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Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki (right) during a tour of Ebola Prevention and Response Measures centre at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA) in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: GERALD ITHANA

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Sigh of relief after Kericho Ebola scare



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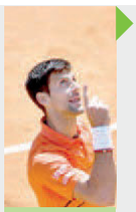
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Reading policy underway, says Belio

by Irene Githinji
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The government has developed the draft national book and reading policy towards supporting academic achievements.

Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang yesterday said the policy would be harmonised with the continental framework for book and reading policies in Africa, which seeks to facilitate authorship and publishing of books in all subject areas.

The continental book policy is also aimed at promoting production, access and use of books in African languages while regulating book production, distribution and use.

Adequate books

"It has been proven that early exposure to books contributes to high literacy levels among children. Without access to relevant books, literacy skills cannot be developed and sustained," said.

Kipsang, spoke when he opened a three-day conference on national book and reading policies, with participants drawn from various African countries.

He said about 73 percent of secondary school students in Kenya are day scholars and do not have the benefit of extra time with teachers in the evening and the weekends unlike those in boarding schools.

The PS called for the need to ensure students also have adequate books, hence the government's move to invest in the sector, to ensure there are equal opportunities for all learners in day or boarding schools.

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•Nairobi	22°
•Mombasa	29°
• Kisumu	27°
• Nyeri	20°
• Wajir	33°

Relief as minister dispels fears of Ebola outbreak

CS Kariuki says woman in Kericho suspected of having contracted the deadly virus is free of the disease

No need to panic because there is no case of Ebola here and the country at large and we are ready for anything— Chepkwony.

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It is now official—and a big relief—there is no outbreak of the dreaded Ebola in Kenya.

The confirmation followed close to 24-hour anxious wait for results of samples taken from four people who were on Sunday admitted to the Kericho County Referral Hospital, with one of them exhibiting Ebola-like symptoms.

In a statement last evening, Health Cabinet Secretary Sicily Kariuki said results of tests conducted on a 36-year-old woman suspected to have contracted the disease tested negative.

"I wish to reassure all Kenyans and our visitors that we do not have any cases of Ebola and indeed the ministry has undertaken and continues to implement the preparedness measures," said Kariuki.

The tests on the samples from the woman, her husband and two friends that were sent from the Kericho hospital, were conducted at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) laboratories.

The woman, who had travelled from Malaba in Busia county to visit her husband and two friends who helped take her to hospital after she fell ill, had been confined to an isolation ward at the referral hospital. Only the woman displayed possible symptoms of the deadly disease, but the other three were admitted as a precautionary measure.

By last evening, plans were underway to transfer the patients from the isolation award to the general ward after Kemri released the results.

Speaking earlier at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport during an inspection of the Ebola screening exercise by medical teams at the airport, the CS said Kenya was on high alert and surveillance had been heightened at all border posts.

"We have intensified border patrol at entry points and we are sharing information as this is not just a Kenyan issue. We are handling this as countries that neighbour DRC, including Uganda and Tanzania," she said.

In Uganda, two people have died after contracting Ebola.

The woman admitted to Kericho hospital was said to have travelled from Malaba border on Sunday and taken to the facility after she complained of a headache, body fever, diarrhea and nausea, symptoms associated with Ebola.

Anxiety

Panic gripped the area as residents of Kericho town jammed the hospital after news of the patient spread.

Their anxiety hit fever pitch after they saw medical staff at the facility wearing surgical masks.

"We have heard the news about Ebola and panicked because it is a dangerous disease. We want information about it from the doctors to know if the news is true," said Philip Rotich, a resident.

But Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony said there was no cause for alarm and assured residents the county health department was fully alert.

"No need to panic because there is no case of Ebola here and the country at large and we are ready for anything. People should not be worried," he told the press after receiving the results from Kemri yesterday afternoon.

Kenya has been on high alert especially at the Malaba border where screening of visitors is being conducted after Ebola was detected in Uganda.

The deadly disease originated from the Democratic Republic of Congo where at least 1,300 people are reported to have died.

As of June 11, there were 2,084 Ebola cases including 1,990 confirmed and 94 probable cases in DRC Congo, according to the World Health Organisation.

Handshakes

Kariuki said the government had taken elaborate measures to ensure the disease does not spread to Kenya.

"The ministry has a total of 229 staff deployed at various points of entry and in addition, 21 Ebola champions have been deployed to support the team," she said.

At the Busia border, residents have been advised to avoid shaking hands.

Port Health Officer Joshua Arusei said chiefs were sensitising residents on how they can protect themselves from infection.

He said no Ebola patient had been identified at Busia border since the exercise started.

Addressing the press at Busia border, Arusei said more than 4,000 people had been screened since the exercise begun, adding that they were encouraging every person to pass through the official One Stop Border to Uganda instead of using illegal routes.

He said traders who cross to Uganda to buy goods have been complaining of being screened more than five times. He, however, said they were ready to screen an individual even 20 times so long they cross to and from Uganda.

Arusei said boda boda operators had been instructed to interrogate passengers about where they have come from before ferrying them.

Ebola, a viral disease that kills within days, causes high fever, body aches, bleeding and diarrhea.

—Reporting by Philip Yegon, Baraka Karama, Bernard Gitau, Ann Nyathira and Henry Adanje



Health staff at the Kericho County Referral Hospital in surgical masks after a woman was admitted to the facility with Ebola-like symptoms. Tests turned negative. PHOTO: PHILIP YEGON

ABOUT EBOLA

Ebola, a viral disease that kills within days, is manifested in high fever, body aches, bleeding, diarrhea and nausea.

According to WHO, the virus is transmitted through close and direct physical contact with infected bodily fluids, the most infectious being blood, faeces and vomit.



It's good to read the fine print

When companies use trickery to sell products

From printing misleading captions to hiding the (lack of) content, the following packaging deceptions show that corporate greed has escalated to shameless levels



This packaging.



Who ate the jam?



Nice big jumbo shrimps.



This is evil.



Box of staples was more box than staples.





The math doesn't add up

State seeks to outlaw divorce for newly-weds

Proposed law requires couples to remain in marital union for at least three years

by Mercy Mwai and Irene Githinji
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Although some people may claim the government is out to interfere in their bedroom and private matters, we are only out to ensure order in marriages— Njuya

It will be mandatory for couples to spend at least three years in a marital union if proposed amendments to the Marriage Act, 2014, sail through.

Clergy who officiate Christian weddings will also be required to adhere to a raft of rules, including obtaining a certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations and to posses recognised qualifications before they are licensed to join couples.

Before husband and wife part ways, they will be required to undergo other processes, including mediation. Divorce would be the final option after all else fails.

"There will be an introduction of a three-year time limit before a divorce can be filed. Parties seeking divorce have to provide evidence of a failed mediation process before filing a divorce," reads the proposed amendment published by Attorney General Paul Kihara.

If the proposals are enacted into law, the conciliatory bodies under religious organisations that assist couples broker truce between them will also be recognised.

Couples will be required to seek Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services before considering legal redress to end their union.

Registrar General Mary Njuya said the proposals arose from concerns raised by stakeholders regarding the implementation of Christian marriage laws.

"Even though the current Marriage Act recognises divorce, it does not make it a mandatory process for the parties. Divorce is envisioned in the Act as a last resort," Njuya said.

Restore order

She said her office is concerned with the high number of divorce cases, some arising from marriages that only last few days after they are solemnised.

"Although some people may claim the government is out to interfere in their bedroom and private matters, we are only out to ensure order in marriages. This is an area where there has been abuse, prompting the government to come up with the proposals," she said.

In a letter dated June 4, 2019 to the Law Society of Kenya (LSK), Njuya says she had directed the office of the Attorney General to share the proposed amendments on the Marriage Act, with the society to incorporate their input.

"The office intends to hold a stakeholders workshop to deliberate on the comments, proposals and views on the draft for validation on a date to be communicated later. Kindly forward your comments either in hard or soft copies on or before June 17," Njuya said, in the letter to LSK.

Reconciliation

Section 64 of the Act states that parties to a marriage may seek services of any reconciliation bodies established for that purpose that may exist in the public place of worship where the marriage was celebrated.

It states that a party to a marriage may petition the court for a decree for the dissolution of the marriage on the ground of one or more acts of adultery committed by the other party

Other reasons for dissolution of a Christian marriage in line with Article 65 of the Act include cruelty, whether mental or physical, inflicted by the other party on the petitioner or on the children, if any, of the marriage or desertion by either party for at least three years immediately preceding the date of presentation of the petition.

Exceptional depravity by either party or irretrievable breakdown of the marriage are other grounds of dissolution.

Fr Paul Juma of Bungoma Catholic diocese and a visiting lecturer at Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and St Augustines Major Seminary, says the proposals would restore order in the institution of marriage.

"We have witnessed cases where couples divorce within a week after hosting very expensive weddings. Marriages have become commercialised and lost meaning. We are happy that at long last the government has seen the sense to streamline it and make it recognisable," Juma told *People Daily* in a telephone interview.

He said the new law would discourage "jokers" from marriage and allow only the serious to undertake it.

The amendments to the law also propose rules that ministers of faith officiating marriages must comply with before they are granted authority to solemnise unions.

Under the proposed arrangement, ministers of faith would be required to renew licences every five years. While applying for the licence, they would be required to appear in person or send a church representative.

Constitution

LSK chief executive Mercy Wambua said they will give their views to the AG on contentious issues in the proposed law.

According to her, the proposals that are in contention and ought to be looked at include the issue of ADR and whether it conforms to the Constitution.

On the requirement that a couple should take at least three years from the date of solemnising their marriage before seeking divorce, she said there is need to establish whether the requirement is workable or not.

"We have received the proposed amendments and we are looking at them to ensure they conform to the provisions of the Constitution," she said.

Family lawyer Dunstan Omari said the law is the government's way of protecting marriages, children, property and the family institution. "The logic of the three-year rule is that when people wed in Christian marriages, they are presumed to have never lived together and also the first time that people with diverse cultures come together," said Omari.

Technology

He said in the era of women liberation and information and communication technology, marriages across the world are facing unique challenges.

Saying it is natural for couples to disagree, Omari observed that most marriages would collapse if people were allowed to divorce soon after exchanging vows.

Regarding rules for people who officiate Christian marriages, Omari said the government seeks to have qualified and competent people solemnising marriages and who undertake the role in gazetted areas.

He said the marriage institution is moving away from mediation, arbitration and negotiations and embracing conciliatory approach.

Omari calls for the need to exhaust all avenues recommended by the law before seeking court verdict, saying the situation at hand is not necessarily about two people but the entire family in a bid to resolve issues.

On registration of marriages, the proposed law requires that after a minister has celebrated a marriage, returns must be filed within 60 days.

Failure to return a certificate within 60 days will attract a penalty of Sh1,000.

PROPOSED LAW

Couples will only be allowed to seek divorce until after three years of marriage and only after showing proof that mediation efforts failed

Institutions and people involved in marriage reconciliation and mediation efforts will be recognised by the law.

Faith ministers will be required to comply with a number of rules including obtaining a certificate of good conduct and proper qualifications before they are allowed to officiate weddings.



A couple at a wedding. Proposed amendments to the Marriage Act of 2014 seek to ensure marriages are not annulled before they are three years old. PHOTO: FILE

No good conduct? You can't officiate weddings

by Irene Githinji and Mercy Mwai
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The proposed amendments to the Marriage Act, 2014, seeks to ensure that only qualified church ministers with a good track record officiate marriage ceremonies.

To ensure compliance, anyone applying for a licence to officiate a marriage will be required to produce a certificate of good conduct from the Directorate of Criminal Investigations.

In addition, the minister will be required to submit a copy of registration certificate of the place of worship, membership certificate from the church and a letter of recommendation from the relevant umbrella religious society.

Further, the minister will be required to submit a letter of recommendation signed by a church official from the place of worship where the minister serves, provide an original and copy of theological certificate from a registered and accredited theological institution, an ordination certificate for at least two months and demonstration of an understanding of the marriage certificate.

The ministers will also be required to sign a code of conduct before applying for the licence as well as provide for a procedure for revocation and suspension of a licence under specified circumstances.

Diaspora couples

The officiating minister of a Christian marriage will be required to return the marriage certificate within 60 days failure to which they will attract a penalty of Sh1,000.

The new requirements are departure from the current law which provided that the officiating minister returns the certificate within 14 days. "Failure to return a certificate within 60 days will attract a penalty of Sh1,000," the proposed changes read.

If the proposed amendments are passed, couples not living in Kenya and would want to solemnise their union will be required to stay in the country for at least seven days before applying for a special licence.

The special licence will only be given where one of the parties is in imminent danger of death, where one is old and sickly, and in cases where one party will be allowed to appear in special circumstances. "Legal requirement on issuance of special licence will require introduction of a seven days minimum mandatory stay in Kenya before applying for a special licence," read the proposed amendments.

Family of twins resolve to live together

Spokesman says the family will not sue Kakamega hospital for the mixup

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The families of twins Sharon Mathias and Melon Lutenyo, separated at birth, and their fraternal sister, Melvis Imbaya, yesterday resolved to live together.

Through family spokesman Kevin Kwara, the families said their decision is informed by the need for forgiveness and wanting to start a fresh.

"The girls belong to one family now. As you can see the parents are very close," said Kwara while addressing the press in Nairobi yesterday.

A DNA result on Saturday confirmed Sharon and Melon are twins. The results also revealed that Rosemary Onyango is their biological mother.

The third girl, Melvis, who was raised by Rosemary is not her biological daughter, with her DNA samples matching with those of Angeline Omina, the Nairobi woman who raised one of the twins separated at birth.

And yesterday, the families said they accept the DNA results. "The message we want to send to the world is that of forgiveness," Kwara said after four hours of family deliberations in a private office on Argwings Kodhek Road in Hurlingham, Nairobi.

No compensation

They will also not sue the Kakamega County Referral Hospital for compensation over the mixup.

Clad in black and white stripes knee-length dresses, pink necklaces and marching bracelets the three girls took turns to address the media.

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LEGAL ACTION

Kakamega county attorney Moses Sande urged the families of the girls not to be swayed in taking legal action before establishing the truth on the matter.

He said those pushing the families to sue the hospital for damages should be informed that the liability does not fall with the county government.

"First, I want to appreciate my family for holding this meeting. I have accepted the DNA results. Let our story be a lesson to all parents in this country and the world at large," Sharon said.

She said all they wanted is to live in harmony. Sharon who lived with Omina knowing she was her mother for 19 years, expressed her forgiveness for the hospital where the mixup took place.

"However, hospitals should be careful in all their operations," she added.

Melvis on the other hand said they will stick together as a family. "We should not be divided. We want to live as a family," she said.



Identical twins Sharon Mathias, Melon Lutenyo, and their fraternal sister, Melvis Imbaya during the press briefing in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: TABITHA MBATIA

She also said they will repeat Form Three in order to improve their chances of doing better during the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations.

Melon who has lived with Melvis as her twin said; "I know Melvis and Sharon are my sisters, and I love them so much. I have forgiven Kakamega Hospital for what happened, because we don't even know who made the mistake. We will not ask for compensation," she added.

Both fathers also said they had been under pressure from members of their extended family and friends to sue the hospital, but had decided against it. "I thank all Kenyans who have stood with us. When this issue started there was a lot of confusion. But as parents we have accepted the DNA results, and decided to forgive the hospital," Wilson Lutta, Melvis's biological father said.

The two mothers, Omina and Rosemary, shared the same sentiments but called for support to educate their three daughters together.

Financial support

"We would love to see the three girls study in the same school if we get financial support," Rosemary said, while Angeline added, "We are one thing now."

In Kakamega, the county general hospital is under investigation over the after birth swap of the three girls that reportedly occurred about 19 years ago, Health Executive Rachael Okumu told the press last evening.

She said health records relating to the case from the hospital had been surrendered to officers from the National Intelligence Services and detectives from the DCI for investigation.

Reject boda boda insurance plan, House team told

by Mercy Mwai and Bernice Mbugua
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Two Members of the National Assembly have urged the Parliamentary Committee on Finance to reject a proposal by Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich requiring boda boda operators to have insurance covers.

Mathare MP Anthony Oluoch and his Saboti counterpart Caleb Amisi want the committee chaired by Joseph Limo to reject the proposal and urged Parliament to amend the Reinsurance Act.

Proposal passed

They claimed if the proposals is passed, it will hurt the low income earners who comprise the majority of the boda boda and tuk tuk riders. They also warned insurance companies may also take advantage of the riders to exploit them.

"I implore upon my colleagues to unanimously reject this proposal," said Amisi when he addressed a news conference in Parliament Buildings yesterday.

Meanwhile, the High Court yesterday certified as urgent a suit filed by Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko and six others challenging the government's proposal.

The governor filed suit alongside Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria, Eala MP Simon Mbugua and politicians Kalembe Ndile, Reuben Ndolo, Stanley Livondo and Kevin Mubadi.

Justice James Makau directed them to file and serve the application to Rotich and the Attorney General who they have named as respondents to appear in court on Monday for directions.

The case will be mentioned on Monday.



MPs Anthony Oluoch and Caleb Amisi. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

Summons reprieve for KRA staffers

by Nancy Gitonga
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More than 80 Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) staff facing charges of abating tax evasion and bribery claims yesterday got a reprieve after the High Court excused them from reporting to the Director of Criminal Investigations (DCI) daily pending completion of the probe.

Justice Ngenye Macharia allowed an application by the employees and instead directed them to report on July 11 at the DCI headquarters to establish whether they will be charged or not after the defense made an oral application seeking to be excused.

Through lawyer Philip Nyachoti, the staffers said they have been reporting to DCI without fail and nothing much has come out of it. "My clients after attending to DCI nothing much happens other than signing and thus summoning them," he said.

The employees raised complains that the DCI officers have already taken their phones and the court should intervene to order release of the devices. The case will be mentioned on July 18.



Four judges face JSC in first day of job interviews

Judicial staff employer seeks to fill vacancies left by retired senior judges, shore up Appellate numbers

Thirty-five candidates are lined up for interviews to run until July 1.

by Paul Muhoho
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Four High Court judges aspiring to join the Court of Appeal yesterday attended private interviews conducted by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) at the Re-Insurance Plaza in Nairobi.

Justices Mbogholi Msagha, Mumbi Ngugi, Abida Ali-Aroni and Aggrey Muchelule, faced the JSC under the chairmanship of Chief Justice David Maraga in a session the media was kept out, ostensibly because of limited space.

Thirty-five candidates are lined up for interviews until July 1. The Court of Appeal has a maximum limit of 30 judges.

Only 19 judges are currently serving the Appellate Bench, under the leadership of Justice William Ouko, but three of them, Justices Erastus Githinji, Philip Waki and Alnashir Visram, are expected to retire this year upon attaining the mandatory 70-year retirement age.

