Denotes 34. Remit 35. Sic 36. Preen 37. Minus 38. Steal.

DOWN: 1. Verbs 2. Let slip 4. Peel 5. Astray 6. Loser 7. Fraud 9. Toy 12. Vagrant 14. Mob 16. Baker 17. Seeks 19. Prophet 20. Camel 21. Logic 23. Deposit 24. Silent 25. Pin 27. Lorry 28. Cares 30. Recur 32. Diva 33. Tin.

CHESS PUZZLE

Easy puzzle

White mates in 2 moves.



Intermediate puzzle

Black mates in 3 moves.



Monday's Solution for

Easy:
1...Rh3+ 2.Kg1 Rh1#

Intermediate:
1...Rh1+ 2.Kxh1 Qh3+ 3.Kg1 Qh2#

CODEWORD by Rosy Russell

Using all the letters of the alphabet, fill in the grid. To help you, there are three crossword-style clues:

Top line:

In bed possesses good manners! (7)

Middle line:

Remedial needlework? (11)

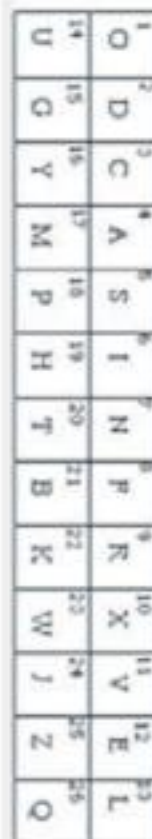
Bottom line:

The grass, I hear, isn't wet after washing. (7)

To start you off, here is one of the letters.



Monday's Solution



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

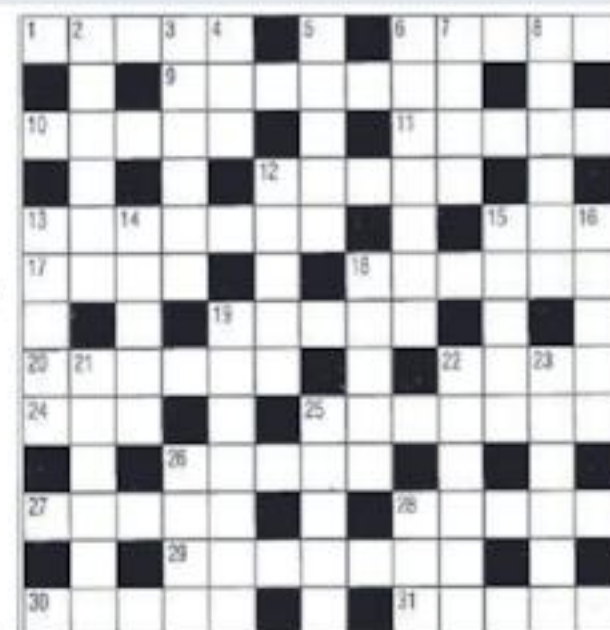
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS

1. It's customary to have a little after finishing lunch (5)
6. A knotty snag (5)
9. Hire a map-maker? (7)
10. Like a vagabond boy on the street (5)
11. Blue-blooded boys (5)
12. Some gangster's girl? (5)
13. Raised a hand to an officer (7)
15. The place for tired flowers? (3)
17. Extra cross (4)
18. In a dream, perhaps, I love (6)
19. Doesn't continue to change posts (5)
20. Tough about money? Not likely! (6)
22. Shoot up, sounding angry (4)
24. I again show anger! (3)
25. Clearly there's a port authority in outer Londonderry (7)
26. Climb on a fish's back? (5)
27. Oil-rich, maybe, he hikes around (5)
28. Operatives who make hissing noises when out of food (5)
29. One can be clear about it being a performance (7)
30. Indefatigable judge? (5)
31. A riotous stay out East with a poet (5)

DOWN

2. I've never seen any such body (6)
3. Fabulous flier who became overheated (6)
4. Your worthy half (3)
5. Ready to fight rather than leg it (5)
6. Her lads have become messengers (7)
7. Novel material for a mask (4)
8. The huntsman's drink? (6)
12. Full of pith, but not the vegetable kind (5)
13. Old soldier who wrecked a ship (5)
14. Most recluses manage to get money (5)
15. Beastly twin boy? (5)
16. Costly to the very end, darling (5)
18. New Yorkers live in the Big one (5)
19. One only relatively idle? (7)
21. Bowman bent on being on radio? (6)
22. It's easy to give a wry smile about poor start (6)
23. He lived near Victoria (6)
25. Welsh party maybe, but it's of Scottish pattern (5)
26. Your majesty's horse? (4)
28. Suppose Sally's lost fifty quid (3)



Monday's solution

ACROSS: 3. Doubt 8. Wagon 10. Roman 11. C-up 12. Scrap 13. S-event-h 15. Super 18. Far 19. A-spire 21. Honesty 22. Ave.-R 23. Pent 24. S-cro-les 26. H-earth 29. Rod 31. Saner 32. Dead-Pan 34. MIX-ED 35. L-it 36. Cloud 37. Gents 38. See-d-y

DOWN: 1. P-aces 2. Hope for 4. Ouch 5. Bra-S-S-y 6. To-pop 7. Waver 9. Guv 12. Sketch 14. Nan 16. Pipes 17. Rests 19. Attired 20. M-atth 21. He-M-A-n 23. Peddled 24. St.-ride 25. Roa 27. Early 28. Re-mus 30. Ba-TT-y 32. Deed (rev.) 33. Pin.

SOLVIT

Difficulty

The letters have a distinct value between 1 to 9. The totals vertically and horizontally have been given. Solve all the values.

G	J	A	E	15
J	B	D	F	18
H	F	E	H	17
C	A	C	B	27
22	15	25	15	

Monday's solution

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J
9	8	7	5	4	1	2	6	3

KAKURO



Monday's solution



SUDOKU

3		2	6		9		1	
	6		8					2
5		8		4		3		9
	3	1	5			7	2	4
6			2			8		
		7	1	8				
2								7
		6			8			5
1	5		4	6	7			3

Monday's solution

9	5	2	6	3	8	4	1	7
1	4	3	7	2	9	5	8	6
8	6	7	1	4	5	2	9	3
6	1	9	8	7	4	3	5	2
2	8	5	3	9	6	7	4	1
7	3	4	2	5	1	8	6	9
5	7	6	9	8	2	1	3	4
3	9	8	4	1	7	6	2	5
4	2	1	5	6	3	9	7	8

HOROSCOPE



Virgo—August 23—September 22

People may feel quite enchanted and heartened by your words today. You're not necessarily trying to beguile or bewitch; you're only seeking to accurately and clearly convey what's in your heart. Your manner of communication has a poetic feel to it now that mystical Neptune is creating an easygoing time to articulate Mercury.

Libra—September 23—October 23

A beloved soul reminds you that money can't buy the most precious facets of life. Perhaps you're really seeking connection as you shop for sales and special discounts. But reaching out to a friend, family member, or partner likely won't cost you a thing except vulnerability. But first you may need to reckon with your pride or fear of rejection.

Scorpio—October 24—November 21

Striking a moderate tone on a sensitive matter with a person close to you could be a source of struggle today. One moment, you're seething while you recount and reflect on every nuance of an offensive statement. But another time, you're inclined to play it cool and not give anyone the satisfaction that you're affected by their words.

Sagittarius—November 22—December 21

You could derive immense gratification from performing a charitable service or helping a stranger now. But whatever you decide to do must be from the heart while sweet Venus visits your 12th House of Soul Consciousness, and not from an obligation to look good or for reciprocal benefit.

Capricorn—December 22—January 19

Engaging in conversations with loved ones of all ages brings a smile to your face today. You can't get enough of those who make your heart pump faster while the voracious Taurus Moon opposes Mercury and Venus in passionate Scorpio. But trying to sample a bit of everyone, like a social buffet, may not go as well as you expect.

Aquarius—January 20—February 18

Try as you might, life probably won't let you remain in a comfy bubble now. Perhaps you just want to coast through your day without any wild swings toward heart-stopping excitement or mind-numbing boredom. However, some turbulence may crop up today, not only to keep you on your toes, but to help you connect with others without tuning them out.

Pisces—February 19—March 20

Your powers of perception are heightened today. Perhaps you're not inclined to enjoy reading the fine print of anything, but you can read between the lines fantastically well. In fact, empathic connections with strangers and friends alike are possible while cerebral Mercury harmoniously trines psychic Neptune in your sensitive sign.

Aries—March 21—April 19

Soliciting a mentor or elder for sound advice about your career and finances saves you time and money. Although you fiercely value your independence, in thought and deed, it's wise to know when you need guidance from someone more knowledgeable.

Taurus—April 20—May 20

Honesty is a double-edged sword. Simmering tensions between you and a loved one likely boil over now. You can't rely on subtleties to express how you feel today. You must best sight forward or someone could overpower your message by shifting the focus to your past mistakes, instead.

Gemini—May 21—June 21

A caring yet inspiring tone convinces people to listen to your ideas. Others are likely receptive because they see that you value and appreciate their contributions toward a common purpose. Similarly, you're motivated to influence your allies, especially if there's a goal you badly want to reach.

Cancer—June 22—July 22

Discussing controversial topics might require extra caution and thoughtfulness today. You're bound to encounter people who, for various reasons, feel alienated or offended by off-the-cuff remarks. Take their feelings seriously and politely apologize, even if you don't agree with their opinions.

Leo—July 23—August 22

Your emotional bias might skew your judgment about an important decision. You're more content to stay in your groove at work and dismiss someone or their ideas when the dutiful Taurus Moon in your 10th House of Career opposes quick-thinking Mercury. However, you might miss an essential piece of the puzzle unless you listen closely. Twittascope.com

WHAT'S ON KTN

ktn NEWS

6:00 Am	Morning Express
9:00 Am	News Center
11:00 Am	Leo Mashinani
1:00 Pm	News Desk
2:00 Pm	Bottomline
3:00 Pm	Business Today
4:00 Pm	Mbiu Ya KTN
5:00 Pm	Zikala Vwarjari
6:00 Pm	Jukwaa La KTN
7:00 Pm	KTN Leo
8:00 Pm	The Big Story
9:00 Pm	KTN Prime News
10:00 Pm	BBC Africa Eye
10:30 Pm	Bottomline Rpt
11:00 Pm	BBC Focus on Africa
11:30 Pm	The Big Story Rpt
12:30 Am	Zikala Vwarjari Rpt
1:30 Am	KTN Prime News Rpt
2:30 Am	Business Today Rpt



Radio Maisha

04:00	Safari na Anthony Ndiema
06:00	Maisha Asubuhi with Billy na MCA Tricky
10:00	Staatabika na Ann Njogu
01:00	Konnect na Mwende and Cleo

04:00	Maisha Jioni na Emmanuel Mwashumbe and Shuga Boy
07:00	Papa Nick na Nick Odhiambo
10:00	Maji Makuruna Babu Wakasiaka
12:00	Maisha Xtra na Hassan Umar

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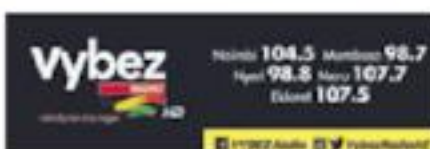
5:00 Am	Tendeleza
6:00 Am	BBC Dira Ya Dunia
6:30 Am	Hassle Yangu
7:00 Am	Free Up Music Mix
9:00 Am	Tendeleza Live
12:00 Pm	Chini Ya Mhizi
12:30 Pm	Hassle Yangu
1:00 Pm	Bongo La Ufanisi
1:05 Pm	Zinga La Spoti
2:00 Pm	Bongo Flava
3:00 Pm	Talanta Mtaani
4:00 Pm	Biashara Bomba
4:30 Pm	Baba Yao

5:00 Pm	Maisha Mzuza
6:30 Pm	Duty
7:00 Pm	KTN Leo Live
7:30 Pm	Jarida
9:30 Pm	Bongo La Ufanisi
9:35 Pm	Talaka
10:00 Pm	Talanta Mtaani
11:00 Pm	Oga Beats
11:30 Pm	BBC Dira Ya Dunia
12:00 Am	Zinga La Spoti
1:00 Am	Tendeleza Live
4:00 Am	Lembe Lembe