Long history

Justice Mbogholi, 67, is the presiding judge of the High Court's Civil Division and previously served as the principal judge of the High Court. He was appointed to the bench on May 27, 1987 and was in private practice since 1978.

Justice Mumbi Ngugi, the presiding judge of the Anti-Corruption and Economic Crimes Division of the High Court, was appointed as a judge in December 1988.

She was the presiding judge of the High Court in Kericho between June 2016 and February this year and served in the Constitutional and Human Rights Division between 2011 and 2016.

Justice Ali-Aroni was appointed High Court judge in 2009 and is currently serving in the Family Division in Nairobi.

Private practice

Before joining the Bench, she was in private practice for 23 years and served in the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission (CKRC) as vice-chairperson and member between 2001 and 2006.

Justice Muchelule, who has just been replaced as a JSC member, is the presiding judge of the High Court's Family Division.

He joined the Judiciary in 1982 as a district magistrate and rose through the ranks to become chief magistrate and then judge in 2009. He has served in Kisii, Embu, Bungoma, Kisumu and Nairobi.

Interviews were expected to be carried out months ago but had to be postponed due to lack of quorum by the time call for applications was made.

JSC was by then not fully constituted with the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and the High Court having not elected their male representatives to the employer of Judicial staff.

APPEALS COURT

There are four Appellate Court stations in Kenya; Nairobi, Kisumu, Nyeri and Mombasa.

Vacancies in the second-highest court in the land emerged after retirement of five judges and the need to bridge the gender parity gaps that fall far below requirement.

Those who retired are: Justices John Wycliffe Mwera, GBM Kariuki, Festus Azangalala, Anyara Emukule and Onyango Otieno while Justice Erastus Githinji is set to retire later this year.

The law requires JSC to ensure not more than two-thirds of members are from same gender in addition to observing the principle of regional and ethnic balance.



Justice Aggrey Muchelule

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Ojwang' opts for private hearing

by Paul Muhoho
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Suspended Supreme Court judge Jackton Ojwang' (*below*) has opted for private sessions of the tribunal investigating him over alleged misconduct.

The judge, who is represented by lawyer Nani Mungai, explained to the tribunal, chaired by Appellate judge Alnashir Visram, that he will not call any witness in his defence but, he will present his statement.

As a first step, the tribunal will visit Migori county where eight residents, led by Nelson Oduor Onyango, claim the judge and Governor Okoth Obado enjoyed a close working relationship, alleging that the county government constructed a road leading to the judge's rural residence.

The team

The tribunal will hold proceedings at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi.

The team comprises Justice Visram deputised by retired Appellate judge Festus Azangalala and members Lucy Kambuni, Ambrose Weda, Andrew Bahati Mwamuye, Sylvia Wanjiku Muchiri and Amina Abdalla.

Lawyer Paul Nyamodi is the lead assisting counsel while State Attorney Stella Munyi is the deputy. Peter Kariuki and Josiah Musili will serve as joint secretaries.

Justice Ojwang' had snubbed summons by the JSC to answer to the allegations by Oduor and his associates.



Police vow action on blogger sharing slain cops bodies



by Zaddock Angira
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Police will take stern action against the controversial blogger who shared photos of police officers who were killed during the Saturday morning attack in Wajir county.

The National Police Service spokesman Charles Owino (*pictured*) yesterday condemned the act, saying it was tantamount to glorifying terrorism.

He, however, did not specify the action to be taken even as unconfirmed reports indicated that one of the bloggers could be arrested this morning in connection with the incident.

"Such unpalatable acts will not be tolerated and stern action will be taken against them," he said.

Hit by IED

The Administration Police (AP) officers were killed when the vehicle they were travelling in was hit by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) about four kilometres from Konton centre on the Kenya-Somalia border in Wajir East sub-county.

The spokesman said one of the officers, who went missing after the attack, had not been found but said a team was conducting a search and rescue operation.

He added that there was increased al Shabaab activity, especially along the Kenya-Somali border, but assured Kenyans that security officers had been deployed adequately.

Owino, however, denied reports that there were increased IED attacks in the region.

Last week, there were reports that some terrorists were killed after an IED they were planting exploded, killing them on the spot.

The three suspected terrorists were blown to pieces by the device with police collecting body parts and three AK-47 rifles from the scene.

"We cannot say that there has been an increase in such attacks. We have done our best and have deployed well," he said.

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2018 Performance

>> CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT



"To ensure that it retains and expands its domestic and regional markets, KPC undertook a comprehensive feasibility study and Preliminary Engineering Design for devolvement of pipeline network to the counties."

JOHN NGUMI

KPC continues to undertake projects that are critical in assisting the Kenya Government achieve its Big Four agenda, since fuel is a key enabler for each of the four focus pillars; universal healthcare, food security, manufacturing and affordable housing.

During the year under review, KPC continued with its transformation journey from a pipeline and storage infrastructure company into Africa's premier oil and gas player by laying the foundation for its diversification and expansion into both maritime transport and crude oil exports. This marks a significant milestone towards the achievement of our 2015/25 10-year Corporate Strategic Plan ('Vision 2025'), which aims at transforming KPC into a world-class diversified oil & gas company.

To ensure that it retains and expands its domestic and regional markets, KPC undertook a comprehensive feasibility study and Preliminary Engineering Design for devolvement of pipeline network to the counties. The scope of the assignment covered, among others, market mapping in various regions that are economically endowed but are currently not served by the existing pipeline network. KPC is now studying the report with a view to mapping out which economically potential counties to which the pipeline can be extended.

KPC is also playing a key role in Early Oil Pilot Scheme (EOPS) by receiving and storing in 3 refurbished tanks at KPRL this crude oil from Turkana. In addition to refurbishing these three tanks, which have a total capacity of 42.9 million litres, KPC also modified the Kipevu Jetty's import equipment to allow for its use for exports and installed a steam boiler for the heating of tanks and pipelines in readiness for export.

>> MANAGING DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



"Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has registered another year of incredible financial performance in line with her long standing corporate history."

HUDSON K. ANDAMBI, OGW AG. MANAGING DIRECTOR

KPC transformation plan is anchored on the government's Big 4 agenda and guided by KPC's 10-year Corporate Strategic Plan ('Vision 2025') which aims at transforming KPC into a world-class diversified oil & gas company.

Once again, Kenya Pipeline Company (KPC) has registered another year of incredible financial performance in line with her long standing corporate history. As the region's premier petroleum and gas pipeline, KPC hosts some of the region's most vital and strategic infrastructure. The company currently has a combined asset base of Kshs **136 billion**, ranking it among the largest firms in the region. This is a 6% increase from the previous year because of the coming on board of Line 5, Kisumu oil jetty and the additional storage tanks in Nairobi terminal.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Company posted an 8% increase in Pre-Tax Profit of **KES 12.4 billion** for the financial year ended 30th June 2018 compared to **KES 11.5 billion** achieved in the previous financial year. The higher profitability is mainly attributable to increase in throughput volume especially in the domestic market and prudent cost management. The Company's cash reserves went down by 30% to KES 5.3 billion compared to KES 7.5 billion at the end of the previous year. This was as a result of the repayment of principal and interest on the Line 5 loan, funding for the construction of the Kisumu oil jetty and the 4 additional storage tanks in Nairobi terminal increasing storage capacity from 100M litres to 236M litres.

KEY CAPITAL PROJECTS

The period under review saw the Company complete some of the key capital projects whose status is given below:

- **Replacement of the Mombasa–Nairobi Pipeline (Line 5):** This is a 20-inch diameter pipeline which will replace the existing 14-inch diameter pipeline. Billed as Kenya's second largest infrastructural undertaking designed to meet projected petroleum demand up to the year 2044, Line 5 was completed on 30th June 2018.
- **Construction of the Kisumu Oil Jetty:** This project was completed and handed over to KPC on 28th February 2018. Once it begins commercial operations, the jetty will enable KPC to export fuel to Uganda and onward to Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan. This will take away about 120 petroleum trucks from the road.
- **Construction of Additional Storage Tanks at Nairobi Terminal:** This project, which was completed on 30th June 2018, involved construction of additional tanks to provide sufficient capacity for receipt of higher volumes of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO), Motor Spirit Premium (MSP) and Jet A-1 products. Now operational, the project is expected to enhance operational flexibility, capacity of product receipt and evacuation in Nairobi with the coming on board of the new Mombasa-Nairobi pipeline.

Besides the above projects, the Company was also involved in the following critical initiatives during the FY 2017/18.

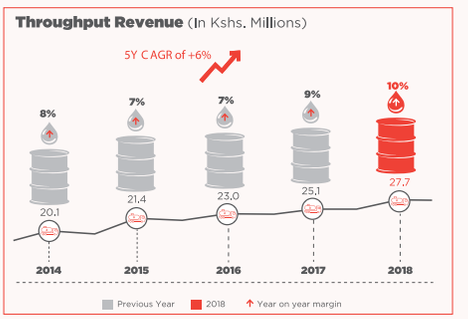
- **Operationalization of Bottom Loading Arms in Eldoret:** During the year under review, KPC began operating the new additional truck loading facilities at Eldoret depot to cope with the rising demand for petroleum products in the Great Lakes Region. Loading time reduced by 50% and therefore reducing congestion of trucks hence enhancing safety around the depot.
- **Leasing of Kenya Petroleum Oil Refineries Limited (KPRL):** Following the close of negotiations between the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, KPC and KPRL on acquisition of the KPRL facilities by KPC, government took the decision to have KPC let the facilities as opposed to acquisition.

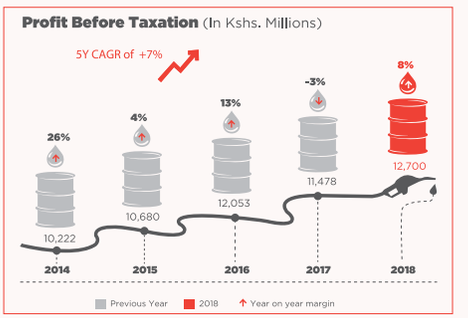
From the foregoing, it is evident that KPC is gearing up towards a brighter future with these key investments. Our key focus is on the expansion of our pipeline network and expansion of our storage capacity to meet both local and regional demand. All our investments are anchored on Vision 2030 and guided by KPC's 10-year Corporate Strategic Plan, dubbed *Vision 2025*, which aims at transforming KPC into a world-class diversified oil & gas company.

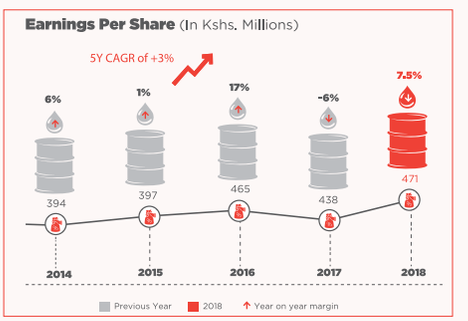
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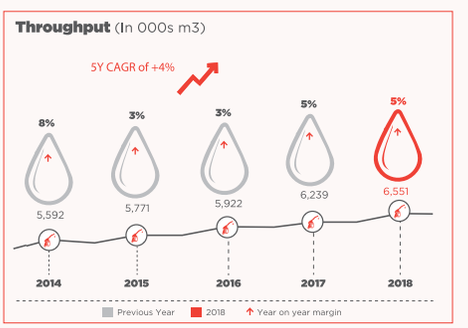
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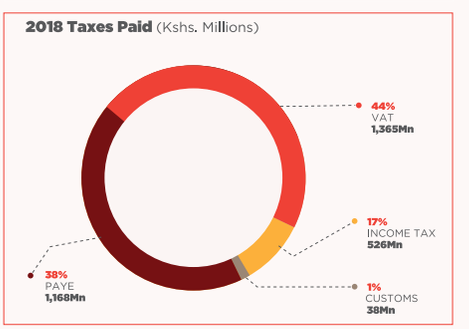
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Wind up insurer, clients demand

by Nancy Gitonga
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Ten customers of Invesco Insurance Company have sued the firm for refusing to pay Sh9 million as directed by an Embu court last year.

Through lawyer Morris Mugendi, they want the High Court commercial division in Nairobi to compel the directors of the insurance firm to personally pay the sum.

They also want the insurer liquidated under supervision of the official receiver and that the directors be ordered to personally pay any debts the company's assets are unable to settle.

"The company has failed to honour its obligation to pay the full decretal sum and the costs as ordered by the court," Mugendi said.

The petitioners

Principal magistrate Samuel Mutai awarded Saleisio Kinyua Njagi, Gregory Mwaniki Karunga, Alisa Njeri, Jackleah Wangari, Nyaga Nthia, Alice Kageni, Emmaculate Wanjiru, Juliet Muthoni, Venessa Kambi and Nancy Muthomi Sh9,007,570.50 plus costs and interests last year.

"As at the date of this petition, it has failed and refused to pay or make a reasonable payments of the decretal sums since the date of the decree as well as the statutory notice dated April 2, 2019," Mugendi said.

They said Invesco has before issued them with cheques with the knowledge they would not be honoured for lack of funds.

Mugendi claims his clients' attempts to realise the decretal sum through sale of the company's movable property have all come to naught as the auctioneers have returned the warrants unexecuted and to date, the decree remains unsettled and continues to accrue interests.

" I believe the company made or ought to have sufficient provision for payments to the petitioners," added Mugendi.

Senators want role of deputy governors defined

They claim many governors undermining their deputies, considering amendment of law to correct anomaly

by Hillary Mageka
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Senators are proposing a law review to beef up the role of deputy governors amid reports some governors are alienating their deputies ahead of 2022 elections.

Senators Cleophas Malala (Kakamega), Ledama Ole Kina (Narok) and Samson Cherargei (Nandi) want County Governments Act, 2012, amended to define and assign specific responsibilities to a deputy governor as opposed to just a general overview.

In a situation where a county operates without a substantive deputy governor, the lawmakers held that the share of allocation from the National Treasury should be withheld until the law is adhered to.

Malala said deputy governors only go to their offices "to drink tea and represent their governors in funerals" and other ceremonies.

"We should be proposing measures in which we can discipline counties such as Nairobi where the governor even walks in the precincts of this Parliament with impunity, trying to interpret the law otherwise," he said.

We need to determine if an elected official can be considered an employee of the governor -ole Kina



NO WORK

Malala, who doubles up as Senate Deputy Minority Leader, held that although the Constitution envisioned a governor to have a deputy, most of the deputy governors do not have any role to play.

He was reacting to a petition by West Pokot residents concerning the continued absence of their Deputy Governor Nicholas Atudonyang.

Kakamega senator Cleophas Malala. He is among colleagues demanding roles be defined for deputy governors. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

"Nairobi City County is setting a bad precedent of transacting business with an incomplete Cabinet," he added.

As is, the Constitution does not have clear stipulations about the role and functions of a deputy governor only stating that they should deputise for the Governor in executing the governor's functions.

They were reacting to a petition by residents of West Pokot County concerning the continued absence of their Deputy Governor Nicholas Atudonyang.

Ole Kina said they need to separate governors and their deputies saying West Pokot's John Lonyangapuo told the County Public Accounts and Investments Committee he had given Atudonyang permission to be out of the country.

"We need to determine if an elected official can be considered an employee of the governor," he said.

For Mother Nature



AutoXpress team takes a break during the Rhino Charge event that brings together car enthusiasts and environmentalists to raise funds for conservation of forest ecosystems. The annual event raised Sh156 million this year with the service and parts provider contributing tyres worth Sh2.5 million. PHOTO: GERALD ITHANA

400 staff 'promoted irregularly' in Nyamira

by Evans Nyakundi
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More than 400 employees of Nyamira county government got their promotions illegally, an audit report has revealed.

The beneficiaries span both senior and junior staff levels including chief officers, directors, administration and procurement officers.

Nyamira county secretary Erick Onchana said the officers have earned salaries in their new positions for the last one year.

Defends deal

One of the beneficiaries Philip Machuki, a director in the department of Health, however defended the promotions saying due process was followed.

He claimed the exercise was sanctioned by the County Public Service Board (CPSB), which is in charge of promotions, and vowed to defend his position even if it means moving to court.

Man in Ivy killing case denied bail

by Winstone Chiseremi
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The High Court in Eldoret yesterday denied Naftali Kinuthia, the prime suspect in the gruesome killing of Moi University medical student Ivy Wangeci, bail.

Justice Stephen Githinji said releasing the suspect would put him in danger, adding that public confidence in the administration of justice will also be demeaned.

Abscond court

"There is also a likelihood of the suspect interfering with prosecution witnesses and also absconding court due to the strength of the evidence in the charges he is facing," ruled Githinji.

Kinuthia has denied killing Wangeci outside MTRH on April 10. The case will be mentioned on July 17.

Duo held over boy's murder

by Clement Kamau
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Police in Kiambu yesterday arrested two men believed to have been involved in the murder of a 16-year-old hotel cook.

Benson Kibibia was attacked on Sunday night at Ha Edward trading centre in Lari sub-county where he worked at a local bar and restaurant. Deputy sub-county police commander Musa Omari said the teen sustained injuries on his head.

"He had injuries that had been inflicted with a blunt object. He was rushed to the hospital but he passed away," he said.

Omari said police are investigating the motive of the killing.

Suspect now State witness

by Wangari Njuguna
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The woman who was arraigned alongside her husband over the killing of their two-year-old daughter will face murder charges while the man will be the prosecution witness.

Mildred Musya and Stephens Kamau appeared before principal magistrate Edwin Nyaga on Monday after spending 14 days in custody as police conducted the investigations.

Investigating officer Ignatius Ewoi said Kamau, who was the second accused, had agreed to become a State witness while his wife stands trial over the murder of Sibly Matsitsa. The case is set to proceed at the High Court.

Lawmakers react to Uhuru attack on DP Ruto allies

Tanga Tanga and Kieleweke teams maintain hard line stances on criticism as analysts question Jubilee Party cohesion, future

Uhuru should also deal with the team of bloggers working for Ruto - Kagwanja

by Anthony Mwangi
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President Uhuru Kenyatta's furious attack on his critics from Mt Kenya region caught many political leaders by surprise, *People Daily* has established.

Lawmakers and analysts we talked to yesterday said Uhuru's speech is likely to change political dynamics in the region with the "Tanga Tanga" team—associated with Deputy President William Ruto—terming the threats "unwarranted".

Others felt the President's statement could open up long-term political battles between politicians in the two opposing camps—Tanga Tanga and Kieleweke (supporting the President).

On Sunday, Uhuru took on the Mt Kenya region rebel MPs warning them that he was the regional political kingpin and would soon get them out of their cocoons. But defiant "Tanga Tanga" team members said that Uhuru portrayed himself as a leader, frustrated by his own people.

Chuka Igambang'ombe MP Patrick Munene said: "Being the President, Uhuru should not display emotions when in public forums. If he is frustrated by his own party members, he should use mechanisms put in place, sadly he has never called a Parliamentary Group meeting or a party delegates conference," said Munene.