NTV

5:00 Am	Password Plus
6:00 Am	AM Live
8:00 Am	Living With Ess
9:00 Am	NTV Today
11:00 Am	NTV Sasa
1:00 Pm	NTV at 1
1:30 Pm	Health Diary-RPT
2:00 Pm	The Good Son
2:30 Pm	The Girl Named Feriha-rpt

4:00 Pm	NTV Alasiri
4:30 Pm	Zafari
5:00 Pm	The Heat
6:00 Pm	Asintado
7:00 Pm	NTV Jioni
7:30 Pm	Auntie Boss!
8:00 Pm	The Three Sides of Ana
9:00 Pm	NTV Tonight
10:00 Pm	Side Bar
11:15 Pm	The Heat
12:30 Am	CNN



06:00AM - 10:00AM	Morning Vybez
10:00AM - 03:00PM	Riddim Culture
03:00PM - 07:00PM	Adrenaline
07:00PM - 10:00PM	Cease N Sekkie
10:00PM - 5:00AM	Night Patrol
05:00AM - 06:00AM	Izz



06:00AM - 10:00AM	The Situation Room
10:00AM - 03:00PM	Spice Soul
03:00PM - 07:00PM	Spice Drive with Monique
07:00PM - 10:00PM	The Adults in the Room
10:00PM - MIDNIGHT	Mellow Spice
MIDNIGHT - 04:00AM	Soul Night
04:00AM - 06:00AM	Spice Worship

ktn FARMERS tv

6:00 Am	Agri-News
6:30 Am	Eye On Country
7:30 Am	Poultry Farming Rpt
8:00 Am	Successful Farming
8:30 Am	Styramajeevi Documentary Rpt
9:30 Am	Shamba La Wanyama
10:30 Am	Fresh and Fruity
11:00 Am	Access Agriculture Docu
11:30 Am	Get It Right
12:00 Pm	Freshly Cultured
1:00 Pm	Mkulima Tech

1:30 Pm	Fish Farming
2:00 Pm	Agripulse Documentary
2:30 Pm	Successful Farming
3:00 Pm	Mizzi
3:30 Pm	Foods of Kenya
4:00 Pm	Access Agriculture Docu
5:00 Pm	Shramajeevi Documentary
6:00 Pm	Eye On Country (Fresh)
7:00 Pm	Dairy Farms
7:30 Pm	Agri-News
8:00 Pm	Successful Farming

8:30 Pm	Shamba La Wanyama (Fresh)
9:30 Pm	Fresh And Fruity (Fresh)
10:00 Pm	Get It Right
10:30 Pm	Agri-News
11:00 Pm	Duniani Leo
11:30 Pm	Music Interlude-Country
12:00 Am	Al Jazeera

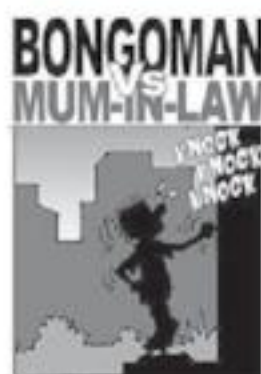
K24

5:00	Switch Mix
5:30	Tizi
6:00	K24 Afajiri
9:00	Isabella
10:00	The Daily Brief
13:30	Sports Hub
14:00	Arena +254
14:30	DW Documentary
15:30	Play List
16:00	K24 Mashinani
16:30	JusKids
17:00	Beatbox
18:00	Madhubala
19:00	K24 Saa Moja
19:30	Simu La Penzi
20:05	River of Passion
21:00	K24 Evening
22:00	Kenya Movie
23:00	DW Feed

Ebru

5:00	Vuka Pwazi
6:30	Fitness Time
7:00	New Day
9:00	Hits
10:00	My Doctor
11:00	Naija Cinema
13:00	Up To Date @31
13:30	Business Insight
14:00	Hits
15:30	Cartoons
16:30	Fitness Time
17:00	The Edge
18:00	Hot Plate
19:00	Mwanga Wa Ebru
19:30	Forever Yours
20:30	The Millionaire Mind
21:00	Prime Time News
22:00	Chit Chat

BONGOMAN VS MUM-IN-LAW by Kham



QUOTE OF THE DAY

Civil government, so far as it is instituted for the security of property, is in reality instituted for the defense of the rich against the poor, or of those who have some property against those who have none at all. Adam Smith

Shilling stable against dollar. The Kenyan shilling was stable against the dollar on Monday with inflows from offshore investors buying government debt and tightening liquidity in the local money market helping meet dollar demand from merchandise importers, traders said. In opening trade, commercial banks quoted the shilling at 103.70/90 per dollar, compared with 103.75/95 at Friday's close. [Reuters]

Business

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On Twitter:
@CNN

A UK company is using non-recyclable plastics and other waste to generate electricity and hydrogen.



In Brief

Expo. Kenya eyes more tourists from Asia

Kenya will be seeking to increase its tourism numbers from the Asian market during the ITB-Asia-Singapore exhibition on October 16-18 in Singapore. About 12 companies from Kenya's travel trade will be showcasing Kenya's tourism offering and the Magical Kenya experience to the vast Asian Pacific market which has not been fully tapped. Kenya Tourism Board Chairman Jimi Kariuki said Kenya had been receiving good tourism numbers from the Asian market but expressed hopes for more visitors through marketing programmes that have been laid out. [Moses Omusolo]

Deal. Ford vehicle buyers to get Stanbic financing



CMC Motors has partnered with Stanbic Bank in a promotional campaign that will provide finance for customers to buy Ford model vehicles. The scheme that is expected to run until the end of year will give buyers up to 100 per cent financing and up to 72 months repayment period. Customers will also get a 60-day repayment holiday and attractive insurance through Stanbic Insurance Agency at preferential rates. [Standard Reporter]

Acquisition. ARM is taken over by National Cement in Sh5 billion buyout

Paunrana finally loses family jewel to rival

The company was placed under administration in August 2018 following mounting debt.

By Dominic Omond
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Steel magnate Narendra Raval yesterday officially took over cash-strapped Athi River Mining Cement (ARM), bringing to an end a 45-year leadership by the Paunrana family.

The acquisition will propel Mr Raval to be a top cement producer in the region when the production capacities of National Cement, owned by his Devki Group, and ARM are combined.

The transfer was dramatic to the last minute, with Raval fighting pesky security guards who briefly denied him entry into the ARM premises in Athi River.

"We are just following laws and regulations. In the morning we had not received the orders to let him in, but now we have," said one of the guards after he kept the new owner waiting for more than 10 minutes.

Raval paid Sh5 billion for ARM, which is still under receivership. Following the conclusion of the transaction, he will become the largest cement manufacturer in Kenya with the combined production capacity of National Cement and ARM reaching three million tonnes per year.

"We are happy to inform you today that we have been able to complete the ARM acquisition and cleared all the transaction cost amounting to Sh5 billion to PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC)," he said.

He promised to retain all the 1,100 workers and also said the salaries of ARM's employees would be harmonised with those of their colleagues at National Cement.

PwC said a Chinese firm has started the process of acquiring ARM's Tanzanian unit, which was not part of the acquisition of the Kenyan operation.

Pradeep Paunrana, the former chief executive of ARM, had for a while been fighting a losing battle against the acquisition.

The company was placed under administration on August 17, 2018, and its shares suspended from trading on the Nairobi Securities Exchange three days later.

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) on October 4, 2019, gave National Cement the nod to take over the operations of ARM.

In a letter signed by Chairman Nelson Ndirangu and Director General Wangombe Kariuki, CAK asked National

3m
Combined production capacity

1,100

Employees of ARM, who will all be retained by the new owner

Cement to retain at least 95 per cent (1,054 of 1,100) of ARM employees.

"We have gone a step further to retain all the employees as we work together to improve the productivity and create more employment in future," said Raval.

He also told employees that the firm would sell them building materials - cement and steel - at half price but would only do this through an employee Sacco, urging them to form one.

ARM has been in deep problems and has for some years been navigating financial and management turmoil, which at some point made the future of the company uncertain.

Paunrana also fought a gruelling court battle with prospective liquidators looking to sell off the family-owned business to repay debts.



Former Athi River Mining Managing Director Pradeep Paunrana. [File, Standard]

Shortlist

Panel to interview 16 for Auditor General's post

Sixteen candidates have been shortlisted for the Auditor General's position, which fell vacant after Edward Ouko's term came to an end.

The candidates include a number of insiders at the Auditor General's office, an employee at the United Nations and a member of Kiambu's County Executive Committee.

Interviews will be held between October 22 and October

25 by a panel tasked by President Uhuru Kenyatta to hire the country's second auditor general after Ouko's eight-year non-renewable term lapsed in August.

Former Deloitte East Africa Chief Executive Sammy Onyango is chairing the panel of seven, which will select three names and forward to the President for nomination.

"Shortlisted candidates are invited for interviews at the

Annex Boardroom, Commission House, along Harambee Avenue, Nairobi, on the dates and times specified in the above schedule," said Onyango in a Gazette notice on Friday.

The public has been invited to give views on the 17 shortlisted candidates by Thursday, October 17.

Two of the candidates, David Obwaya and Kiini Sylvester Ngei, already work as deputy auditors

general. Another candidate, David Muchoki, is the current holder of the newly-created position of United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

During his tenure, Mr Ouko (pictured) heightened the scrutiny on both the national and county governments, with his reports painting Government officials as corrupt.

In one report, he noted that

over 75 per cent of the national government's expenditure had not been accounted for.

His reports revealed striking expenditures, including a 2015 audit which showed that Bungoma County bought a wheelbarrow at Sh109,000.

There have been calls for expedition of the recruitment process so as not to compromise the auditing process. [Dominic Omond]



Fuel guide

Petrol pump price drops by Sh5

Motorists will begin this morning get a slight reprieve after the retail prices of super petrol came down by close to Sh5.

The fuel, mostly used to power private motor vehicles, will for the next one month retail at Sh108.05 per litre in Nairobi, a six-month low following a Sh4.76 per litre reduction.

Super petrol was retailing at Sh112.81 per litre in Nairobi over the last one month.

The drop this month is the largest that the retail price of petrol has experienced this year, with the better part of the year characterised by increases that saw it hit Sh115.39 a litre in July.

In the latest fuel price capping guide released yesterday, the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) also reduced the price of diesel, albeit by a

smaller margin of Sh1.08 per litre while pushing up the price of kerosene by 44 cents.

Diesel will retail at Sh101.96 per litre while kerosene will go for Sh101.08 per litre in the capital.

EPRA said the price changes reflected the cost of the imported petroleum products, where the cost of diesel and petrol went down in September.

"The changes in this month's prices have been as a consequence of the average landed cost of imported super petrol decreasing 7.66 per cent... diesel decreasing by 2.32 per cent... and kerosene increasing by 0.47 per cent,"

Sh108.05

Price per litre of super petrol in Nairobi.

said EPRA in a statement.

While the landed costs were on the decline, other factors were used in determining local prices, including the cost of oil at the international market as well as the performance of the local currency against the US dollar.

Declining trend

In September, oil prices went up while the shilling weakened against the dollar, which could be a pointer that the declining trend in pump prices locally might not be sustained.

"Free on board (FOB) price of Murban crude oil lifted in September 2019 was posted at \$64.42 (Sh6 400) per barrel, an increase of 3.4 per cent from \$62.30 (Sh6 200) per barrel in August 2019," said EPRA.

[Macharia Kamau]

Untenable. The firm has retired its Sh3b medium-term note issued in 2012

Corporate bonds not for us, says HF Group

Mortgage lender to shun debt instrument, saying rate cap regime and waning market confidence have made it unattractive to investors.

By Wainaina Wambu
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The Housing Finance Group (HF) has retired its Sh3 billion corporate bond and vowed to keep off the debt instrument.

The listed mortgage lender said yesterday the interest rate cap regime and reduced confidence levels owing to default had made corporate bonds market unattractive.

Group Chief Executive Robert Kibaara noted that a number of companies had defaulted on their bonds and investors are increasingly opting for government-issued papers that are less risky.

Investors had burnt their fingers in bonds issued by the troubled Chase and Imperial Banks.

"The bond market was very vibrant some years back, but the fact that a few companies are yet to pay their bonds really dampens the confidence," said Kibaara.

"You borrow from a bank at 13 per cent and the government is borrowing from the market at about 12.5 per cent. What will investors do if you float a bond? Will they bring that money to you or take to the Government which is safer?"

He was speaking at a press



HF Group Chief Executive Robert Kibaara (right), his Nairobi Securities Exchange counterpart Geoffrey Odondo (left), MTC Trust and Corporate Services Managing Director Bukola Awasika and Co-operative Bank Head of Custody and Registrar Services Eden Kaberere at the press briefing in Nairobi yesterday. [Wibereforce Okwiri, Standard]

briefing in Nairobi when he announced the redemption of the second tranche of the firm's Sh3 billion corporate bond which matured yesterday. The medium-term note was issued in 2012 with a seven-year tenor at a coupon rate of 13 per cent.

Mr Kibaara said the bond

"The bond market was very vibrant some years back, but the fact that a few companies are yet to pay their bonds really dampens the confidence."

HF Group Chief Executive Robert Kibaara

had "significantly" helped the firm bolster its loans and advances, which grew from Sh25 billion to Sh44 billion as of December last year, while total assets rose from Sh31 billion to Sh57 billion over the period.

Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) boss Geoffrey Odondo, however, expressed confidence in the future of the bond market despite emerging challenges, saying the settlement by HF was a good enough assurance.

"This payment is an assurance to the market that when we raise money, we can pay back, and coming on the back of the challenges we have faced in the bond market in the recent past, this reignites the interest the investors can have in this market," he said.

NAIROBI STOCKS

Main Investment Market

14/10/19

HIGH	LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS	VOLUME
AGRICULTURAL					
22.00	10.00	Eaagadi Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS		11.35	-
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord 5.00		423.35	-
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 AIMS	78.50	79.75	100
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00 AIMS		470.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00		17.50	-
180.00	126.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00 AIMS		135.00	2,400
AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES					
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.00	21.60	-
BANKING					
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	11.15	11.05	13,800
33.00	28.00	BRG Group Plc Ord 0.80		28.00	-
220.00	190.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	115.00	114.75	6,300
57.00	31.00	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	36.30	36.10	14,000
13.40	3.49	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.82	6.94	19,000
130.00	45.00	I&M Holdings Plc Ord 1.00		46.05	-
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	41.45	41.80	33,600
12.25	3.40	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		4.12	-
44.50	20.50	NIC Group Plc Ord 5.00		29.00	-
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc Ord 5.00		96.00	-
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ord 5	196.75	195.50	2,900
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd 1.00	12.05	12.10	212,400
COMMERCIAL & SERVICES					
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50 AIMS		0.45	-
4.65	0.85	Eversready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.10	1.10	4,300
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	7.10	6.50	400
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	2.54	2.74	60,200
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00 AIMS	7.02	6.72	600
8.40	0.80	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 1.00 GEMS	0.90	0.90	100
125.00	37.00	Nation Media Group Plc Ord 2.50	42.00	42.70	2,200
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00		3.20	-
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00	26.05	27.25	1,100
38.00	15.00	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	18.00	17.95	100
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.27	0.29	53,600
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	13.65	13.50	600
CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED					
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.0		5.55	-
187.00	92.75	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	95.75	95.75	100
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		72.00	-
5.20	2.10	E.A. Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	2.71	2.76	1,400
26.00	12.60	E.A. Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		18.50	-
ENERGY & PETROLEUM					
9.00	5.46	KemGen Co. Plc Ord 2.50 GEMS	5.80	5.80	103,600
8.00	2.75	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	2.94	3.08	99,100
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
36.50	25.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	28.85	29.90	700
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50		7.50	-
INSURANCE					
15.85	6.54	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	6.98	6.94	21,300
5.40	2.95	CK Insurance Group Ltd Ord 1.00	3.01	3.00	119,400
540.00	340.25	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		350.00	-
19.25	2.80	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.00	3.03	11,000
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	9.74	9.76	400
26.50	16.90	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		17.40	-
INVESTMENT					
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	29.05	28.90	2,200
1.15	0.45	Home Africa Ltd Ord 1.00 GEMS	0.49	0.46	800
1,500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00 GEMS		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		2.00	-
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50 AIMS	3.00	2.90	300
INVESTMENT SERVICES					
21.00	10.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	10.30	10.55	3,200
MANUFACTURING & ALLIED					
100.00	58.00	B.O. Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	58.00	57.75	100
725.00	485.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00		486.00	-
12.50	7.60	Caribac Investments Plc Ord 1.00	7.20	7.60	43,300
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	193.00	192.25	526,200
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825 GEMS		2.10	-
82.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	12.60	12.60	300
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	34.50	31.55	100
TELECOMMUNICATION					
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	28.00	28.45	1,129,700
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST					
12.30	7.00	STANBIC FAHARI REIT Ord 20.00	8.26	8.28	1,200
EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS					
1,275.00	1,165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1502	1,495.00	-

NSE AllShare Index Down 1.23 points to close at 146.41; NSE 20-Share Index Down 18.63 points to close at 2436.64; NSE 25-Share Index Down 18.41 points to close at 3475.37

Labour dispute

Pilots suspend CBA talks with KQ

Kenya Airways (KQ) pilots have suspended their participation in a Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiations with the national carrier.

This comes after the pilots,

under the aegis of the Kenya Association of Kenya Airline Pilots Association (Kalpa) last week filed a trade dispute with the Labour Ministry, seeking arbitration over the move by KQ to

recruit foreign pilots on contract. Kalpa General Secretary Murithi Nyagah in a letter addressed to KQ Chief Sebastian Mikosz termed further negotiations "futile". [Wainaina Wambu]

UNIT TRUSTS

MONEY FUNDS	Daily Yield	E.A. Rate
Brinkley Money Market Fund	5.56%	8.0%
Old Mutual Money Market Fund	5.29%	5.4%
ICFA Money Market Fund	8.07%	8.4%
African Alliance Kenya Shilling Fund	6.59%	6.7%
Brinkley Money Market Fund	5.56%	8.0%
Cydon Money Market Fund	10.36%	10.6%
STANBIC Money Market Fund	6.48%	6.6%
Amara Shilling Fund	6.07%	8.7%
Sanlam Pioneer Fund	6.25%	10.2%
Nairobi KES Money Market Fund	6.75%	10.6%
GenCap Hedge Income Fund	8.13%	8.4%
OC Money Market Fund	5.25%	6.0%
Madison Money Market Fund	5.07%	5.5%
OTHER FUNDS		
Brinkley Balanced Fund	250	167
Old Mutual Bond Fund	104.13	104.13
ICFA Equity Fund	133.52	133.52
African Alliance Kenya Equity Fund	190.35	190.35
Brinkley Equity Fund	142.82	142.82
Cydon Balanced Fund	100.35	100.35
STANBIC Equity Fund	147.34	147.34
Amara Balanced Fund	140.30	140.30
Sanlam Pioneer Fund	14.77	15.23
Nairobi Africa Balance Fund	99.64	97.44
Nairobi Africa Equity Fund	70.75	66.15
OC Equity Fund	8.40	8.00
OC Balanced Fund	8.8	8.54
Madison Balanced Fund	45.75	45.75

EXCHANGE RATES

CURRENCY	MEAN
US DOLLAR	103.7678
STG POUND	131.4039
EURO	114.7608
SA RAND	6.9950
KES / US\$	35.6566
KES / T\$	22.1649
KES / RWF	8.9223
KES / BIF	11.8179
AE DIRHAM	28.2504
CAN\$	78.6209
S FRANC	104.0070
JPY (100)	95.7312
SWKRONER	10.5727
NORKRONER	11.4273
DAN KRONER	15.3615
IND RUPEE	1.4619
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.2301
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	75.5472
SAUDI RIYAL	27.6642
CHINESE YUAN	14.6172
AUSTRALIAN \$	70.5673

BANK RATES

	USDOLLAR			EURO		
	BUY	SELL	MARK	BUY	SELL	MARK
ABC	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.65	14.90	0.25
EQUTY	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.64	14.90	0.26
I&M	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.64	14.90	0.26
Diamond Trust	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.61	14.84	0.25
MC	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.62	14.81	0.26
REDBANK	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.65	14.90	0.25
NCB	101.80	101.80	0.26	14.57	14.81	0.26
POME	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.62	14.85	0.23
DAMEYBANK	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.65	14.90	0.25
CPS BANK	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.64	14.90	0.26
OTBANK	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.57	14.81	0.26
CSA	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.64	14.90	0.26
NBK	101.80	101.80	0.26	14.66	14.89	0.21
BRACAPS	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.64	14.90	0.26
STANDARD	101.95	101.95	0.26	14.71	14.96	0.25
GLP	101.82	101.82	0.26	14.57	14.81	0.26
BOA	101.90	101.90	0.26	14.66	14.89	0.23
CO-OP	101.85	101.85	0.26	14.65	14.90	0.25

Source: Central Bank

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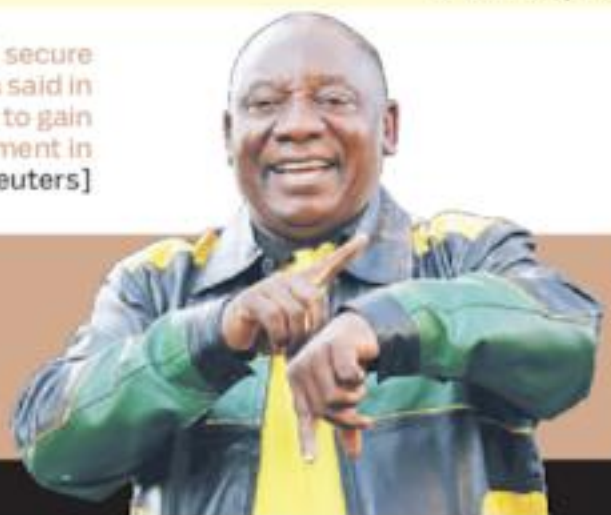
DAY'S GAINERS

Stock	Price	% daily change	Volume
UINGA	34.50	+9.35	100
XPRS	7.10	+9.23	400
HAFR	0.49	+6.52	800
LKL	7.04	+4.76	600
TCL	3.00	+3.45	300

DAY'S LOSERS

Stock	Price	% daily change	Volume
KQ	2.54	-7.30	60,200
UCHM	0.27	-6.90	53,400

South Africa. The Government is working to restore its institutions and secure private investment in order to grow the economy, President Cyril Ramaphosa said in London yesterday. President Ramaphosa (right), whose nation is struggling to gain economic growth momentum, also said they were open to outside investment in ailing state-owned carrier South African Airways (SAA). [Reuters]



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A tentative truce between the US and China has raised hopes — yet again — that the two economic superpowers are inching toward a resolution to the trade war.



World

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In Brief

Tz. Heavy rains damage roads, submerge bridges

■ Ongoing heavy rains in parts of Tanzania have damaged roads and submerged bridges in some parts of the East African country. The highway connecting the commercial capital Dar es Salaam and upcountry regions to the north was temporarily closed on Saturday after a bridge was submerged in Coast region, said Solomon Mwangamilo, in charge of Tanga region traffic officer. He advised motorists using that highway to divert through Handeni town in Tanga region. [Xinhua]

Mozambique. Some poll stations could be moved



■ Some polling stations in northern Mozambique could be relocated ahead of today's general election due to an ongoing military operation against Islamist militants. The northern Cabo Delgado province, a hub for mining and petroleum exploration, has witnessed sporadic attacks carried out by a militant group locally known as al-Shabaab, which has no known links to the Somali jihadist group of the same name. The attacks have forced villagers to flee. [BBC]

Somalia. Government to set-up first blood bank

■ Somalia's government says it is setting up a national blood bank for the first time in more than two decades. The announcement comes on the second anniversary of the country's deadliest bomb attack in the capital, Mogadishu, which killed nearly 600 people. The 14 October 2017 blast also wounded hundreds of others. [BBC]

Stability. Transitional authorities have six months to make peace with rebels

Sudan government, rebels start peace talks in Juba

Peace initiative was built into a power-sharing deal between army and its pro-democracy movement.