But political analyst Prof Peter Kagwanja said the speech by Uhuru at Kasarani during the Akorino Church annual conference was indeed aimed at his deputy.

According to Kagwanja, Uhuru's hard-hitting speech was meant to show Ruto and his allies that he is the President and party supremo and that his deputy cannot win anything without his support.

Lasting legacy

"The sorry state of affairs is that Ruto's Tanga Tanga team's sole interest is for Ruto to ascend to power and reward them thereafter. But Uhuru is looking for transformation of our politics and that is why he entered into the Handshake with former premier Raila Odinga," said Kagwanja.

He, however, cautioned Uhuru to be wary of the current crop of leaders in his backyard "whose vision is short-term unlike his which is long-term aimed at leaving a legacy".

Kagwanja said that as things stand now Uhuru is "outgunned, outmaneuvered and out marshaled" by the forces supporting Ruto and he has to fight hard to defeat them. "Uhuru should also deal with the team of bloggers working for Ruto as they have perfected ways of maligning the President. The team which was removed from State House is being used to hit at the Head of State," Kagwanja added.

He explained that Uhuru made a mistake when he allowed Ruto to take the lead in the Jubilee Party nominations ahead of the 2017 elections, saying that the DP seized the opportunity to bring in his supporters and left out those he saw as a threat to his future plans and ambitions.



THE HIGHLIGHTS

An amorphous political grouping which refers to itself as Tanga Tanga has been campaigning for Deputy President William Ruto to succeed President Uhuru, and has indicated that it is against the political truce between the President and Raila Odinga.

In a speech punctuated by epithets and threats on Sunday, President Uhuru said he had no interest in retaining power, and that his only mission now is uniting the country.

MPs Caleb Kositany (Soy), Oscar Sudi (Kapseret) and Kimani Ngunjiri (Bahati) during the burial ceremony of Ngunjiri's brother Bernard Ndung'u at Kabatini in Bahati, Nakuru, yesterday. PHOTO: RAPHAEL MUNGE

Kiambaa MP Paul Koinange, who is a member of the "Kieleweke" team that supports the President's position, said Uhuru has been pushing for inclusivity and development while the opposing team is guided by greed and cash tokens.

Development

"I support Uhuru's sentiments 100 per cent. Talks started when we congregated in Naivasha and agreed that we schedule a meeting with the Head of State in Nyeri to explain to him what our people want in terms of development, sadly the talks never happened," Koinange said.

Another "Kieleweke" team member Joshua Kuttuny (Cherangany) said the onslaught against Ruto was unstoppable.

Another MP warned that Uhuru's continued hostility towards elected leaders would only serve to harden their positions. "We are not supporting Ruto out of our own liking but from our supporters. The more you hit at us the more Ruto gains support back at home," said the MP who said he did not want to appear to be responding directly to the Head of State.

A lawmaker from Kiambu county who did not want to be named said Uhuru should not place the failures of his administration on elected leaders from the region.

"Under the Constitution, MPs have no funds for development. They are controlled by both the national and county governments, he should therefore, not blame us," said the MP.

And in Nakuru, MPs Jayne Kihara (Naivasha), Rachel Nyamai (Kitui South), Oscar Sudi (Kapseret), Didmus Baraza (Kimilili), Kimani Ngunjiri (Bahati), Caleb Kositany (Soy), Samuel Gacobe (Subukia) and Liza Chelule (Nakuru Woman Rep) vowed to fight for Ruto in his quest to succeed Uhuru.

They spoke during the burial ceremony of Benard Ndung'u, a brother of Ngunjiri, at Kabatini village in Nakuru county.

Kasarani or 'Kisirani'? Where political careers sprout or die



Suspected goons nicknamed "Men in Black" disrupt ODM national elections in Kasarani Stadium in March 2014. PHOTO: FILE

by Mukalo Kwayera
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Built by the Chinese in the mid 1980s, the Moi International Sports Centre, Kasarani, is identified more with political typhoons than with sporting events.

Tukutane Kasarani, Kasarani Kichinjio and *Kasarani Kisirani* are some of the euphemisms associated with ruthless political decisions taken or witnessed at the stadium, located 15 kilometres from the city centre.

Since the days when retired President Moi was Head of Sate and chairman of the then ruling party Kanu, political parties have held some of their meetings at Kasarani where crucial decisions were made in a manner that changed Kenya's political equation.

So when President Uhuru Kenyatta took to the podium on Sunday to address the Akorino Annual Conference at the stadium's Gymnasium and switched to his native Kikuyu dialect, unleashing one epithet here and a barb there, observers were quick to point out that a major political tremor was in the offing. Or so it seems.

Famous speech

Kenyans remember Kasarani for few sporting activities that have attracted attention beyond the country. It was at Kasarani that former US President Barack Obama made his famous speech in 2015 in which he vouched for gender equity. In the same year, Kasarani hosted Pope Francis, who spoke against land-grabbing and corruption.

However, it is the events in Kenya by Kenyans that have made Kasarani such a hot bed of politics with some elites treating it with an element of paranoia. Kasarani was the venue of the merger between Raila Odinga's then Liberal Democratic Party and Kanu, on March 18, 2002. Then, the current ODM leader became secretary general of New Kanu, replacing long-serving John Joseph (JJ) Kamotho, now the late. A dejected Kamotho was later to quip: "*Kasarani ni kichinjio* (Kasarani is a guillotine)".

On the other hand, then Vice-President, the late Prof George Saitoti, who was Kanu's first vice-chairman, was replaced by then nominated MP Uhuru Kenyatta. Before giving up office, Saitoti rose to support the merger,stating: "There come (sic) a time when the country is bigger than an individual," and paved the way for Uhuru to become Moi's principal assistant within Kanu ranks.

However, in October 2002, it was Raila's turn to be led to the slaughterhouse at the same Kasarani stadium where Moi settled on Uhuru as his heir-apparent. In September 2007, Kasarani witnessed the camaraderie that gave fillip to Coalition for Reforms and Democracy and Raila's second stab at the presidency. Apart from being the venue of Raila's endorsement to run for the presidency in 2013, Kasarani was also the place in March 2014 where elections for Raila's ODM party aborted after goons, nicknamed "Men in Black", violently disrupted the exercise.

Inauguration ceremonies

The 'digital' youthful pair of the 2013 and 2017 presidential race victory, Uhuru and William Ruto had their inauguration ceremonies at Kasarani on both occasions.

So, when last Sunday an angry Uhuru chose Kasarani as the venue to read the Riot Act to some elected leaders from his Central Kenya turf, Kenyans were left with tongues wagging as to what the son of Jomo is up to. Only time will tell.

QUOTED TODAY


Kariuki

"A rapid surveillance and response team has tested the patient and confirmed that she does not meet the case definition of Ebola," **Health Cabinet Secretary Sicily Kariuki allaying fears of possible Ebola case in Kericho.**


Muriithi

"I agree we need equity in society but it's not possible or practical for us to give the doctors a pay increment," **Laikipia Governor Ndiritu Muriithi warning striking doctors that they risk being sacked.**


Wong

"I will fight with all Hong Kongers to oppose the evil China extradition law," **Democracy activist Joshua Wong vowing to join the anti-extradition bill protests after he was released from jail yesterday.**

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Editorial

Roll out stimulus plan for growth

When Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich presented his Sh2.8 trillion budget last week, expectations were high that he would unveil stimulus plans for key sectors that are the mainstay of the economy.

What caught the eye of many observers was the meagre allocation to the agriculture sector which is a key plank for the Big Four agenda. The sector, which employs more than 60 per cent of the population, was allocated a mere three per cent of the total expenditure, which is not enough considering agricultural activities contribute about 52 per cent to the GDP and account for 57 per cent of exports.

The funding is far below the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security which recommends African nations allocate at least 10 per cent of national budgetary resources to agriculture. This means Kenya may again fail to attain its food security goals.

There was no real focus on setting up a robust micro-economic climate to enable the sector flourish amid changing climatic conditions.

Currently, farmers are recording low yields as they operate without certified seeds, fertiliser, technology, proper extension services and a credit crunch.

Indeed, Tanzanian and Ugandan farmers are literary feeding Kenyans, with cities like Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu flooded with imported produce. Topping the list of commodities exported to Kenya are potatoes, maize, beans, eggs and fruits.

If the government is serious about efforts to enhance food security, the sector must be given more monetary and technical support.

On social sectors, health was allocated five per cent of the budget while social protection culture and recreation was allocated three per cent. This starved of cash to sectors that cushion mwananchi from adverse economic shocks such high cost of living.

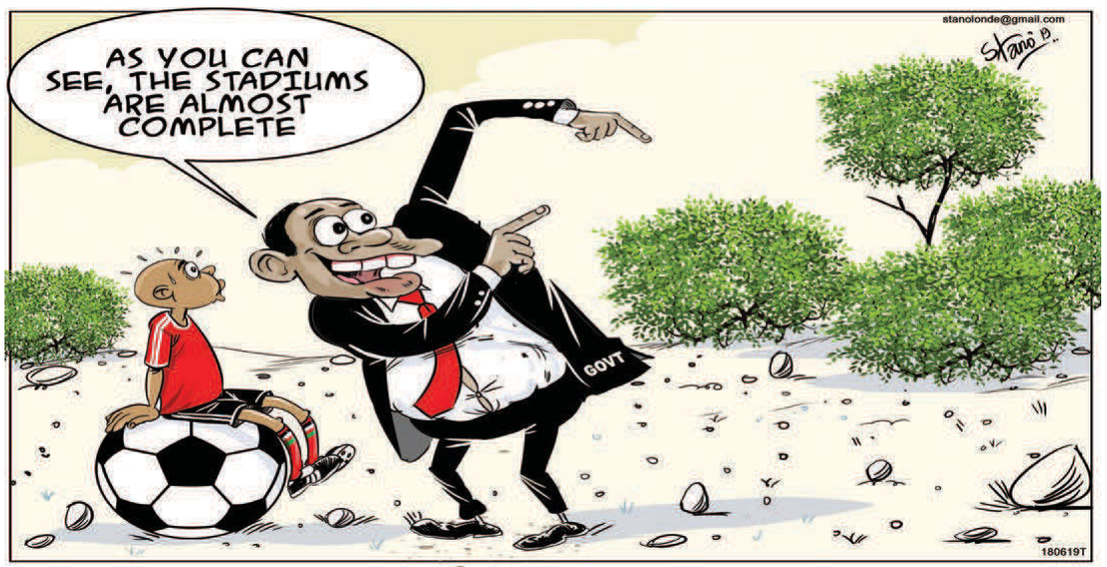
Rotich expanded the withholding tax base by roping in workers offering security services, cleaning and fumigation services, catering services outside hotel premises, transportation of goods, marketing and advertising. Owners of these firms — mostly SMEs — offer livelihood to thousands of Kenyans.

As Parliament embarks on debating Rotich's expenditure plan it should recommend stimulus proposals that will spur economic growth.

It does not help the situation that the failure of the long rains has dampened growth prospects. World Bank has already cut the country's growth this year to 5.7 per cent from an early projection of 5.8 per cent.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Social justice cannot be attained by violence. Violence kills what it intends to create — Pope John Paul II





Agriculture can resolve the poverty-unemployment nexus

Alberto Leny

Focus on economy to improve lives

Last week's Budget Statement revealed the difficult state of the economy and challenges that lie ahead in implementing the development agenda.

The delicate balancing act of financing the budget has been compounded by the ballooning national debt amid falling revenues and accumulation of pending bills.

Kenyans will have to contend with funding shortfalls that have resulted in a projected budget deficit of Sh607 billion as Treasury resorts, again, to borrowing to plug the gap.

Meeting national and county development programmes in a depressed economy is a challenge that requires more tact than borrowing since the national debt has already hit the ceiling.

Furthermore, the war against corruption is far from being won.

Unfortunately, the legislators who are expected to help the government find solutions to economic problems confronting wananchi, have switched the country into a campaign mode, jostling for positions in an election that is three years away.

This is an untenable situation and it defies logic why politicians take the people for granted and devote their attention to selfish interests despite exhortations from President Uhuru Kenyatta that they leave politicking and focus on helping the government achieve its development goals.

Priority must now be given to the Big Four agenda, which provides a roadmap to get the people out of the economic quagmire.

Treasury CS Henry Rotich recognised this crucial factor by giving the Big Four Agenda Sh450.9 billion in the 2019/20 fiscal year and enabling sectors, including energy and infrastructure, Sh338 billion.

Ongoing road projects and rehabilitation and maintenance of roads received Sh180.9 billion. If implemented to the letter, the pillars of food security and manufacturing are capable of making the people feel the impact of growth.

Agriculture can resolve the poverty-unemployment nexus. Efforts to address food insecurity must embrace the smallholder farmers who have suffered from neglect for years.

Instead of grandiose projects that often end up as white elephants, the youth need to be integrated into the agricultural value chain, right from the farm level to agribusiness and processing through manageable cottage industries.

Kenya must industrialise to jumpstart the economy. Structures for takeoff are in place in institutions such as the National Youth Service and the Technical and Vocational Education Training (Tvets) institutes, which need to be strengthened.

Reviving the economy requires a commitment to improve the climate that supports growth and lifts small and medium enterprises which are stunted and have low survival rates.

The 2019 African Economic Outlook unveiled by the African Development Bank last week says industrialisation is a sure path to job creation.

"To avoid the informality trap and chronic unemployment, Africa needs to industrialise and add value to its abundant agricultural, mineral and other natural resources," the report reads.

The pressure to provide decent jobs for the restive youth is a ticking time bomb that left unattended can have serious repercussions for economic and political stability.

Devotion to political rhetoric at the expense of addressing the people's most pressing needs is taking a toll on the economy.

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Dmitry Maksimychev

Kenyan-Russian relations growing stronger

Kenya holds a special place in Russia's policy

Last Tuesday, the people of the Russian Federation celebrated Russia Day, our national holiday. It was a day to reflect on the federation's economic, social and technological transformation, which are revolutionising the lives of the Russian people.

These economic development is catalysing growth in industries, agriculture, science, education and health sectors.

Politically, the Russian society is enjoying unprecedented cohesion and solidarity anchored on pluralism and democracy. Our institutions have become stronger and better fit to deal with the challenges of the modern world.

Russia's international cooperation is continuing to diversify and expand. Together with our neighbours and friends, we have embarked on an ambitious endeavour to achieve economic integration— the Eurasian Economic Union — that aims to create a huge space of borderless trade, cooperation and prosperity for millions of people to enable them to fully realise their creative potential. The linking of this integration effort with the global "Road and Belt Initiative" will add to its efficiency and effectiveness.

On the global arena, Russia stands for a peaceful multipolar world based on international law as espoused by the United Nations.

Africa, as the continent of the future, is a priority in Russia's foreign policy. It is against this background that President Vladmir Putin will host the First Russia-Africa Summit in October in the city of Sochi. The unique summit will bring together Russian and African leaders to discuss mutually beneficial cooperation.

Kenya holds a special place in Russia's policy as a leader in the continent and an engine of growth and development, with whom we are tied by long-standing friendship built on sovereignty, equality, mutual trust and respect.

The ties go back to 1963 with the Soviet Union being among the first countries to recognise the newly independent Republic of Kenya. Last December, the two countries celebrated the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between them with a commitment to accelerate and intensify political and economic cooperation.

We are satisfied with the level of collaboration between our countries in the United Nations and other multilateral fora. Russia and Kenya share identical or similar approaches to most world problems, and we are grateful to Kenya for its support of Russian initiatives in the UN and on other multilateral platforms.

Russia has always supported the role of Nairobi as the only UN capital in the Global South, Kenya's efforts to ensure smooth and effective work of the United Nations Office in Nairobi and Nairobi as the headquarters of United Nations Environment Programme and UN Habitat.

We also recognise Kenya's global leadership in combatting plastics pollution and protection of biodiversity.

Over the last few months, there have been high-level delegations to both countries to further cement the existing economic, political and cultural ties.

And more than ever, more Russian corporations are looking for new opportunities in trade and investment, especially in energy and automotive industry. Other areas of interest include new partnerships and direct business-to-business contacts.

This is in line with efforts to renew cultural exchanges to expose more Kenyans to the rich Russian heritage in such fields as music and theatre.

The recent visit to Moscow by Foreign Affairs Cabinet secretary Monica Juma to Russia was significant because her talks with Russian Foreign minister Sergey Lavrov centred on reinvigorating Russia-Kenya relations and cooperation. Towards this end, we are looking forward to welcoming President Uhuru Kenyatta in Sochi at the Russia-Africa Summit.

An important component of our relations has been development cooperation. For decades, Russia has been providing training and education to young Kenyans in the best Russian universities. We shall continue to expand this training especially in building Kenya's law enforcers' capacity to combat crime and terrorism.

For instance, we have been working closely with the United Nations Country Team in Kenya to explore new avenues of increasing Russia's contribution to assist Kenya achieve Sustainable Development Goals and the Big Four agenda. I hope that soon we will be able to finalise this work and start practical implementation.

— The writer is the Russia Federation Ambassador to Kenya



Kimani Mwangi

Council of elders should be politically impartial

Elders should be custodians of community values.

On June 8, a group calling itself Kikuyu Council of Elders addressed the media at Kabiru-ini ASK grounds in Nyeri.

The elders lashed out at Deputy President William Ruto for what they termed as early 2022 campaigns, which they said was a threat to the country's political and social stability.

They accused the DP of disrespecting President Uhuru Kenyatta and asked him to put his presidential campaigns on hold and concentrate on helping Uhuru achieve the development agenda he promised Kenyans in the 2017 campaigns.

While the statement by the council appeared noble and timely, their decision to dress down Ruto alone for the early campaigns was politically dishonest.

The elders must be aware of the political escapades of ODM politicians and the "Team Kieleweke", a group of parliamentarians in Jubilee Party that has appointed itself the moral judge and arrogated itself the duty of informing Kenyans which political leaders are more corrupt than others.

The council must have heard of the Wiper- Kanu coalition talks as well as the ANC leader Musalia Mudavadi's numerous meetings in Western Kenya in a bid to unite the Luhya in readiness for 2022 presidential elections.

Considering the obtrusive cases of early campaigns, the decision to single out Ruto and his "Tanga Tanga" group is suspect. It is likely that the elders were holding a brief for the anti- Ruto campaigners.

If I am right, then the elders were no different from charlatans propagating a mendacious narrative for political expediency.

And this is everything elders shouldn't be; political brokers worshiping at the altar of self-centredness.

According to information displayed in the website of Kenya National Council of Elders Diaspora, members of council of elders should be people of integrity with good judgement and committed to the greater good of the community.

The elders should be custodians of community values. Their conduct should be morally permissible in society. They have the responsibility of promoting social cohesion and stability and the capacity to help the government enhance participatory processes in promoting national unity.

A council of elders that is worth its salt should join hands with the National Cohesion and Integration Commission in promoting positive ethnicity and promotion of peaceful coexistence and national cohesion and integration.