By AP
Juba

Sudan's new transitional government met with rebel leaders yesterday, kicking off peace talks aimed at ending the country's yearslong civil wars.

The peace initiative was built into a power-sharing deal between Sudan's army and its pro-democracy movement, reached after the overthrow of longtime autocrat President Omar al Bashir in April. The transitional authorities have six months to make peace with the rebels, according to the agreement.

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir is hosting the talks in its capital, Juba, where some rebel groups signed a draft agreement last month that detailed a roadmap for the talks, trust-building measures and an extension of a cease-fire already in place.

Official opening

The government delegation, led by General Mohammed Hamadan Dagalo, member of Sudan's sovereign council, arrived in Juba late on Sunday. Rebel leaders arrived earlier this month.

Rebel leader Malik Agar of the Sudan Revolutionary Front, an alliance of Darfur rebel groups, told The Associated Press that they would start "the official opening" of the talks yesterday in Juba.

General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, head of the sovereign council, also arrived in Juba to attend the opening session, along with other African leaders including Egypt's Prime Minister Mustafa Madbouly and Ethiopia's Prime Minister



Yesir Arman, leader of the Sudan Revolutionary Front, an alliance of rebel groups, gives an interview, in Cairo, Egypt. Sudan's new, transitional authorities have six months to make peace with the country's rebels under a power-sharing deal reached this summer between the military and the pro-democracy movement. [AP]

Abiy Ahmed, according to the official SUNA news agency.

Ethiopia and the African Union mediated the power-sharing agreement in August which ended months of violence and faltering talks between Sudan's generals and protesters following the uprising against Bashir.

Achieving peace is crucial to the transitional government in Sudan. It has counted on ending the wars with rebels for reviving the country's battered economy through slashing the military spending which eats much of the national budget.

Sudanese authorities have introduced good-will signals. They dismissed the death sentences against eight rebel leaders and released more than a dozen war prisoners.

The rebels

■ The Sudan Revolutionary Front was established in November 2011 following fighting in South Kordofan and Blue Nile provinces that broke out after South Sudan's secession from Sudan
■ It's an alliance of rebel groups in the region, including the Justice and Equality Movement, the Sudan Liberation Army-Mini Minawi, named after its leader, and a faction of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North, led by Malik Agar

They also delayed the formation of the parliament and the appointment of provincial governors, to allow time for the rebels to come on board.

If transitional authorities and the rebels fail to reach an agreement, it could undermine the deal and put the country's fragile transition in jeopardy.

Met informally

Sudanese government officials met informally with a rebel leader in Juba last week to prepare for the talks.

Since its independence from British colonial rule in 1956, Sudan has been convulsed by long rebellions and fighting between the mostly Christian and animist south and the Muslim and Arabized north.

The country's longest inter-

nal conflict, a civil war that spanned decades, led to South Sudan gaining independence from the north in 2011.

However, in the 2000s, Sudan was most known for Bashir's brutal repression of an uprising in the western Darfur region, where pro-government militias known as the Janjaweed became notorious for their atrocities and Bashir himself was indicted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes and genocide.

Sudanese rebels have for years fought Bashir's loyalists, not just in Darfur but also in the southern provinces of Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

The rebels did not sign on to the power-sharing deal, reached in July, though they have observed a cease-fire.

Politics. Even with a large mandate, the new president has less direct control of policy than the prime minister

Saied wins Tunisia election

Exit polls indicated candidate won in every region of the country.

By Reuters
Tunis

Supporters of retired law professor Kais Saied celebrated into yesterday morning after exit polls indicated he won Tunisia's presidential election, a victory they hailed as a revival of the 2011 revolution that brought democracy.

Formal results from Sunday's presidential election were expected to be released late yesterday. Saied's opponent, the media mogul Nabil Karoui who spent much of the election campaign period in detention, could launch an appeal if he loses.

Big crowds waving Tunisian flags and chanting many of the old songs and slogans from the 2011 uprising filled the central Habib Bourguiba Avenue until the early hours of yesterday.

"What I have done is a new revolution," Mr Saied told a separate crowd of supporters gathering at his home in the Mnihla district on the outskirts of Tunis. "I tell Tunisians that you have impressed the world."

Saied's victory, if confirmed by the official results, is a sharp rebuke to a governing elite that has failed to halt a decline in living standards since the revolution, or to weed out pervasive corruption, nepotism and cronyism.

Political outsider

A political outsider backed by both leftists and Islamists, Saied spent virtually nothing on his campaign but has called for remaking Tunisian politics by introducing an experimental form of direct democracy.

Olfa Radouan, a 53-year-old woman who brought her husband and two children to celebrate Saied's victory in Bourguiba street, said she understood that he would face big challenges.



Tunisians gather to celebrate the victory of Kais Saied in the Tunisia's presidential runoff on Sunday night. [AFP]

"It will not be easy. He will face a complicated political situation, a very difficult economic situation, unstoppable social demands," she said.

Two separate exit polls published shortly after voting ended on Sunday showed Saied winning more than 70 per cent of the electorate and with a turnout of about 60 per cent - the highest in any recent

election. The polls indicated that he won more than three million votes - far more than the number who elected his predecessor, Caid Beji Essebsi, who died in July, and even more than the total number of voters in last week's parliamentary election.

He won in every region of the country, the exit polls indicated.

However, even with a

large mandate, the new president has less direct control of policy than the prime minister and both will quickly face a series of tough challenges.

The parliamentary election has produced a deeply fragmented legislature in which the largest party, the moderate Islamist Ennahda, has only 52 of the 219 seats.

As the biggest party, Ennahda can name the prime minister, but he will then have only two months to form a governing coalition that can command a majority in parliament - something that may prove highly complex.

If Ennahda's choice fails to form a government, the new president can name an alternative candidate for prime minister to embark on a new round of coalition talks. If parliament still cannot agree, there would be a new election.

Tunisia's government faces unemployment of about 15 per cent nationally and 30 per cent in some cities.

Dispute

Nine Catalan separatist leaders get jail terms

Spain's Supreme Court yesterday sentenced nine separatist leaders from Catalonia to between nine and 13 years in prison for sedition over their role in a failed independence bid, triggering protests across the region.

Three other defendants who were also on trial for their involvement in the October 2017 referendum held in spite of a ban and a short-lived independence declaration, were found guilty only of disobedience and not sentenced to prison.

All defendants were acquitted of the gravest charge, rebellion, but leading separatists were quick to condemn the court's decision and the jailed men sent out messages of defiance, urging people to take to the streets.

Former head of Catalonia's regional government, Carles Puigdemont, said the prison sentences were an "atrocious" and the head of the regional parliament Roger Torrent called them an "attack on democracy". In Barcelona, three main streets were blocked by protesters holding signs calling for "Freedom for political prisoners". [Reuters]



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Politics

Queen sets out PM's October 31 Brexit priority

Queen Elizabeth set out Prime Minister Boris Johnson's agenda for his government yesterday, including an October 31 Brexit, a new deal with the European Union, and a host of domestic policies designed to win over voters ahead of an expected election.

The so-called Queen's Speech is the highlight of a day of pageantry in Westminster and is used to detail all the Bills the government wants to enact in the coming year. It is written for the 93-year-old monarch by the government.

But, with Brexit in the balance before a crucial week of talks, and an unpredictable election likely in the near future, rival parties said Johnson was misusing the politically-neutral queen by asking her to set out his election agenda.

The speech and accompanying notes set out an overview of more than 20 Bills, including the legislation that is required to implement a Brexit deal - if Johnson is able to reach an agreement with the EU this week.

"My government's priority has

always been to secure the United Kingdom's departure from the European Union on 31 October," the queen (pictured) said from parliament's gilded House of Lords debating chamber. "People are tired of... waiting for change," Johnson said. [Reuters]



In Brief

Syria. Forces enter Kurdish-held region

Russia-backed Syrian forces wasted no time in taking advantage of an abrupt United

States retreat from Syria yesterday, deploying deep inside Kurdish-held territory south of the Turkish frontier less than 24 hours after Washington announced a full withdrawal. Washington's former Kurdish allies said they had brought in the Syrian troops as an "emergency measure" to help fend off an assault by Turkey, launched last week with "a green light" from President Donald Trump that the Kurds describe as a betrayal. [Reuters]

India. Newborn baby found alive in grave

A newborn baby girl was yesterday found buried alive in northern India, according to a local police chief. Abhinandan Singh told reporters the baby was found by a villager who was burying his own daughter, who had died minutes after birth. The baby girl, who had been placed inside an earthen pot about 3ft below the ground, was taken to a hospital, where she is recovering. Police have now launched an

investigation into the incident. "We are trying to find the parents of the baby and we suspect that this must have happened with their consent," Mr Singh told reporters in the State of Uttar Pradesh. According to the police chief, the villager found the girl by accident as he dug a grave in a burial ground for his own daughter. "As they were digging a grave for her, at a depth of three feet, the spade hit an earthen pot, which was pulled out. There was a baby lying in it," Mr Singh explained. [BBC]

India. Phone lines restored in Kashmir

India restored some mobile phone services in contested Kashmir yesterday, two months after imposing a communications clampdown on the Himalayan region. India stripped its portion of the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley of statehood and

autonomy on August 5, cutting internet and phone lines and arresting thousands in an attempt to dampen dissent. The restrictions have gradually been eased. Landlines were restored last month, a travel ban was lifted last week. But a majority of people in the region remain without access to mobile networks or internet. [Reuters]



A man wades floodwaters with items salvaged from his home in the aftermath of Typhoon Hagibis in Nagano, yesterday. [AFP]

Japan. Typhoon Hagibis death toll rises to 48

Rescue crews in Japan dug through mudslides and searched near swollen rivers yesterday in search of those missing from a typhoon that left as many as 48 people dead and caused serious damage in central and northern Japan. Typhoon Hagibis un-

leashed torrents of rain and strong winds on Saturday, leaving thousands of homes on Japan's main island flooded, damaged or without power. The riverside town of Hiyasu in hard-hit Nagano prefecture, northwest of Tokyo, was covered with mud, its apple orchards completely flooded and homes still without electricity. [AP]

Feted. One in ten people in developing regions still live on less than \$1.90 a day

Economists who tackle poverty win Nobel Prize

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"for their experimental approach to alleviating global poverty"

The United Nations estimates that global poverty has been cut by more than half.

By Reuters
Stockholm

US-based economists Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer won the 2019 Nobel Economics Prize yesterday for their work in fighting poverty that has helped millions of children around the world.

French-American Duflo becomes only the second female economics winner in the prize's 50-year history, as well as the youngest at 46. She shared the award equally with Indian-born American Banerjee and Kremer, also of the United States.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said their work had shown how poverty could be addressed by breaking it down into smaller and more precise questions in areas such as education and healthcare, making problems easier to solve.

It said the results of their

studies and field experiments had ranged from helping millions of Indian schoolchildren with remedial tutoring to encouraging governments around the world to increase funding for preventative medicine.

"It starts from the idea that the poor are often reduced to caricatures and even the people that try to help them do not actually understand what are the deep roots of (their) problems," Duflo, speaking by telephone, told a news conference in Stockholm.

"Our goal is to make sure that the fight against poverty is based on scientific evidence," she added of an approach that has included evaluating the impact of often obvious-sounding problems such as a lack of textbooks or teacher absence.

The team have notably been associated with the "Teaching at the right level" (TaRL) programme which has helped 60 million children in India and Africa and focuses on maths and reading skills for primary school pupils.

Duflo said the importance of the two most commonly cited approaches to tackling poverty

How they did it

Economists Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer won the Nobel Prize in economics for their experiment-based approach to tackling poverty - in the fast-growing area of development economics

The key to their research is to take the daunting issue of global poverty, and break it down into smaller questions - which can be more credibly answered

For example, to find ways to improve children health you would examine various experimental approaches, such as education methods, health systems, agricultural approaches, and access to credit. [Guardian]

estimates that global poverty has been cut by more than half since 2000, it says one in 10 people in developing regions still live on less than \$1.90 (Sh197.17) a day. In sub-Saharan Africa, that proportion rises to 42 per cent.

Asked whether Duflo's award was an attempt to redress the gender imbalance in the prize's history, Peter Fredriksson, chairman of the Nobel Committee for Economic Sciences, said it showed that women were now more present in economics.

Duflo remarked that it came at an "extremely important and opportune time" for women in a sector that has traditionally been very male-dominated.

"We are at a time when we are starting to realise in the profession that the way that we (treat) each other privately and publicly is not conducive all the time for a very good environment for women," she said.

The 9-million Swedish crown (Sh94.9 million) economics prize is a later addition to the five awards created in the will of industrialist and dynamite inventor Alfred Nobel, first awarded in 1969.

- foreign aid and freeing up trade with poor countries - had often been "overstated". While the United Nations



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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL & LAND USE PLANNING ACT (2019) CHANGE OF USER

The owner of plot LR. No. Muguga/Gituru/2858 along Gituru Kinyari Road Kikuyu, Kiambu County, proposes regularization of change use from Agricultural to Multi Dwelling Units Subject to the approval of Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions or organization etc. with objection or comment to this proposal are required to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The Director of Physical Planning
County Government of Kiambu
P.O. Box 2344-00900
Kiambu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT (NO. 13 OF 2019) CHANGE OF USER

The registered Owner of this property parcel NO. NGONG/NGONG/12715, LOCATED IN MATASIA AREA, NGONG OFF NGONG-KISERIAN Road proposes to Change its Use from AGRICULTURAL to RESIDENTIAL(MULTI-DWELLING UNITS-TOWN HOUSES) subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu.

Individuals, organizations, institutions etc with comments, recommendations or objections to the development proposal are advised to forward them, stating grounds for the same in writing, within 14 days of this notice to the:

THE COUNTY DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO
P.O. BOX 11-0100
KAJADO
Date: 14th OCTOBER 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO 13 OF 2019 EXTENSION OF USE

The owners of LR No 209/20622 located along Hospital Road, Upperhill proposes to extend its use from Shops and Offices to include a Data Centre subject to approval by the County Government of Nairobi. Individuals, institutions or Organizations etc, with objections or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The County Secretary,
Nairobi City County
P.O. Box 30-075-00100,
Nairobi.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER

The owner of land parcel MACHAKOS/ KJANDANI/4481 situated in Machakos Sub County proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Residential Multi-dwelling subject to approval by Machakos Sub County. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with comments or objections are requested to forward them in writing within 14 Days of this notice to:

Town Manager,
Machakos Sub County,
P.O. Box 1996
Machakos

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER

The owner of land parcel Mavoko Town Block 3/2082 situated in Joroka Area proposes to change its use from agricultural use to light industrial use (Mining Machine Cutting) subject to approval by Machakos County Government. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with comments or objections are requested to forward them in writing within 14 Days of this notice to:

Director of Physical Planning,
Machakos County,
P.O. Box 1996-90100
Machakos

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, (NO. 13 OF 2019) CHANGE OF USER

The Owner of plot no.: Kiambu/Mun. Block 5 (Kiambumbi)/1758 off New York road at Kiambumbi area within Kiambu Sub-county proposes to Change the User of the plot from Agricultural to Multi-dwelling Residential units (flats) development subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, organizations, institutions etc. with objections or comments should forward them in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

The Director of County Physical Planning,
County Government of Kiambu,
P.O. Box 2344-00900 Kiambu

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
WAJIR COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY PHYSICAL PLANNING OFFICE P.O. Box 365-70200, Wajir
Date: 3rd October 2019

GL NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF PART DEVELOPMENT PLAN THE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 266)

TITLE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL PLOTS POP NO. 33212019/71 & 12. PROPOSED FARM (BULLA ABDIAZ NEIGHBOURHOOD) POP NO. 33212019/13

NOTICE is hereby given that preparation of the above-mentioned Part Development Plans were on 23RD September, 2019 completed.

The Part Development Plans relates to land situated at Wajir Town within Wajir County. A copy of the Part Development Plan has been deposited for public inspection at the office of the County physical planning Officer, Town Manager's office, Wajir. A copy so deposited is available for inspection free of charge by all persons interested at the office of the County Physical Planning Officer, Wajir, between the hours of 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday.

Any interested person who wishes to make any representation in connection with or objection to the above-named part development plan may send such representations or objections in writing to be received by the County physical planning Officer, P.O. Box 365 Wajir, within sixty (60) days from the date of publication of this notice and such representation or objection shall state the grounds on which it is made. Dated the 3RD day of October 2019

EN. MUCHERU
COUNTY PHYSICAL PLANNER
FOR: DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLAN N WAJIR

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER

The owners of plot no. SOUTH SAKWA / BARKOWINO / 4383 located in Bonds town proposes to change its use from Agricultural to Commercial [light industry] subject to approval by relevant authorities. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations etc. with objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days from the date of this notice to:

THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING
SIAYA COUNTY GOVERNMENT,
P.O. BOX 925 SIAYA.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286) CHANGE OF USER

The owners of Kisumu Municipality Block 8/220 within Kisumu City -Kisumu County is proposing to change the user from Residential to Commercial- Restaurant subject to approval by the City Manager-County Government of Kisumu. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations with objections or comments to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this publication to:

The City Manager
County Government of Kisumu
P.O. Box 105-40100 KISUMU

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

The Registered owner(s) of Title No: Kajjado/Oleasamatian/17 situated within Oleasamatian Primary School area, is proposing to Extend Use of the Property to include an Off Grid Electricity Plant subject to approval by the County Government of Kajjado.

Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

THE COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KAJIADO
P.O. BOX 11-0100
KAJADO

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
IN THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT AT BUTERE
CIVIL SUIT NO. 21 OF 2018
(FORMER KAKAMEGA HCCC NO. 6 OF 2016 AND KAKAMEGA CIVIL CASE NO. L.E. 241 OF 2016)

HABIBI MUKURHA ANYANGA 1st PLAINTIFF
PATRICK MUNG'ELA ANYANGA 2nd PLAINTIFF
-VERSUS-
MORDEKAI MWANGA NAWWA DEFENDANT

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT

TO: MORDEKAI MWANGA NAWWA, OF BUTERE SUB-COUNTY, KAKAMEGA COUNTY.

TAKE NOTICE THAT a plaint has been filed in the Chief Magistrate's Court at BUTERE, in which you are named as the defendant. Service of summons upon you has been ordered by the Court to be effected upon you by means of this advertisement. A copy of the summons and the plaint may be obtained from the plaintiff's advocates' offices on any working day between 8:30am to 5:00 pm

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you do not enter appearance within 21 days from the date of this advertisement the case shall proceed to hearing your absence notwithstanding. Dated at Nairobi this 14th day of October, 2019

L.M. OMBETE & CO.,
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF

Drawn & filed by:
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TENDER NOTICE (LABOR ONLY CONTRACT) NO. MGVTND/01/19

Moi Girls High School-Vokoli, Vihiga County invites tenders for erection and completion of dormitory block - 1st and 2nd floors (labour only contract)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS NCA 5 & ABOVE

Interested contractors, who must be duly registered as stated above, may obtain Tender Documents from the School in person or against a written request, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Kshs.1,000.00 to the account No.101915870. Moi Girls High School-Vokoli, K.C.B. - Mbale Branch or Bankers Cheque, before 5.00p.m. on any normal working day. Tender documents filled and signed in sealed envelopes, marked appropriately should be addressed to:

The Secretary B.O.M.
Moi Girls High School-Vokoli
Private Bag
WODANGA

And placed in the Tender Box, located within the School Premises not later than **30/10/2019 at 9.00a.m**. Submitted bids will be opened in the school soon after the above stated closing date and time in the presence of the tenderers/ tenderer's representative who may attend.

Tender documents will not be received after the deadline.

THE SECRETARY B.O.M.
MOI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL-VOKOLI

REPUBLIC OF KENYA IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND LAND COURT AT NAIROBI MILIMANI LAW COURTS ELC CASE NO. 1222 OF 2007

UNION OF KENYA CIVIL SERVANTS

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

JOHN SILAS NYAMATO..... 1st DEFENDANT
DONALD KAMURA KIBERA..... 2nd DEFENDANT
JOSEPH BONNIE MUNYOKI..... 3rd DEFENDANT

NOTICE

(Substituted Service by way of Advertisement under Order 5, Rule 17 of the Civil Procedure Rules, 2010 Pursuant to the Court Order made on the 29th August, 2019)

TO,
DONALD KAMURA KIBERA
P.O BOX PRIVATE BAG
NAIROBI

JOSEPH BONNIE KIBERA
P.O BOX PRIVATE BAG
NAIROBI

TAKE NOTICE that this matter which was reinstated by the Court on the 8th August, 2019 came up for Pre-trial directions on the 29th August, 2019 when the Court certified the matter as ready for hearing. The Court also affirmed the full hearing date for the main suit on the **7th day of November, 2019 at 9a.m.** in the forenoon or soon thereafter as may appear on the days calendar. Service of the Notice for hearing and reinstatement has been ordered by means of this advertisement.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that you can attend court on the said date and time by yourselves or by law someone duly authorized to act on your behalf failure to which **the case will be heard and determined in your absence.**

DATED at NAIROBI this 4th day of October, 2019

RACHIER & AMOLLO
ADVOCATES FOR THE PLAINTIFF

DRAWN & BY
RACHIER & AMOLLO ADVOCATES
MAITAI CENTER, 5TH FLOOR
RALPH BUNCHE ROAD
P.O BOX 55445-00200
NAIROBI

Our Ref.: MB/001/0151
Your Ref: TBA

Date: 27th September 2019

**NAYENI SELF HELP GROUP (sic)
-and-
ALL TRESSPASSERS
ON VARIOUS TITLES
ON L.R. NO. 1705/233**

RE:NOTICE OF EVICTION FROM PRIVATE LAND PURSUANT TO SECTION 152A, 152B, 152E, 152F, 152G, 152H AND 152I OF THE LAND ACT NO. 6 OF 2012

PURSUANT TO THE JUDGEMENT IN ELC 196 OF 2015 READ ON 20th SEPTEMBER 2019 AND GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 6862 VOL. CXX - NO. 97 OF 17th JULY 2017 PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL LAND COMMISSION, IN RESPECT TO L.R. NO. 1705/233 (CR 27007) (ORIGINAL TITLE NO. 1705/50) AND ALL THE TITLES EMANATING FROM THIS ROOT TITLE, SITUATED WITHIN KILIFI COUNTY, MBUYUNI BOFA AREA, WE WISH TO PUBLISH THIS NOTICE ON BEHALF OF THE BONA FIDE HOLDERS OF TITLES AND OWNERS OF VARIOUS SUBDIVIDED PLOTS FROM L.R. NO. 1705/233 WITH TO NOTIFY ALL TRESSPASSERS AND ILLEGAL OCCUPANTS OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED LAND AS FOLLOWS:

1. ALL INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS CURRENTLY TRESSPASSING ON VARIOUS PROPERTIES SUBDIVIDED FROM L.R. NUMBER 1705/233 (CR 27007) ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE AND ORDERED TO VACATE THE VARIOUS PORTIONS FORMING PARTS OF L.R. NUMBER 1705/233 (CR 27007) WITHIN THE NEXT THREE (3) MONTHS.
2. AFTER THIS NOTICE PERIOD EXPIRES, ANY SEMI-PERMANENT AND/OR PERMANENT STRUCTURES, CROPS, AND/OR DEVELOPMENTS ERRECTED BY ALL TRESSPASSERS SHALL BE BROUGHT DOWN AND UPROOTED.
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PLEASE BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

Yours faithfully,
KIDENDA ONYANGO ANAMI

KEVIN ANAMI
kevin@konan.co.ke

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SHOLINKE 15a 0725772819 Tony

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with nice views. 0719112415

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acres (Tarmac road) 0722725196.