On political issues, the council should be non-aligned. Its conduct should be an embodiment of fairness and openness.

When calling out the political class on its waywardness, the council should do so firmly and without favouritism. The elders should also fearlessly call out the government on the runaway corruption that is threatening the very core of the nation and demand swift action against the corrupt.

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KOT yesterday reacted to reports that a woman with Ebola-like symptoms was undergoing treatment at a Kericho hospital.

Levi Sitati@sitati: When EBOLA was reported in Uganda, I raised this question to my County Government of Bungoma now that it's close to MALABA border but no one took it serious. Let's hope this suspected Ebola case in Kericho is not true.

Duncan@onyonka_duncan: I think W.H.O Stands for White Health Organization, as long this epidemic keeps torturing the black race, no one will be concerned.

Kao Chic™@Emmah017: Sad how Kenyan Government will confirm to all Kenyans that no case of Ebola has been detected in the country and they shall continue to be vigilant to ensure this state is maintained.

STREET talk

Top Judiciary official denied Europe visa

A senior judiciary official is spending sleepless nights after an embassy in Europe rejected his visa application. The member of the bench had applied for a visit to the European capital but it was turned down because of an ongoing case. He is worried that the rejection might add to his woes, as his job entails regular travel out of the country.

Politician's temper puts family on edge

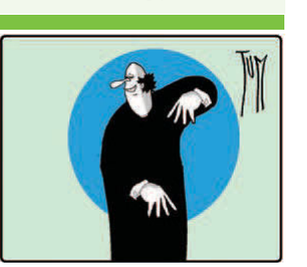
The wife of a senior politician was recently overheard confiding in a friend how the Handshake has affected her family. The woman is worried that the turn of events in the country's political landscape might have a huge impact on her husband's political future. The stress is spilling over to the home where family members tread with care lest they rub the man, whose temper has been on a particularly short leash, the wrong way.

Ex-MP gets no 'sitting allowance' at funeral

A former MP was left blushing during a funeral attended by top politicians in Nyanza. After failing to find a seat at the tent reserved for dignitaries, he tried to force his way to a seat between the mourning family and the VIPs, but family members told him to move away. He was not aware that the family had requested that politicians should not be seated near them.

ODM chair's call to Uhuru angers party

There was a shouting match at the end of a funeral in Nyanza after a statement by ODM chairman rubbed the party's top brass the wrong way. The hullaballoo was caused by a call to the President to name a successor. The statement did not amuse many people, including the party leader, who saw it as a misplaced request, made at the wrong place.



TRUTH IS: Our faith in God may not be great, but our faith is in a great God.

Peace Mission



Bishop Alfred Rotich of the Catholic Church hands Isiolo Deputy Governor Abdi Issa a certificate of participation during a seminar organised by Harmony Institute on inter-religious harmony held at Cardinal Otunga Plaza in Nairobi over the weekend. Looking on is Shiekh Ibrahim Lethome. Leaders called on the clergy to preach tolerance. PHOTO: KENNA CLAUDE

Knut official lauds bid to hire intern teachers

by Mathew Ndung'u
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A Kiambu county teachers' union official has supported plans by the government to employ interns to address the shortage occasioned by the increased student enrolment.

Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) Kiambu region secretary general Joe Mungai said teachers have been overwhelmed by workload after the government introduced 100 per cent transition policy.

He, however, said employment of the interns must be converted to permanent jobs after serving for a defined period. "These interns should be the first beneficiaries of permanent employment," Mungai said in Thika, yesterday.

These interns should be the first beneficiaries of employment -Mungai

He insisted that due process and law must be followed in the recruitment, adding that the government should define a period of internship service.

Elderly cash transfer plan changing lives, study says

Research conducted in Nairobi slums reveals there is need to reach out to more older persons

by Irene Githinji
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Research further showed insufficiency of OPCTP stipend to fully meet essential needs of beneficiaries

A research conducted in two informal settlements in Nairobi has shown the Older Persons Cash Transfer Programme (OPCTP) has helped raise the living standards of vulnerable people, despite glaring challenges involved in its implementation.

The research has however showed that the positive impact of the programme notwithstanding, there is still need to reach out to more older persons, who are yet to benefit from the Sh2,000 monthly stipend.

Findings of the research further showed that despite expansion and upscaling of the pension scheme, there are still knowledge gaps on uses of OPCT transfers by beneficiaries, the nature, extent and drivers of their effects on wellbeing of older beneficiaries and their families in urban and rural contexts.

Similarly, the government has been urged to tighten the programme because there is still a number of the elderly missing out on the stipends owing to what was termed as 'funds leakage'.

The research further showed insufficiency of OPCTP stipend to fully meet essential needs of beneficiaries with chronic disease conditions, disabilities, primary care responsibilities for younger kin, or those who lack additional income sources or own accommodation, suggests a need for an expansion of the level and types of protection offered.

The study focused on two informal settlements, Korogocho and Viwandani found more than a third of all current beneficiary households were classified as 'non-poor' based on money-metric measures.

It was a joint initiative between the Africa Population Health Research Centre (APHRC) Kenya in partnership with Centre for Research on Ageing (CRA) and University of Southampton.

CHALLENGES

The research has also identified some of the key challenges including Ad hoc information on payment schedules.

Similarly, the report indicated that faulty machine reading of beneficiaries' fingerprints leaves beneficiaries' unable to verify their identities and thus unable to collect OPCT stipends.



Jumwa endorsement insignificant, says MP

by David Shariff
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Kilifi North MP Owen Baya has dismissed the endorsement of Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa to run for the Kilifi governor's seat in 2022.

Baya (*pictured*) said Jumwa's endorsement by women leaders was meant to impress the media but had little significance for Kilifi politics.

He said the endorsement at Malindi Municipal Grounds over the weekend was done by women leaders from other counties and did not count much for Kilifi residents.

Addressing the press at Kilifi Vidaini beach when he met with fishermen to address their grievances, the legislator said he was ready to battle it out with Jumwa for the county's top seat come 2022.

Grief as Mbale school head dies in accident

by Enock Amukhale
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A Sombre mood engulfed Mbale Boys' High School in Vihiga county yesterday following the death of their principal Kennedy Okoth in a road accident.

Okoth died after he was involved in a road accident in Nakuru while heading to Western after attending Kenya Secondary Schools Heads Association conference in Mombasa last week.

Vihiga Kessha chairman Albert Masiolo led other principals eulogising their counterpart saying the death of Okoth was a big loss to the school.

Hard working

He described the deceased as friendly, mentor, hard working principal who was always ready to help others in time of need.

Nurse-patients ratio below set requirement, stakeholders warn

by Clement Kamau
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Stakeholders in the Health sector have raised concerns over nurses shortage in the country and want more deployed to health facilities.

Director of nursing services Mary Nandili said the country's patient to nurse ratio is far much below the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations.

According to a recent Health Workforce Status Report, WHO placed the nurse serving patients in Kenya to a ratio of 25:10,000 instead of the recommended 83:10,000.



Nursing services director Mary Nandili). PHOTO: CLEMENT KAMAU

Nandili spoke at the three-day 2nd Building Capacity for Nurses and Midwifery Leadership in Africa Conference at St Paul's University in Limuru.

Invest in research

During the event, the university also launched a Bachelor of Science in Nursing programme.

St Paul's University vice chancellor Joseph Galgalo said the institution will invest in research saying this will help students become creative and attain high standard of training.

Parents decry girls' suspension

by Henry Andanje
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Parents of eight students at St Monica Chakol Girls' School in Busia, who were suspended indefinitely a month ago for allegedly smoking bhang and engaging in lesbianism, are calling on Education ministry to help resolve the matter.

The students were reportedly ordered to go home by the school management following the allegations, without the knowledge of their parents and have not been recalled.

The students parents said majority of the learners are Form Four candidates whose fate is yet to be known because the school authority has not made any communication to them.

Defend self

Speaking to the press in Busia town on condition of anonymity, the parents accused the management of refusing to give the students a chance to defend themselves over the allegations.

The county Director of education Thadeus Awuor confirmed the incident, adding that investigations have been launched.

Investigations into the incident have been launched

Ruto to broker senators, MPs revenue truce

Governors opt to seek DP's help to reach a compromise on cash legislation

by Hillary Mageka
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Deputy President William Ruto is expected to chair a crucial meeting this morning to unlock a dispute on the legislation on sharing of revenue between the National and County governments.

The Division of Revenue Allocation Bill, 2019, collapsed last week after senators and MPs refused to cede ground, with the former maintaining counties should get Sh335 billion and the latter demanding Sh314 billion in allocations.

The stalemate implies the counties will not get funds from the National Treasury until a new bill is drafted and reintroduced in the two Houses.

Save counties

A meeting held yesterday by the Council of Governors (CoG) to discuss the way forward for counties, with regard to the failed mediation between Senate and National Assembly on County Equitable share, resolved to seek the DP's help to reach a compromise on the legislation.

> *We have sought Ruto's help so as to reach the opposing parties -Governor*

KEY MEETING

DP William Ruto is expected to chair a meeting this morning to unlock a dispute on sharing of revenue between the national and county governments.

CoG chair Wycliffe Oparanya says counties will be unable to offer services if impasse is unresolved.

"We have sought Ruto's help so as to reach the opposing parties to develop at the earliest opportunity a compromise version of the DORA bill," said a governor who attended the CoG's consultative meeting on the budget policy statement for financial year 2019/20 at Delta House.

The DORA bill spells out the sharing of revenue between the National and County governments for the 2019/20 financial year starting on July 1.



Deputy President William Ruto will today chair a meeting to resolve a revenue sharing stalemate. PHOTO: FILE

It will be a race against time for Ruto, who will be chairing the powerful Intergovernmental Budget and Economic Council (IBEC), to save counties from an imminent financial catastrophe that will ground their operations.

"The counties will be unable to offer services as required," CoG chairman Wycliffe Oparanya told *People Daily* yesterday.

"We therefore urge the Senate and the National Assembly to resolve this issue with urgency ," he added.

Discuss cash

During the IBEC meeting that will include the CoG, National Treasury Cabinet Secretary, the office of the Controller of Budget, the office of the Auditor General and the Commission on Revenue Allocation, the Sh108.41 billion accrued by county governments will be extensively discussed.

CS hints at Kenya, S Sudan trade ties

by Seth Onyango
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Kenya and South Sudan are set to sign far-reaching agreements to boost trade and investment between the two countries.

Foreign Affairs Cabinet secretary Monica Juma was optimistic the country will reap significant economic dividends from the fragile state of peace in South Sudan.

"We will be launching the first joint commission of corporations," she said.

Teams from the two countries are expected to hold negotiations on security and political cooperation with the two countries signing a memorandum of understanding yesterday morning regarding a joint border.

Kenya hopes to become the conduit of goods to South Sudan and edge out Uganda.

Speaking after meeting her South Sudanese counterpart Nhial Deng, Juma said both countries have agreed to boost trade relations ahead of a State visit by South Sudan President Salva Kiir.

Nemis hampers Sh4b healthcare plan for students

by Alvin Kariuki
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The Sh4 billion medical insurance scheme launched by President Uhuru Kenyatta last year for all public secondary school students has been hampered by logistical hitches in registering with the National Education Management Information System (Nemis).

Kenya Secondary School Heads Association (Kessha) chairman Kahi Indimuli said the barriers have left about 30 per cent of the learners out of the scheme.

Identify students

He said since the launch of the scheme in last April, most students, especially in rural schools, have not benefitted from the cover as they are yet to be registered with Nemis that identifies students to be covered by the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

The official, who spoke at a media briefing in Nairobi on Sunday evening, said about 800,000 out of the over three million students have not been registered with Nemis.

Indimuli said medical service providers, who have been enlisted by NHIF to provide health service to students, cannot identify them as beneficiaries.

"Not all students are captured by Nemis and this has become very stressful as it is only through the system that a student will get a premium of Sh1,350 per head for health insurance," he said.

To bolster implementation of the scheme, Indimuli (*pictured*) urged the government to provide dental and surgery services and ensure details of all students are captured in Nemis.

He said failure to register some students has also led to some schools missing out on funds from the government.



Governor shuts down private hospitals

by Mutuku Mwangangi
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Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua yesterday closed some health facilities operating "illegally" within a radius of 300 metres from the county referral hospital.

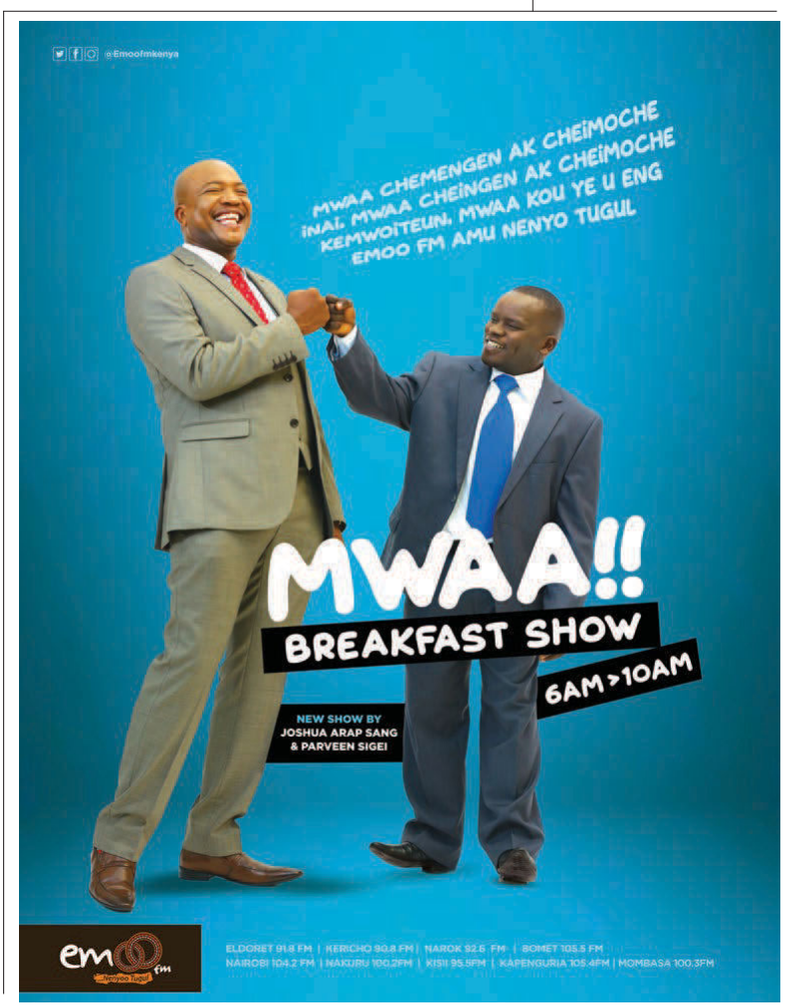
The move comes three months after the county boss issued a notice to all private health facilities operating close to public ones to relocate in a bid to tame drugs and supplies theft from government-owned centres.

The first to face Mutua's axe were chemists, laboratories and clinics, which were shut down and 19 people arrested.

"We are doing this in the interest of the general public, who are being exploited every day," said Mutua.

This comes after most residents claimed they were being referred to the private clinics and laboratories by some medical practitioners working in the public hospitals.

Addressing the press in Machakos town after the swoop, Mutua termed the trend "dangerous" and one of the greatest hindrances to the Universal Health Coverage programme.



Governor rejects doctors' demands

by David Macharia
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Laikipia Governor Ndiritu Muriithi yesterday said his government will not give striking doctors a pay increment because they are the highest paid county employees.

He warned the doctors that they risk being sacked because a court had declared the strike illegal.

"When the doctors gave the strike notice we went to court and the strike was declared illegal. So those doctors who have been on strike for the past two weeks can be dismissed any time for taking part in an illegal strike," said the Governor in his Nyahururu office.

Muriithi said doctors working in the county health facilities earn Sh350,000 per month, and added that "the county has no capacity to pay them more".

Release money

He termed the demand by the doctors as selfish, saying they are better paid compared to other professionals.

The Governor said the county is already spending 56 per cent of its revenue on salaries and it would not be logical to raise that by giving salary increments.

On late payment of workers' salaries, Muriithi (*pictured*) blamed the National government for delaying disbursement of funds to the county.

He claimed the delay by the National Treasury to release money to counties was part of a bigger scheme to kill devolution.

He, however, lauded employees for working hard to ensure the annual county revenue earnings increased from Sh460 million to Sh 800 million.



Kisumu new law to tame 'noisy' mourners for hire

Professional grievers found wailing around silent zones will be charged Sh2,000 and bereaved families Sh20,000

Many people, especially the businessmen, are complaining that the mourners are rowdy and some take advantage and steal from the shops -Onunga

by Baraka Karama
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They call themselves "professional mourners". When you meet them in action, you will be baffled or dumbfounded. But they will go ahead and wail and shed tears at a fee.

Sight of them moving around Kisumu central business district causes fear and panic among traders and investors. Their theatrics are often mistaken for a demonstration.

But now Kisumu County government has moved in to tame them, a move that could leave many jobless.

In a new law, professional mourners found wailing in certain areas will be instantly charged Sh2,000.

The designated areas that have been marked as silent zones include hospitals, schools and the town's CBD.

City director of environment Bernard Ojwang said enforcement officers will detain hearses ferrying bodies within the town and the deceased's family will be fined Sh20,000 instantly.

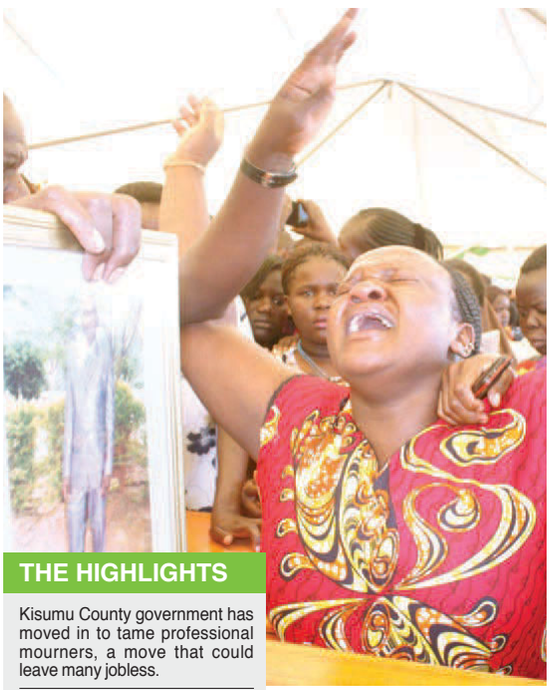
Cause tension

He said the enforcement follows a law that was passed by Kisumu County Assembly in 2014, after a motion that was moved by former MCA and Tourism committee chair Jacktone Onunga.

The new law that was signed by former governor Jack Ranguma had not yet been effected.

"Mourn in town at your own risk because our officers are alert and will arrest and charge those disturbing others in the name of mourning," said Ojwang yesterday.

In the law seen by *People Daily*, Onunga had argued that the mourners were scaring investors and causing tension within the CBD. While moving the motion he said: "Many people, especially the businessmen, are complaining that the mourners are rowdy and some take advantage and steal from the shops as they go around the town."



THE HIGHLIGHTS

Kisumu County government has moved in to tame professional mourners, a move that could leave many jobless.

In a new law that takes effect immediately, professional mourners found wailing in certain areas will be instantly charged Sh2,000.

Religious leaders in the area have supported the regulation.

Relatives mourn their loved one. Kisumu County government is enforcing a law that bars professional mourners from accessing certain areas in the town. PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

Collect funds

National Environment Management Authority (Nema) county director John Sande warned of stern action against those playing loud music within the silent zones while soliciting funds for the bereaved.

"It has become a norm that everywhere you go people play music to collect funds for their loved one. Anyone who does so without a licence will be arrested and charged," he said.

The professional mourners charge between Sh500 and Sh2,000 a day depending on the distance and the financial muscle of the deceased's family.

Erick Okoth, a boda boda operator in Kisumu, said the new law would affect their operations.

Okoth, who is based at Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital mortuary junction said: "We depend on this especially on Thursdays and Fridays when the bereaved families seek our services."

Religious leaders, however, support the county government's move, saying many people are abusing the culture of mourning.

Rafiq Hussein, a businessman, also supports the regulation.

Duo held in 'illegal cigar' deal

by Nancy Gitonga
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A Nairobi court has detained a driver and a conductor arrested on Friday while ferrying unaccustomed cigarettes in Luanda township on Kisumu-Busia highway, for three days to allow police to complete investigations in the matter.



Silas Njoroge and David Wachira appeared before Milimani magistrate Tobiko Sinkiyan (*pictured*), who detained them at Parklands Police Station.

Investigating Officer Patrick Gatua said police have not established the owner of the vehicle and they want to visit the Mastermind Company to know if the cigarettes are from Kenya or Uganda factories. The case will be mentioned on June 21.

Housing plan land 'grabbed'

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The construction of multi-billion-shilling low cost houses in Kapsabet town, Nandi county, under President Uhuru Kenyatta's affordable housing programme hangs in the balance.

This is after it emerged that a parcel of land earmarked for construction of 2,000 housing units was reportedly allocated to a private developer irregularly.

Area Governor Stephen Sang vowed to repossess the land, which he claimed was irregularly allocated to a private developer by the previous regime.

"This is a public land and I will ensure that it is returned for the purpose it was intended for," said Sang while addressing the press in Kapsabet town on Saturday.

He said the land was among assets transferred to the devolved unit from the defunct Kapsabet municipal council.

Dumpsite 'exposes' children to respiratory ailments

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Hundreds of children at Mwakirunge area in Mombasa are at risk of contracting respiratory diseases due to hazardous emissions from the Mwakirunge dumpsite.

The area is characterised by flies, smoke and foul smell.

For children in the area, the relocation of the Kibarani dumpsite did little to offer them a safe environment.

They are among hundreds of others who turned up for the Day of the African Child celebrations at Tononoka grounds in Mombasa.

Supply drugs

The children said they have nothing to smile about since "their rights were being violated".

Mishi Omar, 17, from Marimani Primary School in Mwakirunge area said relocation of the dumpsite from Kibarani to the area has caused more harm than good to children and the community in the area.

Omar claimed children from the villages surrounding the dumpsite suffer from endless infections.

She said some teenagers have dropped out of school to collect scrap metal and plastic waste for sale while others are being used to supply drugs at the site.

She urged the government to relocate the site or fence it off to keep minors away.

Diseases

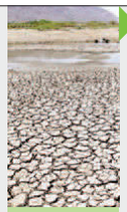
The children handed over a memorandum to Changamwe MP Omar Mwinyi on issues they want addressed.

These include insecurity in Kisauni, Mwakirunge and Bamburi and natural calamities such as floods in Utange, Mwakirunge, and Mishomoroni areas.

They also raised concern on the outbreak of diseases such as Chikungunya and cholera in Mwakirunge, drug and substance abuse, lack of parental care and sexual exploitation.

Mombasa county commissioner Evans Achoki, who officially flagged off the procession at Treasury square on Thursday, said children's rights must be protected, saying the government has given priority to children.

IN BRIEF


Drying lake

BRAIN DISEASE KILLS 97 INDIAN CHILDREN, 'HEAT CURFEW' IMPOSED

The Indian state of Bihar grappled Monday with twin crises, with a brain virus potentially linked to lychees killing almost 100 children and extreme heat leaving 78 people dead. The heatwave—India's second-longest on record—prompted authorities in part of the northern state to impose curfew-like restrictions. Daytime temperatures across large parts of India have hovered above 40°C for the past 32 days. -AFP


Wong

FREED STUDENT ACTIVIST CALLS ON HONG KONG LEADER TO RESIGN

Hong Kong's most prominent student activist, Joshua Wong, has called for the resignation of leader Carrie Lam, after walking free from prison. Wong, 22, became the face of the 2014 pro-democracy protests which called for the city to pick its own leaders. People in Hong Kong are again out on the streets, this time against a controversial bill which would allow extradition to mainland China. China has said it will continue to support Lam. BBC


Survivors

AT LEAST 30 KILLED IN TRIPLE SUICIDE BOMBING IN NORTHEAST NIGERIA

Thirty people were killed in a triple suicide bombing in north-east Nigeria, emergency services reported, in an attack bearing the hallmarks of the Boko Haram group. Three bombers detonated their explosives outside a hall in Konduga where football fans were watching a match on TV. "Death toll from the attack has increased to 30. We have over 40 people injured," Usman Kachalla, head of operations at State Emergency Management Agency, said. -AFP


Energy plant

IRAN ANNOUNCES IT WILL BREACH ENRICHED URANIUM LIMIT IN 10 DAYS

Iran has announced it will breach on June 27 the limit on its stockpile of enriched uranium that was set under a 2015 nuclear deal with world powers. Its atomic energy agency said it had quadrupled production of the material, which is used to make reactor fuel and potentially nuclear weapons. But it added there was "still time" for European countries to act by protecting Iran from reinstated US sanctions. The UK, France and Germany have warned Iran not to violate the deal. - BBC



European Union Brussels summit meeting is on Thursday and Friday is expected to address climate neutrality issues. PHOTO: AGENCY

EU to debate call for zero carbon emmission by 2050

Brussels, Monday

EU leaders will this week discuss setting a target of zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, European officials said Monday, following elections that highlighted climate fears.

European Union leaders meeting Thursday and Friday in Brussels will debate the 2050 target of "climate neutrality" that the environmental group WWF says now has the support of 16 of the EU's 28 countries.

"As the effects of climate change becomes more visible and pervasive, we urgently need to step up our action to manage this existential threat," a draft of EU's strategic agenda for the next six years says.

"The EU can and must lead the way, by engaging in an in-depth transformation of its own economy and society to achieve climate neutrality," according to the draft, which was obtained by AFP.

The draft contained a footnote saying the wording may be adjusted to reflect the results of the summit debate, which an EU source said would focus on the 2050 target.

> *The EU must lead the way, by engaging in an in-depth transformation of economy*

The source told AFP on condition of anonymity that a number of EU countries still want to discuss ways to finance the transformation from an economy dependent on fossil fuels to one driven by clean energy.

"There is a huge difference in cost for Sweden and Romania. Eastern Europeans are not necessarily against the target," the source said, referring to the region's dependence on coal-fired plants. "I'm sure everyone will agree on this target, but only in December when the leaders hold their annual year-end summit," he added.

Ex-Egyptian leader Morsi, 67, dies after fainting in court

Islamist leader has been in prison since his ouster, tried for several cases including spying for Iran

Cairo, Monday

Former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi died on Monday in a Cairo hospital after fainting during a session in court, judicial and security sources said.

"He was speaking before the judge for 20 minutes then became very animated and fainted. He was quickly rushed to the hospital where he later died," a judicial source said.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a strong ally of the Islamist president during his brief tenure as Egypt's leader, paid tribute to Morsi and called him a "martyr".

Mass protests

Morsi, 67, became Egypt's first democratically elected president in 2012 after the 2011 Arab Spring saw the end of President Hosni Mubarak's 30-year rule. He was then deposed following mass protests and a military coup in July 2013.



HIS PLEDGE

When taking office in June 2012, the bearded and bespectacled Mohammed Morsi (*pictured*) promised to be president "of all Egyptians" and was feted by cheering crowds in Cairo's iconic Tahrir Square.

But he was soon accused of failing to represent all Egyptians and of trampling the ideals of the anti-Mubarak uprising.

He served just one year of a four-year term, while the organisation to which he belonged, the Muslim Brotherhood, has since been outlawed. The Cairo Criminal Court had adjourned the trial of Morsi and 23 others in the case of "collaborating with Hamas" for tomorrow.

The Islamist leader has been in prison since his ouster on trial for several cases including for spying for Iran, Qatar and militant groups such as Hamas in the Gaza Strip. He was also accused of plotting terror acts.

Since his overthrow, his former defence minister now President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has waged an ongoing crackdown targeting his supporters from the Muslim Brotherhood with thousands jailed and hundreds facing death sentences.

Morsi was sentenced to death in May 2015 for his role in jailbreaks during the uprising that ousted his predecessor, longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak. He successfully appealed and was awaiting the final ruling of a retrial when he died in a Cairo hospital after fainting during an "animated" session in court, judicial and security sources said.

He was not the Brotherhood's first choice for president. Nicknamed "The Spare Tyre", Morsi emerged as a compromise candidate to run in Egypt's first democratic presidential election in 2012.

- Agencies

Ethiopian Airlines now rejects 'pilot error' claim in US

London, Monday

A US politician who blamed pilot error for contributing to the deadly crash of a Boeing 737 Max flown by Ethiopian Airlines was "seriously misinformed", the carrier's boss has said.

Republican Sam Graves told a House of Representatives hearing last month that "facts" in investigations after crashes in both Ethiopia and Indonesia "reveal pilot error as a factor in these tragically fatal accidents". He also said "pilots trained in the United States would have successfully handled the situation" in both incidents.

But in a BBC interview aired Monday, Ethiopian Airlines chief executive Tewolde GebreMariam (*pictured*) said criticisms of his crew's actions were "seriously misinformed", and that Graves did not "have the facts in his hands".

The 737 MAX 8 is currently grounded worldwide after the March crash of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, which killed all 157 people onboard and drew scrutiny to the new Boeing model's anti-stall system.

Pilots were already worried about the safety of the model following the October 2018 crash in Indonesia of a Lion Air 737 MAX 8 that killed 189 people.

Boeing is working to submit a modified version of the aircraft's software and hopes to get the approval of the US Federal Aviation Administration and its counterparts throughout the world. - AFP



Briefing



Portuguese business centre to shore trade

COMMERCE: Trade between Kenya and Portugal will experience growth following the launch of the Portugese Business Council, Kenya, which seeks to increase economic opportunities for traders from the two countries. "The Portuguese Business Council will provide networking opportunities for businesses and individuals from both nations while at the same time working with relevant agencies to ensure there is ease in doing business," said, João Ramos, a founding member of the council. Over the last few years, Kenya has been spearheading high-level talks with Portugal aimed at increasing cooperation between the two countries. Between 2010 and 2017 trade between Kenya and Portugal increased by 53 per cent to stand at Sh1.7 billion. –LEWIS NJOKA



Mobile lender, Tala marks fifth birthday

CELEBRATION: Tala, a lending Application which launched locally as Mkopo Rahisi in 2014, celebrated its fifth anniversary yesterday. "Financial inclusion is an important condition for sustainable and equitable growth. Over the past five years we have witnessed first-hand the socio-economic impact of digital lending amongst households and micro-entrepreneurs," said Tala head of business in Kenya Ivan Mbowa, adding: "With more that 90 per cent loan repayment rate, Tala has been the difference for millions of Kenyans hustling their way into the global middle class." Mbowa said that the company has made significant progress in the past five years. –LEWIS NJOKA

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BusinessHub

Small businesses to feel pinch of tax changes as earnings shrink

Levies will see closure of businesses, loss of jobs and income stagnation

by Peter Okong'o
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Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are bracing for changes spelt out in the Finance Bill that will severely erode their already dwindling profits.

Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich has reintroduced the dreaded turnover tax of three per cent on gross earnings for businesses reporting annual turnovers of less than Sh5 million.

MSMEs will also have to pay presumptive tax of 15 per cent of business licences.

Finance Bill

The significance of the tax changes in the Finance Bill hit home when considering that MSMEs constitute 98 per cent of businesses in Kenya according to a budget brief by Ernst and Young (EY).

MSMEs are barely feeling the economic growth trumpeted by Rotich and are struggling to make ends meet, notes EY, due to limited access to loans from commercial banks and difficult operating conditions.

Although the CS plans to reintroduce a bill in Parliament to repeal the law capping interest rates, there is no guarantee that it will pass and even if it does continued heavy domestic borrowing by the government will still crowd out most MSMEs.

"The three per cent turnover tax is unfair considering that MSMEs are paying several other taxes. The government should be offering them incentives to encourage growth, not imposing extra taxes," said Solomon Kimani, a logistic business owner.

His views were echoed by Arnold Murithi, a trader, who said that re-introducing the tax will only serve to worsen the business environment.

"The business environment is so bad that most of us are unable to repay our loans. This tax will only lead to the death of more small businesses," said Murithi.

Businesses will still have to pay corporation tax which has now been expanded to include investors in the digital economy.

The tax will be levied on business profits further reducing the value of retained earnings.

Business migration

The real danger is that many investors could move their businesses to more tax-friendly countries to escape the burden of paying a combination of corporate and consumption-based levies.

Turnover tax will also ultimately make Kenyan exports less competitive in external markets, ultimately, leading to loss of jobs, thereby undermining key targets of the Third Medium Term Plan.

Most wages will also remain stagnant.

As part of efforts to expand the government's narrow tax base, Rotich also wants to extend withholding tax to services such as security, cleaning, fumigation, catering, transport, sales promotion and advertising which are largely MSME-based.

Previously the tax was limited to individuals and firms providing management and professional services.

The story gets worse with the 150 per cent increase in the Capital Gains Tax (CGT). This is charged on the profit made from selling certain types of assets, specifically stock market investments or real estate property and is calculated as the total sale price minus the original cost of the asset.

The cost to the economy of a higher CGT will be felt in a reduction on the returns of investments in real estate.

Additional reporting by Lewis Njoka

POSITIVE MEASURES

To offset the impact of the tax changes, Treasury has proposed faster cargo clearance and an end to further inspection after Pre-shipment Verification of Conformity.

It will also consolidate the Uwezo, Youth Enterprise and Development funds into the Biashara Kenya Fund, to improve access to credit, and reduce bureaucracy.

15pc
Percentage of value of business licences that will go towards the presumptive tax.

Selling Bid



National Bank chairman Mohamed Hassan (right) speaks to shareholders during the 50th Annual General Meeting. The bank's shareholders approved the conditional conversion of preference shares into ordinary shares upon completion of a proposed takeover bid by KCB Group or a competing bid. PHOTO: ALICE MBURU

Shilling weakens following demonitisation, Budget reading

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The shilling weakened against the dollar yesterday as the trickle-down effect of demonitisation led to excess liquidity in the money markets with increased dollar demand.

Foreigners selling off at the Nairobi Security Exchange (NSE) also informed ripples in the market with banks quoting the shilling at 101.95/102.15 against the dollar.

Banks quoted the shilling between 101.80/102 as at Friday's close.

"There is more demand for dollars due to capital inflows and outflows. However, there is more demand for dollars as people get out the Sh1,000 notes," said Amana Chief investment officer Reginald Kadzutu.



Heightened dollar demand from oil and merchandise importers also informed the surge from last week when the shilling started to weaken on account of surplus liquidity in the local money market.

Sh102
Value of the shilling against the dollar as quoted by banks as at close of business Friday.

Budget deficit

This came even as players in the market considered options after proposals in the 2019/20 Budget were made public by Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich on Thursday.

Banks had quoted the shilling at 101.65/85 per dollar, compared with 101.55/75 at Thursday's close.

Rotich said that he will seal the Budget gap through net local borrowing of Sh283.5 billion.

During last month's Madaraka day celebrations Central Bank of Kenya Governor Patrick Njoroge announced the demonitisation of the currency.

Njoroge also said the old Sh 1,000 series will not be legal tender in three months.

Aly Khan Satchu weighed in on the matter saying that the current +0.26 per cent hike to just over 102 is hardly an earth shattering move.

"I suspect given that there is an imminent redemption, some hedging might have been conducted which put pressure on the currency," he said.

Parliament will block any attempt to repeal rate cap, says MP



Nairobi, Monday

Parliament will block an attempt to repeal a cap on commercial lending rates, Jude Njomo, the legislator who sponsored the law imposing the cap said yesterday.

Introduced in September 2016, the cap limits lending rates to four percentage points above the central bank rate, now nine per cent.

It was supposed to cut the costs of credit for businesses and private consumers, boosting access to loans. In his budget speech to Parliament last week, Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich proposed repealing the cap.

Lending to customers

He said it was keeping banks from lending to customers they considered too risky.

A similar attempt to remove the cap last year was rejected by lawmakers.Njomo *(pictured)*, a Parliamentarian from the ruling party, said the Treasury was being obstinate. "These guys don't want to accept the reality, so they keep on pushing. The reality is that the capping of interest rates is here to stay," he told *Reuters*.

He accused the minister of siding with commercial banks, rather than the citizens. The law is changed by people who listen to wananchi (citizens) ... That (proposed amendment) will not see the light of day," he said. Private-sector credit expanded by 4.9 per cent in the year to April, the Central Bank said, well below the ideal growth rate of 12 to 15 per cent.

In March, the High Court gave Parliament a year to redraft the law capping rates, saying the original was not in line with the Constitution. Njomo said he has drafted a new bill to fix the wording in line with High Court's ruling. "It has already gone through some of the steps it needs to before it is tabled in the house ... we will do it within the time frame that was given by the High Court," he said.

Kimani Ichung'wah, the chairman of National Assembly's Budget Committee, also said he did not expect the proposed repeal to get through the house."The government has a responsibility to protect borrowers," he said. –REUTERS

MPs oppose Boda Boda insurance

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Two members of the National Assembly want the Finance Committee chaired by Joseph Limo to reject Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich's Boda Boda and Tuk Tuk insurance requirements. Amending the insurance rules to require all Boda Bodas and Tuk Tuk taxis to have cover for passengers and pedestrians would be counterproductive, they said. The legislators claimed that the proposals if passed would hurt the low-income earners who are the riders, adding that the insurance companies may also take advantage of them. Addressing a news conference at Parliament Buildings yesterday, the MPs, Anthony Oluoch (Mathare) and Caleb Amisi (Saboti) said instead of the government making it hard for the riders to operate, it should focus on fighting corruption and recover lost monies which can go a long way in providing cover for law-abiding boda boda operators.