SYOKIMAU near Viraj International
School 1acre 13M. 0722441394,
0720297617. Ready Title

SYOKIMAU 50x100 2plots
0722842496

SYOKIMAU 50x100 3.5M 0722837700

TATU city 1/4acre residential plots
8.5m 0703774544, 0798296811

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Restaurant, Call 0721564522

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

As relatives and family of the late **Mr. Tobius Bunde Nyaruba** are saddened to announce his death that occurred on Wednesday 9th October, 2019. He was the father to Nancy Frandsen and Penny of U.S.A and David Okinyi Bunde of Kenya.

The body is currently at Ombo Mission hospital mortuary. The body will leave for Kopanga on 1st November, 2019 and will spend a night at one of his homes. The burial will take place the following day on 2nd November, 2019 at his ancestral home 1km away from Kopanga Village.



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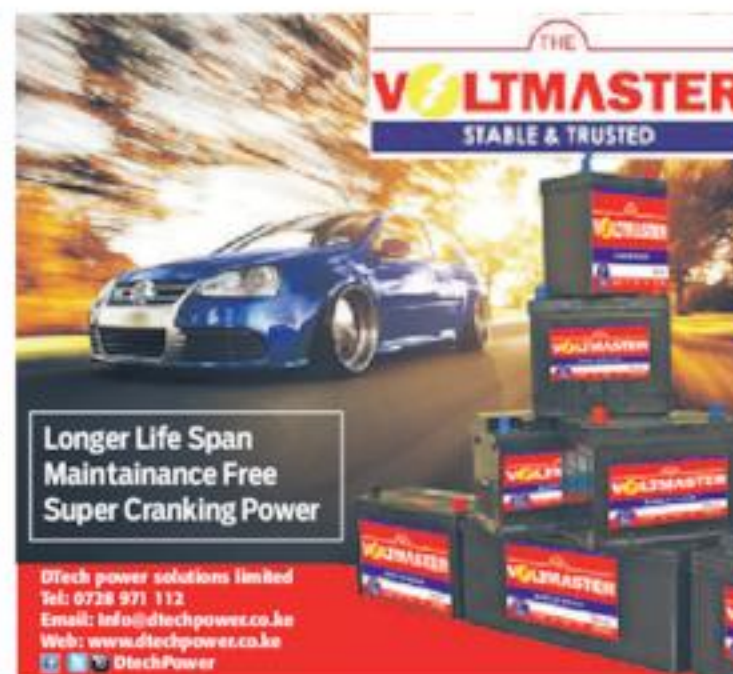
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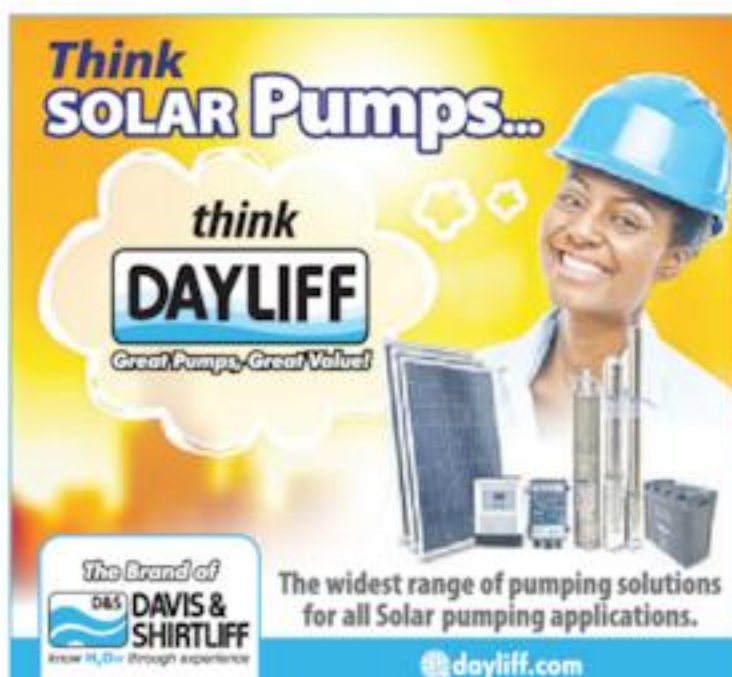
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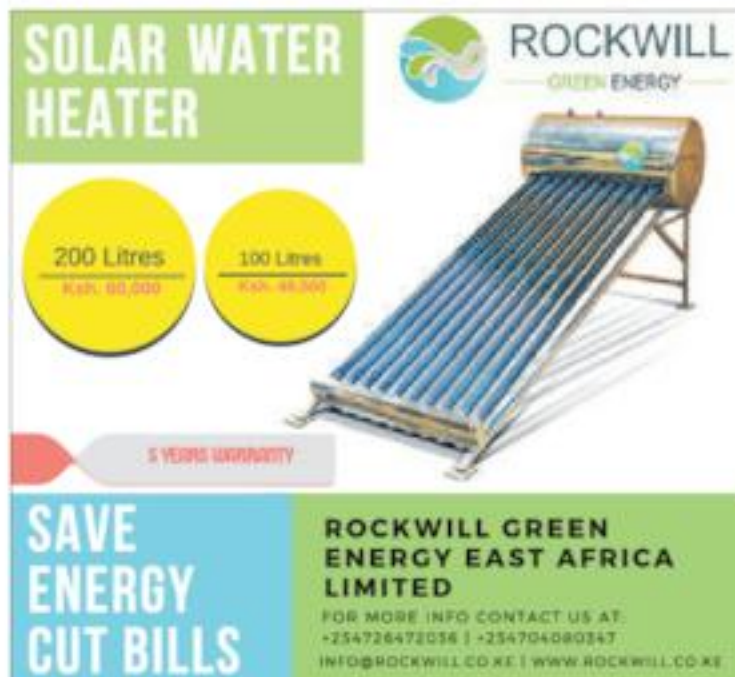


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The Standard

Formula 1. Lewis Hamilton said he was in no hurry to win a sixth world championship after the title battle was reduced to a two-horse Mercedes race at the Japanese Grand Prix. The Formula One circus moves on to Mexico in two weeks' time where Hamilton, enjoying a 64-point lead over Valtteri Bottas, can wrap up a third consecutive drivers' crown if he outscores his teammate by 14 points or more. More likely is that the battle will be concluded at the subsequent race at the Grand Prix of the Americas in Austin, Texas. [AFP]

Sports

ATHLETICS: KIMANZI SATISFIED WITH PERFORMANCE DESPITE DEFEAT TO MOZAMBIQUE AT KASARANI. P. 39

In Brief

Cricket. South Africa calls for patience

■ South African cricket officials yesterday urged the country's supporters to be patient with their struggling Test side after

two heavy defeats in India. The Proteas, rebuilding after the retirement of several senior players, were outplayed in every aspect. India clinched the three-match series when they won the second Test by an innings and 137 runs on Sunday. It followed a 203-run win in the first Test. "It was always going to be a difficult challenge taking on the top team in the world," said Cricket South Africa chief executive Thabang Moreo. [AFP]



Patrick Day (left) and Charles Conwell exchange punches in the seventh round of their Super-Welterweight bout on Saturday. [AFP]

Boxing. US boxer critical after knockout

■ American boxer Patrick Day was fighting for his life in critical condition in hospital on Sunday night after lapsing into a coma following a vicious knockout by Charles Conwell the night before. The 27-year-old Day suffered a

"traumatic injury" and underwent emergency brain surgery Saturday night after being knocked out by Conwell in a super welterweight bout on the card at Chicago's Wintrust Arena. "Patrick is in a coma caused by the injury and is in extremely critical condition," said fight promoter Lou DiBella. [AFP]

Tennis. Gauff salutes Federer's wise words

■ Coco Gauff hailed Roger Federer for his words of wisdom as the 15-year-old US prodigy on Sunday became the youngest champion on the WTA Tour since 2004. Gauff defeated 2017 Roland Garros winner Jelena Ostapenko 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 in the Linz final for

her maiden title. The teenager is managed by Federer's Team8 and even shares an Italian pasta sponsor with the 20-time major winner. On Sunday, she revealed that a pep-talk by the Swiss superstar, after she suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the first round of the 2018 Australian Open junior event, has helped on her way to glory. [AFP]

Tennis. The steady rise of Russian Medvedev

■ Novak Djokovic calls him a "very complete" player and Alexander Zverev says he has a unique style that makes him the best in men's tennis on current, breathtaking form. Now Daniil Medvedev is homing in on Roger Federer's third place in the world rankings before the year is out and chasing a first Grand Slam title next year. The 23-year-old Russian said he had been "invincible" as he won the Shanghai Masters with a 6-4, 6-1 demolition of Zverev. [AFP]



Daniil Medvedev of Russia hits a return against Alexander Zverev of Germany. [AFP]

Rugby. Japanese have won four out of four to top Pool A

Japan brigade ready to toss out South Africa

South Africa wary of Japan's Brave Blossoms.

By AFP

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After a sleepless night replaying Japan's historic Rugby World Cup victory over Scotland in his head, captain Michael Leitch has warned quarter-final opponents South Africa that lightning can strike twice.

The hosts won a cliffhanger 28-21 in Yokohama at the weekend to top Pool A and reach the knockout stage for the first time, exorcising the ghosts of 2015 when they toppled the Springboks and won two more games but failed to advance.

Japan's talismanic skipper admitted yesterday he was still a little dazed after such an emotional night.

"I was in my bed about 1:30 and haven't actually slept -- I've been awake the whole time, so I'm a little bit slow today," said Leitch.

"Looking back, even since 2011, this team has grown so much -- and it's scary to think how far this team can grow," added the manning flanker.

"The last four games, we've been getting better each time and our confidence is growing."

Japan, once pulverised 145-17 by New Zealand at the World Cup, defied odds of almost 50/1 to finish top of their pool ahead of runner-up Ireland and the Scottish, who fly home early.

South Africa battered Japan 41-7 in a World Cup warm-up last month, but Leitch insisted that would have no bearing when the teams meet in Tokyo next weekend.

"Our self-belief has increased game by game," said Leitch, rippling muscles bulging through his Japan uniform, and looking slightly out of place at a press conference held in a hotel chapel.

"It's going to be a very tough game against South Africa but we've prepared for this," added Leitch, before being ushered out to make way for a wedding.



Japan's Ayumu Goromaru lines up a conversion kick. [Reuters]

"The most important thing is to start from zero and build again, piece by piece."

Sunday's victory carried echoes of 2011 when the Japanese women's football team lifted the World Cup, embodying the iron will of a nation recovering from the deadly earthquake and tsunami earlier that year.

As 67,000 fans erupted with joy at the final gong on Sunday, Leitch took a moment to pay tribute to the victims of a violent typhoon that claimed more than 30 lives over the weekend, with the death toll expected to rise.

"Everyone is suffering with the typhoon," he said, after Japan avenged the 45-10 defeat by Scotland that cost them a place in the last eight four years ago.

"This was for all of you guys."

Yesterday, pictures of Japan's history-making heroes were splashed all over the country's newspapers with jet-heeled wingers Kenki Fukuoka and Kotaro Matsushima -- who Joseph calls his "Ferraris" -- grabbing many of the headlines.

Fukuoka scored two superb tries to win man of the match, collecting his trophy from Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka. "We wanted to make history and it's amazing to achieve that," said Fukuoka.

Japan rugby team

- Nickname(s): Cherry Blossoms/Brave Blossoms/Sakuras
- Head coach: Jamie Joseph
- Captain: Michael Leitch
- Most caps: Hitoshi Ono (98)
- Top scorer: Ayumu Goromaru (708)
- Top try scorer: Daisuke Ohata (69)



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Gareth Southgate says he knows 'pretty much everything' about his players after James Maddison was pictured in a casino after withdrawing from the England squad due to illness.



Cricket. Kenyans launch campaign in Group A

Kenya bats for World Cup slot

Six nations that excel in the global qualifiers will book their tickets to the ICC T20 World Cup.

By Elizabeth Mburugu
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Having failed to qualify for the 2019 International Cricket Council (ICC) 50-overs World Cup, the Kenyan boys are hoping to achieve the feat in the shorter version of the game.