Focus on varsity as probe starts

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Kisumu County Assembly has launched investigations into the validity of revenue collection contract awarded to Strathmore University. Public Accounts and Investment Committee has been tasked to probe the contract signed between the county government and the university after it emerged that the county's revenue target has since dropped.The watchdog committee is expected to report its findings on the issue within three weeks. The move was necessitated by a statement regarding the revenue collection contract sought by South East Nyakach Ward Representative Johnson Guya. In his statement tabled in the House last week Thursday, Guya sought for clarification based on the benefits the contract had brought to the county in terms of revenue collection.

Low agriculture financing a risk to food security

Experts say sector allocated three per cent of 2019/20 budget is severely underfunded despite being a key driver of economic growth

by Lewis Njoka
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The new revenue allocation formula should give counties an allocation specifically for agriculture to help them achieve their food security goals – Timothy Njagi

Food security experts are questioning whether the country can still realise the goal of food security as espoused in the Big Four agenda, given the shrinking financial support for agriculture sector.

Layla Liebetrau, Route to Food Initiative's project head faulted the budget, saying it did not reflect the political prominence and commitment the government has given to food security under the Big Four agenda – critical to President Uhuru Kenyatta's legacy. "The government spending on agriculture is inadequate, poorly targeted, and one that cannot result in food security for all as envisioned in the Constitution," she added.

In the 2019/2020 budget presented by National Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich last Thursday, the sector, which employs over 70 per cent of population, was allocated only Sh59.1 billion, equivalent to three per cent of the total budget. The allocation is for agriculture, rural and urban development.

Agriculture quota is to be shared among its six sub-sectors of which Sh3 billion will go to coffee, Sh2 billion to value addition, Sh7.9 billion to irrigation, Sh1 billion to crop diversification, Sh0.8 billion to improve fish landing sites and Sh0.7 billion to smallholder dairy farmers.

Agriculture quota was lower than the amount allocated to health at five per cent, national security at nine per cent, and was only equal to that allocated to social protection, culture and recreation. Experts say the allocation is barely enough considering that agriculture, livestock, fisheries and the blue economy contribute about 52 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), account for 57 per cent of exports and provide 60 per cent of employment in rural areas.

The allocation also seems to have put a spotlight on the different views held by food security experts on how financial support should be given out to players in agriculture sector.

While Liebetrau observed that the bulk of agricultural resources allocated in the budget went to support large-scale farming ignoring smallholder farmers, Timothy Njagi, a research fellow at Tegemeo Institute, a food security think-tank, holds contrary view.

Offering incentives

Njagi said the government should consider offering incentives and subsidies to large-scale farmers as opposed to smallholder farmers in line with Agricultural Growth and Transformation Strategy, saying it was the only economical way to achieve food security.

He also believes the real problem is in utilisation, not total budgetary allocation per se.

"The three per cent allocation is not bad, the real problem is inefficiency in how it is utilised as several of the allocations made from the national government cut, such as smallholder dairy and fish landing sites are best left to county governments," he said.

"What's the point of allocating so much (money) to Galana-Kulalu or what does the allocation to miraa farmers really do?" posed Njagi.

He said the new revenue allocation formula should give counties an allocation specifically for agriculture to help them achieve their food security goals. "Agriculture should be adequately funded at both national and county levels as it is a devolved function," the researcher added.

Njagi said Kenya is still a long way from attaining food security considering that 32 per cent of the country's population still lack enough food.

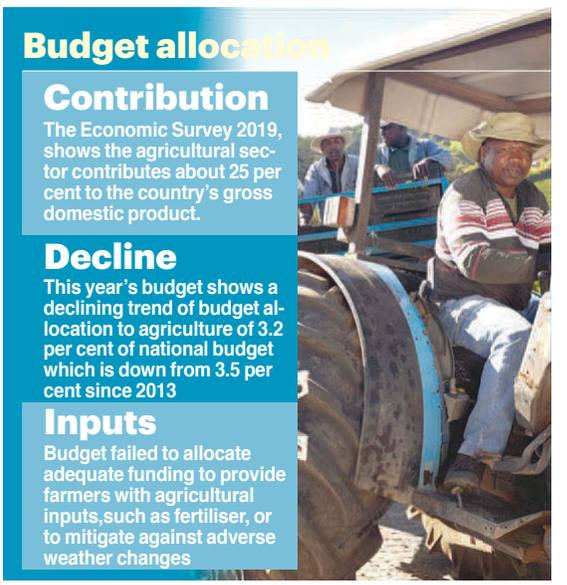
"We need to come up with a policy that makes it easier to lease land, farm in large-scale and discourage farming that makes no economic sense," he said.

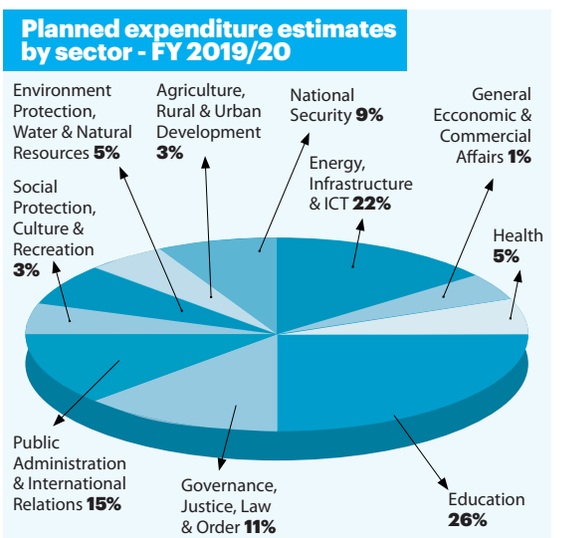
Food security, Njagi argued, can best be attained when only a few capable investors farm while the rest find jobs in agro-processing and other sectors as opposed to the current situation where the majority of the population is engaged in subsistence farming.

He called on the government to ensure that the allocation to agriculture is spent efficiently and avoid duplicate funding to projects already receiving money from county governments.

The budget failed to allocate adequate funding to provide farmers with quality agricultural inputs or mitigate against adverse weather changes and other risks that face the agriculture sector.

In its report on 2019/2020 budget estimates, Kimani Ichung'wa-led Budgetary Allocations Committee decried the reduction of the fertiliser subsidy allocation.





Banks report increased loan defaults

Real estate, manufacturing, retail drove up NPLs by 0.8pc in the first quarter

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Commercial banks need to tighten their credit standards to contain the rising levels of non-performing loans (NPLs), which have increased by 0.8 percentage points from the first quarter (Q1) of this year.

The tightening of credit standards will allow commercial banks to manage the industry-wide deteriorating asset quality.

According to a report released yesterday by Cytonn Investment Management, the level of NPLs remains a major concern within the banking sector.

Caleb Mugendi an investment associate at Cytonn said real estate, manufacturing and retail sector were the major contributors to the increasing levels of NPLs.

Bottom line

"The weighted average gross NPL ratio for the listed banks declined from 9.6 per cent in Q1 2018 to 10.4 per cent in the subsequent quarter this year and if the trend persists, it will impact on banks' bottom line, due to associated impairment charges, especially after adoption of the new IFRS 9 standard," he said.

Mugendi attributed increase in NPLs partly to non-payment of pending bills by counties and national government.

During the Budget day, Treasury said that it has set aside Sh10 billion to offset part of the Sh300 billion which it owed business entities.

Mugendi asked commercial banks to focus on improving efficiency, growing non-funded income and containing asset quality deterioration to boost their earnings.

Ian Kagira, an investment analyst said banks had improved performance on aggregate, as they recorded improved profitability, in a relatively tough operating environment.

"Increased emphasis on operating efficiency by banks seems to be bearing fruit, which was further supported by a recovery in interest revenue, largely supported by the asset re-allocation to government securities, and increased lending to specific segments,"said Kagira.

DEPOSITS GROWTH

The banking sector continued to record a relatively strong balance sheet growth, as deposits grew by 11 per cent, faster than loans which grew by 7.7 per cent in Q1 2019.

Loan growth for the period was faster than the 6.1 per cent year on year growth recorded in Q1 of 2018, on higher segmented lending by banks to corporate and secured borrowers.



MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW		VWAP	PREVIOUS PRICE	VOLUME
		AGRICULTURAL			
22.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25	12.00	12.00	400
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Plc Ord.5.00		310.00	-
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Kenya Plc Ord Ord 5.00	67.00	62.00	100
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00		450.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	18.25	17.70	17,200
180.00	134.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	140.00	139.75	100
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00		24.30	-
		BANKING			
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	10.30	10.35	139,700
33.00	28.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80		28.00	-
220.00	112.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	113.00	112.25	8,800
57.00	31.00	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	39.80	40.00	533,800
13.40	3.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	4.39	4.40	27,600
130.00	52.00	I&M Holdings Plc Ord 1.00	54.00	55.00	10,300
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	39.50	39.65	440,300
12.25	3.70	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	4.28	4.38	2,900
44.50	20.50	NIC Group Plc Ord 5.00	31.50	31.60	24,700
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	100.00	100.75	100
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	192.50	194.75	100
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.35	12.40	531,900
		COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES			
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
4.65	0.85	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00	0.90	0.95	39,800
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	5.80	6.00	51,100
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	3.84	3.86	20,600
8.75	3.90	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	7.12	7.54	20,400
8.40	0.89	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord. 1.00	0.90	0.93	300
125.00	50.00	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	51.00	51.00	700
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	3.01	3.00	8,200
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00		30.00	-
38.00	18.05	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	20.00	19.95	200
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.67	0.61	11,000
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	11.15	11.10	20,700
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	-
187.00	112.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	120.00	118.00	2,200
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		82.00	-
5.20	2.10	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	2.79	2.79	600
26.00	12.60	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	16.00	16.15	100
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
9.00	5.46	KenGen Co. Plc Ord. 2.50	6.06	6.16	41,700
23.00	12.80	KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05		22.00	-
8.00	3.05	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	3.90	3.90	321,900
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	28.00	26.70	100
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50		8.32	-
		INSURANCE			
15.85	8.00	Britam Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	8.52	8.32	15,300
5.40	3.20	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord.1.00	3.57	3.66	62,300
540.00	366.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	390.00	410.00	100
19.25	10.55	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	4.24	14.75	201,600
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	11.00	11.00	27,000
26.50	18.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	22.30	22.90	1,200
		INVESTMENT			
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	33.95	34.00	510,700
1.15	0.45	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.67	0.70	86,200
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		2.36	-
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50	4.16	4.14	600
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
21.00	12.20	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	12.45	12.50	10,500
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
100.00	58.00	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		65.00	-
725.00	492.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00		504.00	-
12.50	7.70	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	8.80	8.00	6,000
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	204.25	205.00	186,300
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	2.81	2.84	600
82.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00		12.60	-
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.38	0.39	160,900
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	36.00	38.00	100
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	27.25	27.20	20,526,800
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
12.30	7.60	STANLIB FAHARI I-REIT. Ord.20.00	8.80	9.02	20,200
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1275.00	1165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1295i	1235.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 1.65 points to close at 148.47
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 21.08 points to close at 2685.70
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 38.71 points to close at 3599.27

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (17/6/2019)

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Kisumu	Nakuru	Eldoret
Dry Maize	90	3500	3400	4400	2700	3200
Green Maize	115	2800	3500	3200	2200	2000
Finger Millet	90	7200	6750	10000	6300	8100
Sorghum	90	4000	3150	4000	5000	5400
Wheat	90					3000
Beans Canadian	90	9000		9200	7000	
Beans Rosecoco	90	6000	7400	9200	8500	9900
Beans Mwitemania	90	7200	8000		5850	9000
Mwezi Moja	90	5400			7000	
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	10100	10800		8500	11700
Green Gram	90	12400	10800	10000	10800	12600
Cowpeas	90	6300	5400	10000	9000	7200
Fresh Peas	51	4080	6500	3000	5100	3570
Groundnuts	110	12500	12100	10000	9900	10350
Red Irish Potatoes	50	2500	2600	2500		2600
White Irish Potatoes	50	2250	2600	2500	2500	2400
Cassava Fresh	99	2600	2800	3000		
Sweet Potatoes	98	3600	2900	3000	3500	4600
Cabbages	126	2200	2600	1400	1800	2200
Cooking Bananas	22	500	590	400	300	1400
Ripe Bananas	14	650	500	350	750	700
Carrots	138	6000	8400	3700	6400	4500
Tomatoes	64	7000	6500	8500	8000	6000
Onions Dry	13	845	1100	1200	900	1260
Spring Onions	142	3600	4000	3000	4500	
Chillies	38	2850	2280	1500	4000	
Cucumber	50	2800	2000			
Capsicums	50	3250	3000	2400	3500	2000
Brinjals	44	2250	1100	1500	3000	3500
Cauliflower	39	2950	3120			
Lettuce	51	3500	2800	2500		
Passion Fruits	57	6000	6000	2800	5500	4560
Oranges	93	2800	2400	3200	6000	3800
Lemons	95	2850	2300	2000	3000	
Mangoes Local	126	2800	1400	2500	2400	2400
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1250	1000	1800	500	1200
Limes	13	1300	1500			
Pineapples	13	960	900	650	600	1170
Pawpaw	54	2700	1300	1500	3500	2160
Avocado	90	2500	3500	2200	3500	3000
Kales	50	2200	1700	1500	700	800
Eggs		280	300	280	280	300

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 17/6/2019

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	101.8167	101.7167	101.9167
SW KRONER	10.7550	10.7428	10.7673
STG POUND	128.5981	128.4528	128.7433
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	74.3486	74.2620	74.4352
SAUDI RIYAL	27.1482	27.1208	27.1756
SA RAND	6.8758	6.8671	6.8845
S FRANC	102.1538	102.0330	102.2746
NOR KRONER	11.7021	11.6886	11.7156
KES / USHS	36.8015	36.7163	36.8868
KES / TSHS	22.5897	22.5184	22.6610
KES / RWF	8.9428	8.9242	8.9614
KES / BIF	18.0326	17.8774	18.1878
JPY (100)	93.9572	93.8519	94.0625
IND RUPEE	1.4600	1.4581	1.4618
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.0084	12.9956	13.0212
EURO	114.5142	114.3889	114.6394
DAN KRONER	15.3281	15.3119	15.3443
CHINESE YUAN	14.7054	14.6902	14.7206
CAN $	76.1417	76.0555	76.2279
AUSTRALIAN $	70.0906	70.0116	70.1696
AE DIRHAM	27.7192	27.6893	27.7490

Experts warn synthetic fertiliser crippling food output

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Agriculture value chain players want farmers to minimise the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilisers claiming the same are curtailing food production.

They argue that overuse of commercial fertiliser and pesticides has led to high acidity levels in soils and thus is to blame for low crop production in the country.

Tomorrow, international and local agricultural organisations will kick off a four day conference in Nairobi to discuss how to substantially and sustainably reduce the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilisers.



500
Delegates attending the conference to discuss alternative pesticides and fertilisers in Nairobi.

The conference to be attended by more than 500 agriculture value chain players, will also discuss the dangers of genetically modified organisms.

It will be hosted by the World Food Preservation Centre (WFPC), IFOAM Organics International and Biovision Africa Trust and their local and international partners.

BvAT executive director David Amudavi said the use of harmful pesticides and substandard fertilisers has prompted the discussion on strategies to increase the uptake of agro-ecological programmes and initiatives.

Ecological trade

The first International Conference on Agroecology Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems in Africa to be held between June 18 and 21 will also provide a platform for discussions on how to enhance ecological trade in the region.

"This conference will seek to provide robust scientific evidence to demonstrate that synthetic pesticides pose a major risk with regard to human, animal, and plant health," said Charles Wilson, the Founder of WFPC, adding: "The speakers will provide concrete evidence that we need to protect and promote soil health as a critical first step to achieving human health."

Amudavi said past research findings indicate that an estimated 3.5 billion kilogrammes of pesticides is applied to crops each year.

"The number is steadily increasing as developing nations are steadily transitioning over to chemical-based agriculture in a misguided and misinformed effort to increase yield and lower cost. The use of chemical fertilisers and pesticides has been linked to a number of environmental problems," said Amudavi.

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Sources of revenue for governments

Governments across the world have numerous channels through which they collect monies for their programmes. In Africa, most of the sources of revenue is mainly from diaspora, domestic taxes and donor funds. Here are some of the revenue streams countries tap into, according to Tax Foundation, a leading source of tax information



1. Taxes on goods and services

Consumption taxes are levied on spending on goods and services. These are in the form of excise taxes, value added taxes, or retail sales taxes. Most governments apply a retail sales tax on the final sale of most products and excise taxes on the production of goods such as cigarettes and alcohol which in certain spheres is referred to as sin tax. The tax can be directly or indirectly imposed on the people being taxed. The rate of taxation in a country will keep changing depending on the reasons provoking the government to charge people taxes.

2. Property tax

It is levied on the value of an individual's or business' property. Property taxes are mostly based on real property, although some countries do tax certain items of personal property. Office buildings are usually taxed according to the rental income they provide for their owners. In medieval Europe, property taxes were based on the size of a piece of land. Generally speaking, the larger the piece of land was, the higher the real estate property tax was. Some property belongs to the government and can be used as a channel for making more money in return. The income that comes from such projects is considered to be public revenue.

3. Donor funding (loans and grants)

These are monies which governments receive for specific development projects. Mostly they are meant to galvanise a country from areas of interest such as health and infrastructure programmes. Donor-specific benefits dissuade donor nations from free riding on other nations – foreign aid contributions – because these benefits can only be achieved by giving. Foreign aid is targeted at the core sectors. There are conditions that are pegged to such facilities which mean that governance and accountability are usually essential. Grants might have limited conditions since they do not attract interest.

4. Fines

These are penalties slapped on offenders on various grounds. Citizens are expected to pay heavy fines to the government when they continually break rules and affect innocent parties by their unhealthy and inhuman behaviour. The amount of a fine can be determined case by case, but it is often announced in advance. The most usual use of the term is for financial punishments for the commission of crimes, especially minor crimes, or as the settlement of a claim. One common example of a fine is money paid for violations of traffic laws. Currently in English common law, relatively small fines are used either in place of or alongside community service orders for low-level criminal offences.

5. Social insurance

Social insurance taxes are typically levied to fund specific programmes such as unemployment insurance, health insurance, and old age insurance. In most countries, these taxes are applied to both an individual's wages and an employer's payroll. For example, United States levies social insurance taxes at both the state and federal level to fund programmes such as social security, medicare, and unemployment insurance. In Kenya the most prominent social taxes available to the employees directly deducted by their employers are National Health Insurance Fund and National Social Service Fund.