Kenya will face off with 13 other nations for the remaining slots to the 2020 ICC T20 World Cup set for Sydney, Australia in the Global Qualifiers that begin on Friday in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

They will be seeking to be among the top six for them to make their second appearance at the championships. Kenya featured in the inaugural T20 World Cup staged in South Africa in 2007 finishing at the Group Stage.

Once a revered cricket playing nation, Kenya has gradually lost its place over the years. Nonetheless, national team captain Shem Ngoche is optimistic that good performance in Dubai will be the beginning of Kenya's rise to glory.

"We are not where we would have loved to be in cricket but I think if we give our best and qualify for the World Cup, it will be beginning of another chapter in Kenyan cricket," said Ngoche.

"We are looking forward to a good tournament. We have very good teams and more so because it is very important for us as a country and we intend to give our best in every match," Ngoche added.

Squad

- Shem Ngoche (Captain)
- Irfan Karim
- Dhiren Gondaria
- Rakep Patel
- Sachin Bhudia
- Nelson Odhiambo
- Lucas Oluoch
- Jasraj Kundi
- Emmanuel Bundi
- Eliza Otieno
- Aman Gandhi
- Pushpak Keral
- Irfan Karim
- Rushabh Patel
- Maurice Odumbe (Coach)

Kenya will bank on the experience of Collins Obuya, who was part of the 2007 squad as well as Dhiren Gondaria, who has been very instrumental for Kenya in past assignments.

Upcoming batsman Aman Gandhi will be looking to make a memorable international debut at the senior level.

Gandhi together with Sachin Bhudia and Jasraj Kundi are the youngsters from the Under-19 national team that played in the 2018 World Cup held in New Zealand.

Budhia was the first to break into the senior competition and impressed winning the confidence of team selectors as well as head coach Maurice Odumbe.

Opening batsman Alex Obanda will also be expected to put

his over 10-year experience into use to secure his second appearance at the T20 World Cup.

Former national team captain Rakep Patel as well as Irfan Karim will also be out to ensure that Kenya excels. They launch their quest in Group A against perennial rivals on Friday at the Dubai ICC Academy Oval. Their second clash will be against Scotland before taking on Bermuda.



Stray Lions' Collins Obuya (right) in action as wicketkeeper Alex Obanda of Swamibapa awaits a delivery. [File]

Basketball

Brave KPA cage Equity Bank Hawks



KPA Rachael Wandago (left) and Benedict Ramazani of USIU in their KBF League match at Nyayo Stadium Gymnasium. [Jonah Onyango]

Former Kenya Basketball Federation women's Premier League champions Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) ousted holders Equity Bank Hawks from the leader spot following double victory at the weekend.

The dockers, who are seeking to reclaim the title they lost to Equity Hawks last season, had no regards for their visitors Tangit Sparks and African Nazarene University (ANU).

KPA thrashed Tangit 103-20 on Saturday and battered newcomers Nazarene 110-35 in their final regular season tie at Makande Hall, in Mombasa.

They top the log with 42 points, one more than defending champions Equity Bank, who are second with a match at hand.

KPA will also be looking to salvage the Zone V title they lost to the bankers last year.

Novices University of Nairobi (UoN) Dynamos are third with 37 points while Zetech University are fourth with 35 and a match at hand.

Strathmore University Swords, whose weekend tie against United States International University of Africa (USIU-A) Flames was postponed, are fifth 34 points.

Swords have two matches remaining and double victory will see them move third.

Eagle Wings, Storms and Tangit also made the play-offs cut with 32 points each.

Storms have a chance of finishing on 34 points, but they need to defeat Flames in their last match.

USIU-A Flames are battling relegation and must win one of their remaining three matches; against Strathmore, Storms and Zetech to be safe. [Elizabeth Mburugu]

Selected results

■ Blades 83 World Hope	56
■ Equity Bank 96 Western Delight	29
■ Emybo 67 USIU-A Tigers	53
■ KAA 66 Barclays	79
■ Strathmore 38 Eldonets	10
■ KCIT 73 Upper Hill	59

Chess



Larry Kagambi of Nairobi Gymkhana (left) in action against Lennox Mangi of Technical University of Kenya. [Washington Onyango, Standard]

Equity Club goes fifth after banking two league wins

Equity Bank Chess Club moved two places to fifth in the Kenya Chess Premier League standings after winning their two matches over the weekend at the KCB Sports Club, in Nairobi.

Equity, who are the defending champions, thrashed Daystar University 5-0 with Mathew Kamau, James Panchol, Brian Kadenge, Judith Awinja and Fide Master Stephen Ouma winning their board matches.

In their second match, Equity registered a 4.5-0.5 win over Bank of Africa (BA) after Kamau drew against Joseph Ngoro of BA.

The win saw the bankers move to fifth in the league standings with 52 points after playing 20 matches, 17 points behind leaders KCB, who have played three more matches.

Speaking with the *Standard Sports*, acting captain Kamau said they are focused on reducing the gap between them and leaders KCB as they seek to move into the top four.

"We played very well over the weekend and I am glad the team improved in the standings with three matches in hand. Our focus is to reduce the gap between us and KCB and the team is going to come

back even stronger in our next league match," he said.

Other results saw Bank of Africa edge Trojan Warriors 3.5-1.5 as Technical University thumped Nairobi Gymkhana 5-0.

KCB lead the standings with 69 points after playing 23 matches, while Anchor Chess Club are second with 63 points.

Action resumes on October 26 where Lighthouse Chess Club will entertain KCB, Black Knights, JKUAT and Equity. [Washington Onyango]

Athletics

Kipchoge makes IAAF male athlete of the year list

After thrusting himself into All-Time Greats in marathon on Saturday, Eliud Kipchoge and world 1,500m champion Timothy Cheruiyot were yesterday shortlisted for the IAAF World male athletes awards.

The two Kenyans were nominated for their great performance alongside nine other athletes with remarkable range

of exceptional performances that the sport witnessed this year, at the World Athletics Championships in Doha, and in the Diamond League and in road and cross country events.

Kipchoge, 34, made history when he became the first athlete to run a marathon in less than two hours at the Ineos 1:59 event in Vienna. The Olympic

marathon champion and world record holder completed the course around Vienna's Prater park in one hour, 59 minutes and 40 seconds and will aiming for another milestone after winning the prestigious in 2018.

Cheruiyot was nominated after season long dominance in track, winning the world 1500m

title and successfully defending his Diamond League trophy, thus winning the title for the third consecutive time. In total, Cheruiyot won 10 of his 11 outdoor races across all distances in the last two seasons.

Other nominees are Americans Donovan Brazier, who won world 800m title, Christian Coleman, the 100m world

champion, Sam Kendricks the world pole vault champion, Noah Lyles - won world 200m and 4x100m title.

Another American in the list is Christian Taylor who won the world triple jump title, he also Diamond League title.

Joshua Cheptegei of Uganda has also been nominated.

[Dennis Okeyo and Agencies]



Eliud Kipchoge after he ran 1:59.40.2 on October 12, in Vienna. [AFP]

Polo

How Gross guided Touchdown to glory

The experience of Kenya international Casimir Gross came into play when he led Touchdown Forte to lift the Autumn Cup Polo Championships in Northern Kenya Polo Club over the weekend.

The handicap 7.5 Touchdown Forte whose other team members were Henry Limb (2.5), Aisha Gross (1) and Morten Jensen (-1) was the team with the least handicap in the four team three day tournament.

Handicaps of the rest of the three teams was between handicaps 8 to 8.5, which made Touchdown Forte to be the only team that started all her matches at the advantage of half fraction of a goal.

Despite this weakness, she went on to win all her matches albeit with slim margins save for one encounter.

In her first match, they defeated Celest Top Trojans 5.5-3 before they dismissed Topik Try Hards 5.5-4 and thereafter thrashed Cherokee Chiefs 7.5-3 in a total of three matches, which Casimir scored a total of ten out of the 18.5 goals they scored in the three matches.

The legend should also thank the agility and prowess of Limb who is also a national team player whose combination with Aisha and Jensen shocked all their three opponents.

Topik Try Hards finished runners up with four points from three matches.

Topik Try Hards only won one match against Cherokee Chiefs whom they dismissed 8.5-5, drew 6-6 with Celest Top Trojans after losing 4-5.5 to Touchdown Trojans.

After tying on four points with Topik Try Hards after being beaten on inferior goals aggregate, Celest Top Trojans finished third.

[Ben Ahenda]



Casimir Gross (right) of Amistra Xtra battles against Tony Sugden of Touchdown. [Kipsang Joseph, Standard]

Athletics. Kosgei run 2:14:04 to defend her Chicago Marathon title



This girl Brigid Kosgei

After smashing Paula Radcliffe's 16-year world record, Kosgei promises to run even faster, targets 2:10 time.

By Dennis Okeyo and agencies
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Brigid Kosgei is not your ordinary runner.

Unlike many leading Kenyan athletes, who first made their mark as Under-18 or U20 stars in track running, her career path was somehow different.

Born in Sinon village at Kapsowar, Elgeyo-Marakwet County, Kosgei is one of eight children in her family.

In 2012, she was forced to drop from school because her family couldn't afford the fees, thus failing to sit for her Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) examinations.

Keen to do something with her days, Kosgei and her boyfriend Mathew Mitei started to dedicate more time to training.

Brigid Kosgei's marathon career

Year	Event	Position	Time
2015	Porto Marathon	1	2:47:59
2016	Milano City marathon	1	2:27:45
2016	Lisbon Marathon	2	2:24:45
2017	Boston marathon	8	2:31:48
2017	Chicago Marathon	2	2:20:22
2018	London Marathon	2	2:20:13
2018	Chicago marathon	1	2:18:35
2019	London Marathon	1	2:18:20
2019	Chicago marathon	1	2:14:04

But two years later, Kosgei's athletics ambitions had to be put on hold as she gave birth to twins, Faith and Brian. With support from Mitei, now her husband, Kosgei slowly got back into training with a view to entering road races.

Erick Kimaiyo, a 2:07:43 performer and runner-up at the 1997 Berlin Marathon, invited Kosgei to join the Kapsait Athletics Training Camp in Elgeyo Marakwet in 2015.

Kosgei and her husband decided that he stays at home to look after the children while she stayed at the camp from Monday to Saturday each week. Kimaiyo also

coaches word under-20 5000m champion Edward Zakayo.

Instead of testing the waters with a low-key 10km or half marathon, her first international race was the 2015 Porto Marathon in Portugal, which she won in 2:47:59.

The time wasn't earth-shattering, by any means, but it provided Kosgei, then 21, with valuable experience and a taste for success.

During the road running season the following April, Kosgei achieved her second marathon victory, winning the Milan Marathon in a huge PB of 2:27:45.

Later that year, she

reduced her best to 2:24:45 to finish second in Lisbon and ended 2016 with a victory at the Honolulu Marathon - a race her coach had won 20 years prior.

She took another big step up in 2017, finishing eighth at the Boston Marathon and second in Chicago in a PB of 2:20:22. She ended the year by retaining her Honolulu Marathon, smashing the course record with 2:22:15.

Kosgei's progress continued through 2018 as she placed second at the London Marathon in 2:20:13 and then took almost two minutes off that PB with her 2:18:35 victory at the Chicago Marathon.

She has been undefeated in 2019, winning the Houston Half Marathon in a course record of 1:05:50, clocking a half marathon PB of 1:05:28 in Zallaq and winning the London Marathon in 2:18:20, another PB.

She won at the Great North Run last month in 1:04:28, the fastest half marathon performance in history, although not eligible for record purposes.

Rugby

Tuilagi enjoying himself for as long as he can

Asked if he will be at the next Rugby World Cup in 2023, Manu Tuilagi sighs.

"I'll be too old, mate. Yeah, I feel it."

Too old? Tuilagi would be only 32 at the 2023 tournament in France, but right now he feels more like 52. He can still bust up a defense, though.

He's been so beaten up by injuries that he has to do 30 minutes of warmups before he can consider doing team drills.

"Ice baths, massage, Pilates, I just try and keep everything loose, especially after games and training," he says.

His body was everything but loose for more than four years. Hobbled by injuries, the most serious to his groin, he despaired he'd ever play again.