6. Natural resources

These can be taxed under the income tax system and be subject to special resource taxes. Oil, gas, minerals, timber, alternative energy, and renewable energy resources are natural resources that may receive different tax treatment than other property. In most countries, the income tax treats resource industries more favourably than most other industries – through favourable treatment of such capital expenses as depletion, exploration and development, and the cost of acquiring resource properties. The case for special resource taxes is precisely to tax resource rents over and above the levies implicit in general income taxes. Some of the taxes designed around a country's wealth attempt to include capital income on a uniform basis.

7. Government bond

This is a debt security issued by a government to support State spending. They are issued by a national government, generally with a promise to pay periodic interest payments called coupon payments and to repay the face value on the maturity date. They are considered low-risk investments since the issuing government backs them. Some Treasury bonds trade in the secondary market. Individual investors, working with a financial institution or broker, can buy and sell previously issued bonds through this marketplace. However, government-backed bonds, particularly those in emerging markets, can carry risks that include country risk, political risk, and central bank risk.

8. Corporate income taxation

It is a direct tax on corporate profits. However, many countries differ substantially in how they define taxable income and the rate at which they apply the tax. Generally, the corporate income tax raises little revenue compared to other sources. In Kenya, for instance, non-resident companies are subject to corporate income tax (CIT) only on the trading profits attributable to a Kenyan permanent establishment. The rate of CIT for resident companies, including subsidiaries of foreign companies, is 30 per cent. At the same time, companies that are based outside Kenya but operate in the country or have a branch here, pay corporation tax on income accrued within the country only.

9. Individual income taxes

Income taxes are levied directly on an individual's income, beginning with wage income. Many nations, such as United States, also levy their individual income tax on investment income such as capital gains, dividends, interest, and business income. These taxes are typically levied in a progressive manner, meaning that an individual's average tax rate increases as income increases. In Kenya, PAYE (Pay As You Earn), is one of the many statutory taxes collected from individuals engaged in gainful employment. Under this, the employers make a deduction of a particular percentage from the salary. This percentage is forwarded to the Kenya Revenue Authority on monthly basis. Of the many statutory taxes in Kenya, PAYE applies to bonuses, director's fees, commission, weekly wages, monthly and annual salaries.

10. Local authority fees

Refers to the amounts received from the various direct services that are offered to the public. The services are provided by the local authority with a good example being the parking fees charged daily in urban centres. Monies collected by the central or local authority from the many number of commercial activities that take place in the country are also very essential to the development of a country. Governments are also trying to develop advanced means of collecting money from people when demand shows that need exists. However, in this instance, low fees are the trick to encourage sustainability because most of the taxed are low-end traders.

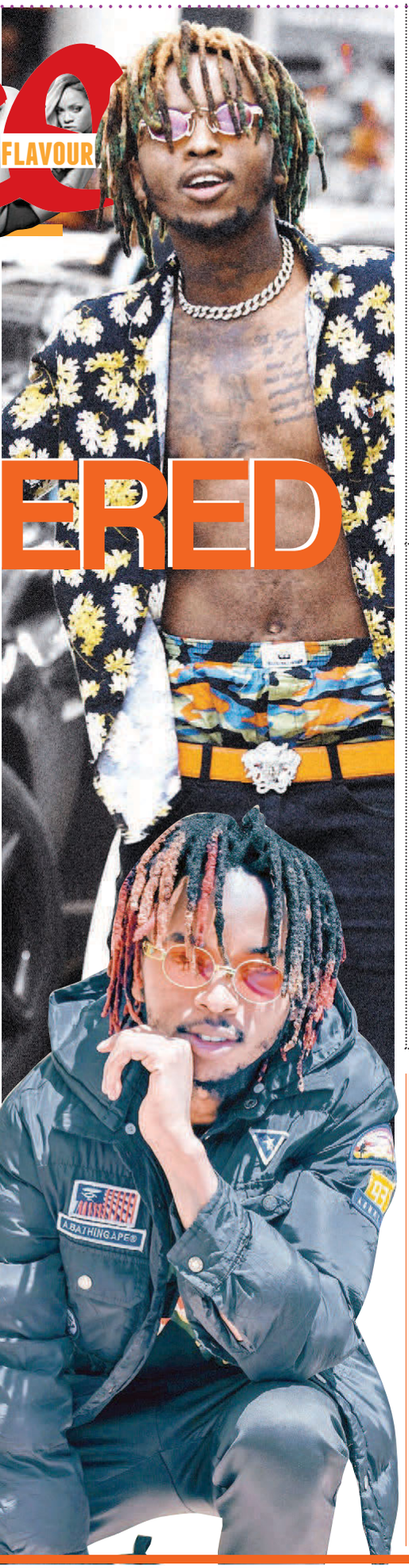
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MAGIX UNFILTERED

The producer has faced a number of allegations and has had wrangles including with film classification board. He tells it all to **Alfayo Onyango**



***Undaing* is at three million views on YouTube and you're bagging shows all over the place. Did you foresee this when making the song?**

Not really. It's a song we made because we were in the mood. I think when similar minds hang out, they gravitate to the 'feel good zone'. That's exactly what happened. I did my thing, Kristoff and King Kaka picked up the heat and before we knew it, we cooked a hit that became the anthem of the year.

Where do you see yourself among the lineage of producers in the country, and what can you say you have pioneered?

I appreciate the diversity of Kenyan producers and respect the lineage. I'm not really a special case; I just fit in the whole jigsaw piece. I do what I'm inspired to do and appreciate the appeal it generates amongst fans. My sound is urban and groovy, but I cannot claim I have pioneered that because there are other great music makers using the same technique. Maybe, I just pioneered free thought in music production.

Cecile, Victoria Kimani, Masauti, Otile Brown, King Kaka.. .so many names have been privileged to work with you. Who have you built something genuine with that was beyond professional music?

Are you asking who amongst them became more than a client? That's tough to answer because I think my relationships with these people are more about friendship as they are business. I could be chilling with Otile in the studio while talking to Khaligraph on the phone and WhatsApping Fena all at the same time. I appreciate all connections I have and don't think of one as more valuable than the other.

You are known for a flamboyant lifestyle online: a rockstar persona: pretty girls for company, vintage cars fetishes. I'm curious, what was your upbringing like?

I don't think I have a flamboyant lifestyle. It's just a misplaced perception. I'm barely out in the public so people tend to guess my lifestyle from the public pictures. I had a simple upbringing and even now what people see as sophisticated is really the simple me.

You have been in the spotlight for all kinds of reasons lately this year. Do you welcome the allegations and the praises in the same light?

Fame comes with love and hate. I'm not really famous, I'm just known for my skills. As much as I get accolades for my work, I should expect the other end of the broom so I don't really mind.

Do you believe Kenya Film Classification Board (KFCB) boss, Ezekiel Mutua, created personal beef against you or was his ban on your *Takataka* song with Alvindo valid?

I can't really state if his issue was valid or not. It's definitely not personal. If he didn't create all this tension, how many Kenyans would even know there is an office called KFCB in the first place? I think by now his role in that office would be obsolete without all that public relations. He is a gentleman, but I think he should be in close touch with creatives instead of breeding constant fear.

What do you have to say to those who claim you're stealing songs such as Ricobeats who claimed you stole *Boychild* song featuring Alvindo?

I don't take allegations seriously because I believe that anyone talking something serious will back it with evidence and they would definitely come forth. How can I take people talking in the shadows seriously? As far as I know anyone making modest steps in the limelight is battered with allegations. Progress begets resistance and I believe my authenticity speaks for itself.

The songs where you feature in the chorus seem to take off. Can you say you have mastered the art of a hit song today?

There is no guaranteed abstract for making a hit, but I know for a fact that simplicity appeals.

Musically, what should we expect from Magix, having worked with arguably most mainstream artistes locally?

Would it still be a surprise if I revealed it as early as now? I'm definitely working on more projects and I know all true fans of music are ready to embrace them. My doors are wide open to local artistes who want work with me.

What gives Magix the most joy in life?

It's hard to answer that mainly because the word 'most' is used. Could there be just one thing that brings the most joy in life? Generally, I love life and that's why I'm spoilt for choice.

Final thoughts

I truly appreciate fans of Magix Enga and may all be blessed.

MOVIE REVIEW

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MIB International fails to excite

The much-anticipated Men in Black International premiered last week in theatres. This time it features Chris Hemsworth and Tessa Thompson as lead characters, not the usual Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones who starred in the previous three MIB flicks.

The plot line centres on the possibility of having a mole in MIB who was leaking out information to the aliens that had attacked earth. Agent M (Thompson) recruited after sheer determination is paired up with their best agent, Agent H (Hemsworth), culminating in pure chemistry and action riddled with pun from a pawn they recovered from one of the alien kingdoms they protect. However, the film lacked the oomph evident in all MIB films. The plot was not as thick, there was no suspense and neither were there emotions. It was flat, and the attempt to introduce new characters was a great risk. RATING: 6/10

SONG REVIEW

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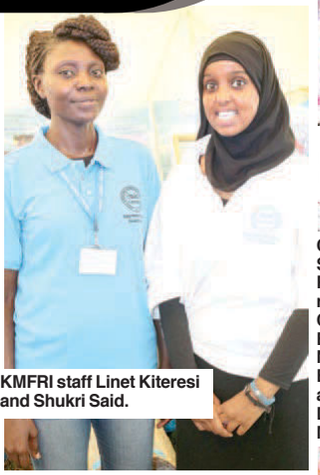


AFRICAN DADA - MEDA

After he was signed by Haffiy Entertainment, Meda not only dropped his second name 'Classic', but he also transformed his wardrobe, producers and music style. His latest song *African Dada* is a testimony to this, and while rumour mills have it that he sang it for his new girlfriend, Jahsoljah, he has neither denied nor confirmed the claims. The song is a nice blend of Bongofleva and slow raggatone. In it, he praises the beauty of the African girl. However, the video is where the problem is. With the new richer label, one would expect better quality video, especially if it is One Montage handling it. Sources close to the artiste claim that he used close to Sh500,000 for the video, but going by the end product, he was sold a lie.

This one goes with a 5.5/10.


Patrick Wanguche with Catherine Mwalugha.


KMFRI staff Linet Kiteresi and Shukri Said.


KMFRI Lab Technologist Tom Nyolo with Hillary Oyugi, Joel Nyagaka and Diana Mwebi.

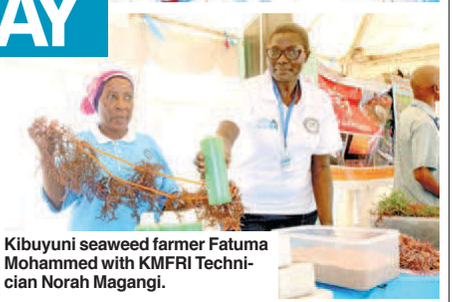

Crab Shark Restaurant staff Cecilia Boola, Nicholas Baya and Chef Dickson Mizinga.

FISHERIES OPEN DAY

In the efforts to support the Blue Economy, Kenya Marine And Fisheries Research Institute organised an open day to showcase the products from the Ocean and other Kenyan waters as well as the services arising from them. Fishermen across the coastal region presented their products, like fish, crabs and other seafood, including products from seaweed.

TEXT AND PHOTOS: NDEGWA GATHUNGU


Kenya Marine and Fisheries research institute Director Prof James Njiru flanked by KMFRI chairman John Mumba.


Kibuyuni seaweed farmer Fatuma Mohammed with KMFRI Technician Norah Magangi.


Guests follow the proceedings.


Olipher Kombo, Solomon Otieno and Pauline Safari.

HOUSING LINK-UP

Real Estate firm, Heri Homes, has joined the government's noble venture of investing in the future through affordable housing. Last week, it partnered with the Kenyan subsidiary of Singapore's Afra Holdings Ltd, Singapura Developers, to lead in developing Habitat Heights Estate. The deal will see Heri Homes sell 2,000 of the 8,888 affordable housing units, through their expertise with saccos. CEO Kimotho Kiman says the company will target homeowners from Kenya and the diaspora, especially in the US and UK.

TEXT AND PHOTOS: ALEX MBURU


Heri Homes marketing director Paul Mugo, Afra's Hariharan Karthikeyan, Afra Holdings director Sikukuu Mclanhan and Heri Homes CEO Kimotho Kimani.


Jacquline Wanyoike and Susan Maina.


Afra Holdings Director Sikukuu Mclanhan.


Dorothy Opundo, Jacquline Wanyoike, Salome Kanuvi and Cate Nduma.


Heri Homes CEO Kimotho Kimani.


Cate Nduma and Gideon Mwendwa.


People Daily Entertainment editor, Elly Gitau, his daughter Keren Njeri and son Dyan Gitau show how to prepare pizza at the event.


David Onyango and sons Luca and Hugh Onyango.

PIZZA CLASS FOR "DADDY AND ME"

Sarova Panafric celebrated Father's Day this past weekend with a special "Daddy and Me" Pizza Masterclass. Fathers and their children from across the city got to make and enjoy their own pizzas with the guidance of head chef Avraj Singh. Pizza lovers can now enjoy an array of the reintroduced menu item from the restaurant.

TEXT: FAITH KYOUMUKAMA, PHOTOS: ALEX MBURU


Frankline Muriithi, his wife Trisha Franklin and daughter Elker Muriithi work on the dough.


Moses Mwangi and daughter Breanna Wangari display pizza they prepared.


Executive Chef Avraj Singh gives instructions on how to prepare the perfect pizza.

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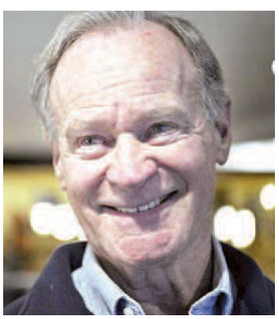
Loss of diversity, climate change and a turn to arid areas is aggravating desertification and drought

Kenya's Asal areas buckling under pressure

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ABOVE: **Riverine woodland in Turkana.** TOP: **Residents in Baringo county carry wood.** TOP RIGHT: **Dr David Western, the chairman of the African Conservation Centre.** PHOTOS: HENRY WAHINYA/COURTESY

Kenya, a country touted as the richest in biodiversity in East Africa, is at risk of losing that honour, according to conservationists.

These experts cite the decreasing numbers of mammals in arid and semi-arid areas and the Mau Forest, where illegal settlers were forcibly evicted, a position shared by a United Nations report, The Global Biodiversity Outlook Report.

Conservationists and the report warn that the country is on the verge of losing even more diversity, unless radical measures are taken. Both blame induced human activities for the perceived gloom.

Bernard Opaa, natural resources management deputy director at the National Land Commission , says, "We have over-exploited them. This in turn has contributed change in weather pattern. This is a serious threat to food security. Large-scale droughts are common after forests were destroyed and emergence of diseases not previously known, besides flooding."

He further says the devastation has also seen the disappearance of vital insects that promote cross-pollination critical for agriculture, fish, indigenous seeds, birds and mammals. "We are not able to feed a rising population. Lack of food has contributed to severe malnutrition in some communities and diseases such as malaria outbreak due to climate change are being witnessed," he adds.

The report had indicated that forest destruction, wetland destruction, changes in land use—pollution, poaching, overfishing and climate change pose serious threat. Further, the pressure on natural resources has now moved from high potential areas to arid and semi-arid lands (Asal).

Asal occupies over 80 per cent of Kenya's landmass, according to the Ministry of Devolution and Asals. About 36 per cent of the population, 70 per cent of the national livestock and 90 per cent of wildlife call this region home. However, it has been faced by severe climatic conditions that have had devastating effects on the environment and livelihoods of the communities.

"More and more Asal areas are being opened up for agriculture despite being unsuitable for farming, resulting in the loss of biodiversity," says Dr David Western, the chairman of the African Conservation Centre.

Studies conducted by the organisation in Amboseli National Park and Maasai Mara Game Reserve reveal that settlement patterns around the protected areas have changed from temporary to permanent, with most families opting to grow crops rather than practise pastoralism suitable for such environment.

As a result, in Amboseli National Park, temperatures have risen by three to four degrees in the last 30 to 40 years, a fact that conservationists blame on loss of vegetation cover. "We have to be careful when preparing for climate change by ensuring we are not degrading our habitat," adds Dr Western.

The situation is bound to be dire, especially with the underperformance of rain in 2019, which has aggravated lack of water, access to food and pasture as well as farming activities in Asal regions. A report by non-governmental organisation, ACTED, reveals that three counties-Mandera, Samburu and Baringo- are already marked to be in the alarm drought phase, with the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) stating that the latter two counties are expected to degrade further.

This does not come cheap. According to the NDMA's report, Drought Response Interventions and Resource Requirements for period June to December, 2019, already Sh1.6 billion was released through the Hunger Safety Net Programme between January and June, 2019, with slightly over 97,000 households in Wajir, Turkana, Mandera and Marsabit benefitting. A further Sh240m was paid to 89,000 households under the drought shock responsive category in Wajir and Turkana counties, and an additional Sh200m was set aside for water.

For July to December, the drought response requirement is set at Sh14.7 billion, with food relief and cash transfer taking the lion's share of Sh10 million. The budget approved, however, falls short of this requirement by half. The total amount approved is Sh7.7billion, with food relief and cash transfer getting Sh6.3 billion.

Environmental consultant, Gladys Mwakeh says; "I think we are trying to conserve the limited resources. We there not yet there, but the impact is still obvious: climate change, drought experienced in some areas like Turkana and floods in others."

Mwakeh adds these changes lead to food insecurity, health challenges and even erosions – land destruction and loss of fertility.

"I believe if we all get enlightened and truly understand the importance of environmental protection and resource conservation to our lives both present and the future we will deliver the best and engage ourselves in sustainable development projects that restore resources and not destroying them.

Kenyan species at risk

The International Union for Conservation of Nature, the platform that helps in the conservation of the integrity and diversity of nature, says that more than 27,000 species in the world face extinction.

The organisation has listed habitat destruction, invasive species, overexploitation, illegal wildlife trade, pollution and climate change as top threats to survival of species worldwide. This has affected more 40 per cent of amphibians, 25 per cent of mammals, 34 per cent of conifers, 14 per cent of birds, 31 per cent of sharks and rays, 33 per cent of reef corals and 27 per cent of selected crustaceans.

Things are no different in Kenya. Listed on the critically endangered species are Ader's duiker, black rhinoceros, hirola (below), eastern red colobus, Tana Crested mangabey, Roan and Sable antelopes. Besides the mammals, the Taita apalis and Taita thrush birds, Hawksbill turtle and Du Toit's torrent frog as well as some species of tilapia, rainbow sheller, montane dancing-jewel and Lake Victoria deepwate catfish are also listed as critically endangered.

On the endangered species list are white rhino, coalfish whale, blue whale, Grevy's zebra, African wild dog, eastern bongo, golden-rumped elephant shrew, African elephant, African lion, cheetah, Sitatunga, leopard, Lelwel hartebeest, Rothschild's giraffe, giant forest hog, stripped hyena and three species of rats: giant thicket, Barbour's vlei and Mount Elgon Vlei rat.