But so enticing was the promise of what Tuilagi could do when he was free of injury - "He can demolish the All Blacks," England coach Eddie Jones once said - that Jones indulged Tuilagi's lengthy rap sheet to keep a ticket for him to this Rugby World Cup in Japan.

When the groin, the knees, and the hamstrings were finally all functioning without problems a year ago, he came off the bench against Australia at Twickenham last November to a deafening roar. It felt like a first cap to the nervous Tuilagi. It felt like the last piece of the puzzle for the excited Jones. [AP]



England's centre Manu Tuilagi (centre) against Tonga. [AFP]

Football. Kenya wind up pre-Afcon qualifiers with Mambas loss

Kimanzi insists beaten Stars on right rebuilding process

National football team coach satisfied with performance despite defeat to Mozambique at Kasarani

By Rodgers Eshitemi
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Harambee Stars coach Francis Kimanzi insists the national team is on the right track despite their under-par performance in Sunday's 1-0 international friendly defeat to the Mambas of Mozambique at Kasarani Stadium.

Canhembe Amancio came off the bench to capitalise on Joseph Okumu's defensive blunder and punish Stars' wastefulness upfront with a beauty of a goal midway through the second half.

Though Kimanzi, who is on a rebuilding process after taking over the reins from his immediate former boss Sebastian Migne in August, put on brave face after the match he admitted they still have a lot of work to do ahead of next month's 2021 Africa Cup of Nations Qualifiers.

The Dutch-trained coach made a couple of changes to the squad that held Uganda to a thrilling 1-1 draw in last month's friendly. Tottenham Hotspurs midfielder Victor Wanyama returned to captain the team together with Sweden-based centre half Joseph Okumu as Zesco United forward Jesse Were made a comeback since being overlooked for the 2019 AFCON finals in Egypt.

"We had a better first half, we did a good job and created some good opportu-

nities to kill off the game to early but I think we waited too long until we were punished," Kimanzi bemoaned.

"The only part we got it wrong is when a younger player makes such a mistake at this level for sure you will be punished."

"Anyway, all in all if I look at the game in general, I'm very satisfied because in the process of rebuilding sometimes you can tumble. However, that doesn't mean you have fallen, but we are happy with the development

Group G 2021 AFCON Qualifiers fixtures

■ Egypt	v	Kenya	November 11
■ Kenya	v	Togo	November 19
■ Kenya	v	Comoros Island	August 31 2020
■ Comoros Island	v	Kenya	September 8 2020
■ Kenya	v	Egypt	October 5-13 2020
■ Togo	v	Kenya	November 9-17 2020

process. Though sometimes we look at the reflection of the result at the national team, we also need the pro-

cess to be complete."

This was Stars' last friendly match ahead of next month's qualifiers.

Kenya begin their qualifying campaign with a tricky away match against the Pharaohs of Egypt in Cairo, on November 11 before entertaining the Sparrowhawks of Togo at Kasarani on November 19.

Asked if he is concerned with the result ahead of the two fixtures against Egypt and Togo, Kimanzi said:

"Of course the mindset is different if you get to score and they get a win is huge concern. However, we are not so much worried about that because those will be different games with different objectives. This match was an avenue to give our most important players an opportunity before the qualifiers."

Harambee Stars' Kenneth Muguna (left) and Edmilson Gabriel of Mozambique during international friendly match at Kasarani Stadium on Sunday.
[Jonah Onyango, Standard]



2022 World Cup

North and South Korea face off today

South Korean footballers departed for Pyongyang yesterday to play a World Cup qualifier against North Korea amid deadlocked talks over the North's nuclear arsenal. The teams — with Tottenham's star forward Son Heung-min included in the South Korean squad — are expected to face each other at the Kim Il Sung Stadium today.

This will be the first competitive men's game between the two sides to be held in Pyongyang, and has raised hopes for new momentum in ties between the two Koreas.

But Pyongyang refused to hold direct talks with Seoul on the logistics for the match, denying South Korean fans and journalists permission to travel with the team. South Korean players said the absence of cheering fans will be a first. Broadcasters in the South said that plans to air the match live had fallen apart. [AFP]



South Korea's midfielder Son Heung-min. [File]

AFCON 2021 qualifying

Dramatic victories for Gambia and Chad

Gambia and Chad took dramatic routes to the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations qualifying group phase, squeezing past Djibouti and Liberia respectively after penalty shootouts.

In Bakau, Gambia and Djibouti drew 1-1 for the second time in five days, leaving the countries deadlocked at 2-2 on aggregate.

Gambia goalkeeper Modou Jobe was the star of the shootout, saving two Djibouti spot-kicks to give his side a 3-2 victory on penalties.

In N'Djamena, Chad beat 10-man Liberia 1-0, the same score by which they lost the first leg in a round that involved eight of the 10 lowest ranked African teams with Eritrea and Somalia not entering.

Chad then proved more accurate from the spot to win 5-4 on penalties and give French coach Emmanuelle.

The other two preliminary round second legs were less nerve jangling with South Sudan winning away to the Seychelles and Sao Tome e Principe at home against Mauritius to book group places. [AFP]

European Qualifying

Poland, Russia qualify for Euro 2020; Croatia must wait

Poland and Russia qualified for the 2020 European Championship on Sunday, while Gareth Bale's goal forced Croatia to wait after a 1-1 draw with Wales. Germany beat Estonia 3-0 despite playing with 10 men from the 14th minute.

Robert Lewandowski set up both goals for Poland as Chicago Fire's Przemyslaw Frankowski and fellow substitute Arkadiusz Milik scored late in a hard-fought 2-0 win over North Macedonia.

Poland is assured of finishing in the top two of Group G, where second-place Austria boosted its hopes of qualifying with a 1-0 win at Slovenia.

Russia earlier routed Cyprus 5-0 to join group winner Belgium in securing a place at next year's tournament. Valencia forward Denis Cheryshev scored twice and set up two more goals for the Russians, who only needed a draw to be sure of qualification, to take their tally to 21 points after seven wins from eight games

in Group I. With two games remaining, Russia has 11 points more than third-place Cyprus and 12 more than fourth-place Scotland, which thrashed San Marino 6-0 at a poorly attended Hampden Park in Glasgow.

Belgium already had secured its place at the finals, but Roberto Martinez's team stayed perfect in qualifying with a 2-0 win over Kazakhstan in Astana.

Michy Batshuayi scored in the first half and Thomas Meunier wrapped up the win in the second, giving Belgium its eighth win from eight games.

The Belgians have scored 30

Russia's forward Artem Dzyuba celebrates his goal against Cyprus on Sunday. [AFP]

goals and conceded just one.

Nikola Vlasic scored early to put Croatia on course for a win that would have secured qualification from Group E.

Bale's equaliser in first-half injury time denied the visitors — including Real Madrid teammate Luka Modric — and kept Welsh hopes of qualifying alive.

Croatia leads the group by two points from Hungary, which defeated Azerbaijan 1-0 in Budapest.

The top three in the group are Croatia (14 points), Hungary (12) and Slovakia (10). Wales is fourth on eight points with a game in hand over the top two.



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In Brief

Spain. Ramos attracted by Olympic idea

Real Madrid and Spain defender Sergio Ramos admitted he is attracted to the idea of representing Spain at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. "It's early to talk about the Olympics, but anyone who had the chance and was called to go would be unable to refuse. It's something you can't turn down, there is a long season ahead, but it is a nice idea," Ramos said. "We will see what happens when the moment comes," he added. [Xinhua]

France. Lyon turn to Garcia after Jose snub



Turned down by Jose Mourinho, Lyon has hired Rudi Garcia as coach. Lyon says Garcia signed a two-year contract to replace Sylvain, a Brazilian who was fired after only a few months in charge. Lyon is 14th in the 20-team French league standings, though is unbeaten in its Champions League group. Lyon plays at Benfica next week. Garcia spent the past three seasons with Marseille, and has also coached another of Lyon's big rivals, Saint-Etienne. [AP]

Football. Ex-England star Gascoigne on trial

A prosecutor has alleged that former England midfielder Paul Gascoigne sexually assaulted a woman on a train by "forcibly and sloppily" planting an unwanted kiss on her lips. Prosecutor William Mousley's comments yesterday came as Gascoigne, who has struggled with alcohol and mental health problems, went on trial at Teesside Crown Court charged with sexual assault of the female passenger. [AP]

Rugby. South Africa dethrones Kenya in the continental event

Kenya Lionesses savour Olympic Games qualification

Oloo's charges set to return to the quadrennial event after claiming silver in the Africa Women's Sevens.

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Kenya Lionesses head coach Felix Oloo was full of praise for his charges after guiding the national women's rugby Sevens team to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Despite losing 15-14 to perennial rivals South Africa in the final of the Africa Sevens-cum-Olympic qualifiers in Tunisia at the weekend, Lionesses bagged the ticket to represent the continent in the quadrennial event since the South African Sports Confederation and Olympics Committee decided not to send their team to the summer games via the regional qualifiers.

In their loss to South Africa in the title decider, Kenya managed two converted tries while the Lady Blitzboks scored three five-pointers, an outcome which saw the Philadelphia Orlando-captained Lionesses relinquish the trophy they won in Botswana last year.

By virtue of reaching the final of the continental competition, both Kenya and South Africa qualified for the 2020 Hong Kong Sevens where teams will battle for core status in the World Women's Sevens Series.

"It was an amazing experience. I am happy for the young girls who were able to express themselves. I am quite impressed with the performance of my players," Oloo told *Rugby Africa* following their loss to the South Africans.

"We really wanted to win this tour-



Celestine Masinde tackles Portia Woodman of New Zealand during the 2016 Olympics Games in Brazil. [Reuters]

Lionesses results in 2020 Olympic qualifiers

Ghana	0-36	Kenya
Kenya	51-0	Botswana
Kenya	36-0	Senegal
Zimbabwe	5-36	Kenya
Tunisia	0-19	Kenya
Kenya	14-15	South Africa

nament but things didn't go our way.

"We knew they (South Africa) were ready for us since they knew how we were playing so we changed our structure and played heads up rugby. Things could have been better for us but I am happy with my players nonetheless," said Oloo, who is also the Nakuru RFC and national women's 15s team trainer.

The East Africans are set to return to the summer games after making their debut in Brazil in 2016 when Sevens rugby was incorporated in the Olympic Games.

Tunisia and Madagascar, who finished third and fourth respectively at the Africa Women's Sevens, will have a second chance to qualify for the Olympics by competing in a repechage tournament in June next year.

New Zealand, USA, Canada and Australia are assured of competing at the Olympic Games after finishing in the top four during the 2018-19 Women's Sevens Series while Japan automatically qualify as the host nation.

Great Britain and Brazil won their respective qualifying tournaments in Europe and South America thus booking slots at next year's Olympics.

Tennis

Olympic gold lures tennis great Federer to Tokyo Games

Roger Federer announced Monday he will compete at next year's Tokyo Olympics in a bid to claim the men's singles gold medal, the only major prize he has yet to win.

"I've been debating with my team for a few weeks now, months actually, what I should do in the summer time (of 2020) after Wimbledon and before the US Open," he said at a promotional event.

"At the end of the day my heart decided to play the Olympic Games again."



Switzerland's Roger Federer. [Fie]

Federer has won all four of the Grand Slam tournaments, as well as the ATP Tour Finals six times, but is still waiting to grab Olympic singles gold.

The 20-time Grand Slam champion did win a doubles gold alongside fellow Swiss Stan Wawrinka at Beijing in 2008, but when he got to the London singles final in 2012 he was hammered 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 by an inspired Andy Murray.

Federer did not compete at Rio 2016, where Murray won again, but has since

twice won the Australian Open and took the 2017 Wimbledon title before losing an epic final in the grass-court Grand Slam to Novak Djokovic earlier this year.

Serbia's Djokovic, and Federer's eternal rival Rafael Nadal, have both already said they will compete at Tokyo, the trio setting the scene for a highly competitive tournament. The 32-year-old Djokovic is world number one and the player poised to take top spot off him in the coming weeks is Nadal, 33. [AFP]