Other endangered species are fishes such as Magadi tilapia, giant wrasse, Victoria stonebasher and Kyoga flameback; reptiles such as green turtle, Olive ridley turtle, rock python, Shimba Hills banana and red frogs, Mount Kenya frog and forest and treefrogs.

For birds, the list includes Madagascar pond-heron, Saker falcon, the Egyptian vulture, Sokoke Scops-owl, Aberdare cisticola, Basra reed-warbler, Turner's eremomela, spotted ground-thrush, Amani sunbird, Clarke's weaver, Sharpe's longclaw and Sokoke pipit.

These are species listed in the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act No. 47 of 2013.



News brief

Towards ending thirst in Makueni County

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For Lydia Muthengi from Kwa Kivoko village, fetching water is a tall order. She and other villagers are forced to walk over three kilometres under the scorching sun to get some water from the dams nearby.

"Water comes to the fetching points only from time to time. To get water from the dams located in hills, Muuni, Kwa Mumbe and Maatha, I usually have to walk for two or three kilometres and still have to wait for as long as five hours for water to seep through the bed," the mother of three says, adding that they are forced to buy water from the collection points for Sh3 for a 20kg jerrycan.

When she cannot access this, she has to buy water from donkey vendors who charge them Sh20 per jerry can. Muthengi does this often as she is a trader whose business limits her from joining other water fetchers to trudge up the hills to fetch water herself. She further has to economise water usage to two jerrycans per day for the whole family.

The dire situation caught the attention of the county government, which partnered with ChildFund International to establish the Mwanyani Water Project pegged to help address the water shortage in the area, which only experienced a light drizzle in the past months. The project is the fourth ChildFund-Makueni collaboration in Emali-Mulala constituency. Upon completion, the project is expected to reach over 2,700 members of Maatha sub-location, over 500 households, two primary schools with 906 children, one secondary school with 420 children and three ECD centres with over 100 children and one health centre. It is also expected to supply water to the proposed Mwanyani Milk Collection Centre.

According to World Health Organisation, safe and readily available water is vital for public health, "whether it is used for drinking, domestic use, food production or recreational purposes".

Rising above albinism to conquer radio waves

Mawira M'tetuamwari has never let the colour of his skin define him. And as the world marked World Albinism Day last week, the former teacher-cum-journalist believes people should not be judged based on their appearance

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Until 2017, Mawira M'tetuamwari aka Mwalimu had been a regular French and Literature teacher at Nkubu Boys High School in Meru county. While he loved teaching, deep down, Mawira always admired radio presenting.

"I grew up listening to radio and I loved it. However, I did not find the journalism option while filling in my university application forms in high school. So I settled for a Bachelor of Arts in Education," says Mawira.

It took 15 years of teaching for Mawira to finally realise his dream career. "I was attending a function in Meru where the organisers had asked me to act as the event's master of ceremonies. In attendance was the area member of parliament, one of Meru FM directors among other dignitaries," Mawira fondly remembers.

Turning point

It is this event that changed his life forever. "Later after the event, I had a chitchat with the head of Meru FM whom I expressed my long-term ambition of becoming a radio presenter. And as they say the rest is history," laughs a jolly Mawira.

A few months later, he had landed a job at the station, which is run under Mediamax Network Limited as a breakfast show presenter. He quit his teaching job and without any prior experience in the media industry, Mawira bravely delved into the unchartered waters of radio.

And indeed he was worth of his salt, the morning show quickly picked up momentum and today his prowess and unique presenting skills commands hundreds of thousands listeners in Nairobi, Tharaka Nithi and Meru counties.

The 43-year-old presents a vibrant and superb personality, his laugh is infectious and unassuming. It's this sort of personal rapport that endears Mawira to colleagues and his audience.

He runs several programmes at Meru FM including the flagship morning show *Ntuku Theria*, (clear the morning) in which he gravely analyses various issues including matters of leadership and governance. Some of the segments in the breakfast show include *Kuwethia Kini*, which loosely translates to sharing a cup of 'tea', a farming segment. The shows are highly informative and entertaining as well as allow him to interact with his audience.

He hosts a country music show between 1pm and 5pm every Sunday and on Saturdays runs a pre recorded five-minute lesson on French. He also has an inspirational segment *Mataro na Nkwagaya cia Mwarimo* (wisdom of a teacher).

Watching him work, witnessing his easy interactions with all sorts of people behind the mic, you'd be hard pressed to think Mawira is living with albinism. "I don't like seeking attention as a person living with albinism. I think that is the way it should be for all people such as me regardless of their disability. People should be able to see me as a human being first before looking at what I cannot do, or do," he affirms.

Mawira grew up as a typical child. "Of course, I attracted attention because there were not many people like me around. Once in a while, I would pass at a bus stop and matatu conductors would throw a discriminatory statement at me, but I never let that get into me," he says adding, "But I wouldn't blame them."

Mawira is the ninth born in a family of 10 and the fact that out of his nine siblings, six were also born with albinism made his life bearable. They were socialised to accept and live with their condition positively.

Much to be done

Save for one incident while at the university when a lecturer rudely answered him back when he requested for a clarification on something she had written on the whiteboard. "I could not see the whiteboard well, so I asked the lecturer to assist me. She meanly told me that if I could not see the board and I was sitting at the front, then there was nothing she could do about it! That really took me down. I suddenly developed a bad attitude towards the unit, failed in its exam and I had to re-sit the paper," he recalls.

And as the world marked International Albinism Awareness Day last week, Mawira explains that so far, Kenya is making good progress in supporting people with albinism, but much needs to be done. Albinism programme by the government needs to be streamlined and decentralised. Further, people living with albinism should actively be involved at all levels of government decision making.

"You see, you cannot talk about us without us. For example, yes, everybody knows that we need sunscreen lotions, lip care products and easier access to eyecare products, but do they know the right lotion we need?" he poses.

People with albinism should use sunscreens labelled SPF (sun protection factor) 50 and above for them to survive under the burning sun. "Sunscreen is a matter of life and death to us. So important that even in the face of hunger if given a choice between a sunscreen and food, I would go for the sunscreen first," he offers.

Asked whether he misses teaching, Mawira says teaching is in his blood. "I teach in my everyday life, not just in class," he laughs.

He says teaching is not a eight-to-five job where you can clock in and out at the same time every day without a thought to things being left undone; it is a process that must be constantly nurtured by researching, preparing as well as getting involved in your students lives. "If I went to class and the studio at the same, one of them would suffer. I feel that I impact more as a radio presenter because I also get to teach my audience on various subjects," he says.



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AT A GLANCE

- **Mawira was born and raised at Kiorone village in Kigane, Imenti South sub-county.**
- **He is married and is a father of two girls aged 12 and seven years.**
- **He pursued a Bachelor's degree in Education at Kenyatta University in 1996.**
- **He performs alongside his brother Kamanu M'tuamwari, a renowned musician twice a week at Joy Palace, Nairobi, through his band Kamanu & Band.**



Gaming fans mental health disorder

There's some enjoyment that comes with playing digital games. But it's not all fun and games according to World Health Organisation

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Gaming often starts as a form of passing time, as part of leisure, to some it means earning an extra coin. Then one enjoys doing it too much and it becomes an addiction. So serious has this addiction been that World Health Organisation (WHO) has decided to classify gaming disorder as a mental health issue in the 11th Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

WHO describes gaming disorder as a pattern of gaming behaviour ("digital-gaming" or "video-gaming") characterised by impaired control over gaming, increasing priority given to gaming over other activities to the extent that gaming takes precedence over other interests and daily activities.

Feel-good harm

In Kenya, digital gaming has grown into a lucrative business, evidently, by the number of video game lounges and pro gamers making good money from this venture, making it the fourth most popular gaming hub in Africa.

"Digital gaming has certainly grown exponentially thanks to the Internet. Sadly, it causes more harm than good gradually, and that makes it hard to detect the underlying issues, says Dr Geoffrey Wango, a senior lecturer and a counselling psychologist at the University of Nairobi.

The decision by WHO caused mixed reactions. While some supported it, others felt there is no cause for alarm. However, WHO insists the decision was made based on available scientific evidence and consensus among experts and researchers.

Research has shown that any form of addiction occurs when we seek the feel-good effect, attributed to the release of the hormone dopamine. Video games are intentionally designed using state-of-the-art behaviour psychology to keep you hooked. Games are immersive experiences that provide you with a high amount of dopamine, and over-exposure to this level of stimulation can cause structural changes to your brain. You begin to live in a world where you expect instant gratification. Games are so immersive that it's easy to play for hours without even noticing that a minute has gone by. They allow you to escape and create an environment where you feel safe and in control.

Repeated need for the feel-good effect leads to addiction. According to WHO, impaired control over gaming activities is a major red flag and players should be concerned if and when they are not able to control their gaming pattern.

"I was addicted to gaming for a while and I did not realise it was a problem until someone mentioned that I was spending most of my time playing these games," says Joseph Kimani, a former game developer. Over time, gaming activities may interfere with other activities and deter you from previous interests such as school, work and sports.

"Addiction triggers obsession that keeps you from doing things you are supposed to do. I would play games for hours and lose track of time. Luckily, I realised it and managed the situation before it became intractable," Kimani says.

The consequences

Parents are urged to be alert on how much time children spend on gaming be it on a console, phone or TV. Digital addiction like any other addiction, destroys relationships, limits creativity and innovation as well as social coping mechanisms yet many countries have not developed any guidelines like in other harmful addictions.

In advanced countries, they have noted the effect of digital addiction on productivity. Most corporations have developed policies on use of not just social media, but cellphones in the workplace.

Some individuals involved in gaming activities may be exposed to vital health consequences such as disruption of sleep pattern, anti-social tendencies, nutritional issues and low-level of physical activities leading to heart and weight-related diseases.

"Everyone is obsessed with gaming both young and senior adults and it affects them financially, psychologically and spiritually. Sadly, it has turned into an obsession and preoccupation where people are using it to make money. What started as a fun activity is morphing into an epidemic and maybe, it's time for society to take this matter seriously and have a conversation about it," added Wango.



Love&Last
With WAITHERA OTIENO @loveNlust 69

When he can't get it up

Sisters, have you ever been excited, hopeful, hot and bothered for your sweetheart, only for Mr Johnson to go limb? You try all sorts of tricks, but Mr Johnson remains disinterested. You both leave the bed wondering...why did this happen?

When a guy has depression, anxiety, stress, or daily pressures, intimacy is the last thing on his mind. Support him by being aware of the issues that stress him. Empathise with him. Create a conducive environment for communication. Be his friend when he is ready to talk. When he releases the tension through communication and mutual understanding, he will focus on the relationship.

If your sweetheart doesn't trust you, he will not rise to the occasion. A guy needs to know that he can be vulnerable with you, that you will accept and support him even when he is at his weakest. Being intimate with you needs to be a safe experience, both physically and emotionally. If being intimate with you will put his body at risk, or you have plans to get pregnant without his consent, Mr Johnson will not cooperate.

Mr Johnson may not rise to the occasion if your sweetheart takes too much alcohol and other addictive substances. Alcohol depresses the brain and causes Mr Johnson to curl up and sleep. Other addictive behaviour such as watching too much pornography may interfere with a guy's ability to appreciate contact with a real life warm human body.

Guys are also emotional creatures. Their Mr Johnsons are connected to their heart and their brains. Their thoughts and their feelings affect their desire for bedroom play. How we treat them also affects how they think and feel about us. If he cannot rise to the occasion be patient, communicative and supportive.



FamilyFabric
With JOSEPH HELLON

Men don't deliberately forget partners' special days

Women get hurt when their special days are forgotten by their husbands or boyfriends. Some could even think of breaking up. Well, that should never be the case. The matter boils down to the way men and women process information. Whereas women store up all information on their mental desktops, men file them away and only retain what's important for the present time. They, therefore, need reminders to retrieve these files and make them active for the present time.

Getting hurt because your husband forgot your birthday doesn't help. What helps is understanding that his way of processing information is different from yours. In fact, that's precisely why he needs you in his life. You're better equipped to deal with details of matters. This frees him to deal with the bigger picture about your common destinies. Division of labour and teamwork is the winning approach. Wanting both of you to act the same is a recipe for failure.

Men on the other hand need to appreciate that a woman's mind is wired to retain information. Their desktops are ever active with present, past, important and unimportant matters. They value relationships and families. This makes them remember days when such relationships were formed and occasions that brought such relationships to be. In their detailed approach to relationships, women can be misunderstood to be petty and encumbered by unnecessary cares. This would be most unfortunate because trouble always arise where details are ignored.

When both men and women appreciate these differences and begin to use them rather than fight them, relationships would thrive and more people would be happy in their families. As the man moves the family towards the bigger picture in life, the woman frisks, checks, examines and sorts out the details of what might bring trouble in the future. A wise man should appreciate, reaffirm and encourage his wife to be all that she is wired to be.

A wise wife should also encourage her husband to all he's made to be. Finally, women should not tire in reminding their husbands or male partners about birthdays, anniversaries and such like occasions.

Export earnings from floriculture up 38pc

by Milliam Murigi
@millymur1

Export earnings from the floriculture industry grew by 38 per cent last year to Sh113 billion from Sh82 billion in 2017, according to the government's Horticultural Crops Directorate.

Releasing the data during the recently-concluded Eighth International Floriculture Trade Fair (Iftex) Kenya Flower Council (KFC) Chief Executive Officer, Clement Tulezi attributed the growth mainly to favourable pricing in international markets. There has also been vigorous marketing of Kenyan brands during floriculture fairs locally and abroad.

"Last year was good in terms of rain and despite all the other challenges, the volumes that we exported were good. Also, there is more appreciation across the globe of the quality of the flowers Kenya as a country has,' he added.

Unfortunately, the council is not expecting more than a 20 per cent growth this year. This is because of depressed prices in the international markets since there has been an oversupply of flowers in the global market right from this year's Valentine's Day celebrations.

Currently, the council and the government, through the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Cooperatives are trying to secure the US market where Kenyan flowers serve only one per cent of the market.

"We hope to promote this to two per cent and our target is to secure at least five per cent of the market share. We believe this will be possible because of the direct flights by Kenya Airways from Nairobi to New York," he added.

Currently, Kenya is exporting two tonnes of flowers per week to the US using the direct flights. KFC is working hard to see infrastructure improved both in Kenya and New York to avail capacity for at least 10 tonnes on a weekly basis.

"Currently we are facing a challenge of lack of cold storage at New York warehouse since the biggest flower market is in Miami, Florida. We are in talks with the US and Kenyan governments to see if some facilities can be constructed in New York," he said.

Iftex offers a platform for actors in the supply chain to establish and maintain business relations and an opportunity to adjust current production, logistics, and marketing strategies.

Magana Farm rebrands, targets on new markets

by Milliam Murigi
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Magana Flower Farm is realigning its business strategies as it rebrands in time for its 25th birthday by building on a resilient past while repositioning itself in the international flower markets.

The rebrand includes a change of logo, renewed focus on direct marketing and dedication to customers, stakeholders and the over 500 staff it employs. The changes come as global markets and dynamics in the industry continue to change dictated by changing customer preferences, technology and weather.

"Our rebranding comes with a promise of renewed customer excellence backed by our best quality and new varieties. There will be an enhanced ecosystem between the farm and customers with good flow of communication and overall enhanced customer experience," said Nicholas Ambanya, the CEO of Magana Flowers while unveiling the new logo. Established by late businessman and former Cabinet minister Dr Magana Njoroge Mungai, the farm relies on innovations to produce quality flowers at low cost in its 25 hectares. The flowers are sold to the Middle East, Europe and China.

"We are promising to enhance cooperation with our suppliers, breeders, the community and regulatory agencies like the Kenya Flower Council, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (Kephis) and Horticulture Crops Directorate. This is the climax of celebrating our turning round the business," he said.

Ambanya said the farm is set to implement a strategic plan of strengthening the target markets while at the same time developing and producing the quality demanded by the various market segments.

"There will be a deliberate effort driven by a skilled and talented team that is now in place whose mandate is to excellently manage the whole value chain," Ambanya added.



Magana Flowers staff at the farm's stand during the recent International Flower Trade Expo (Iftex). PHOTO: COURTESY



Dr Chris Kiptoo, PS State Department of Trade tours flower stands during the International Flower Trade Expo (Iftex) held in Nairobi recently. BELOW: **Guests and exhibitors at the expo.** PHOTOS: MILLIAM MURIGI

Flower industry lauds State move to ease port clearance process

Fertiliser suppliers losing Sh2m daily in demurrage charges after government ordered all imported fertiliser re-inspected

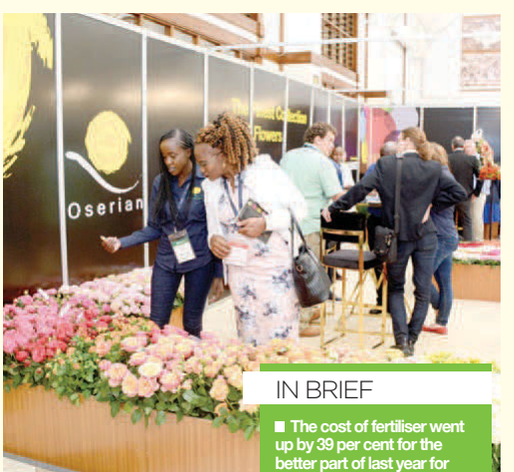
by Milliam Murigi
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Captains of the Kenya flower industry have hailed the government's move to reduce the number of clearing agents at the port of Mombasa to four.

Floriculture heads say the move will expedite clearance of fertiliser at the port, which will ensure that agricultural inputs get to market on time.

Speaking during the recently concluded Eighth edition of the International Flower Trade Expo (Iftex) in Nairobi, Dr Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, State Department of Trade apologised for the inconveniences the delays have caused to the industry. He promised to streamline the government's investments and commitments to the sector.

"I take this opportunity to apologise to the sector for the great loss it suffered occasioned by the delays at the port of Mombasa. Following consultations between the government and stakeholders, we have reduced the inspection of the fertiliser process and left only four agencies to fast-track clearance," Dr Kiptoo said.



The latest directive is among measures the government has introduced to support the flower industry that has continued to defy harsh economic and weather trends to record sustained earnings and growth.

Last year, the flower industry surpassed the target set by the government by 38 per cent under the export strategy where each sector was given specified milestones to accomplish. It is now the second largest foreign exchange earner after tea and ahead of tourism, which recorded a new high of two million tourist arrivals last year.

"Flower earnings continue to impress due to trade exhibitions such as Iftex, which brings buyers from over 60 destinations where Kenya's flower exports go to, to meet with flowers under one roof. In this show, numerous deals will be made," said Dr Kiptoo.

Elgon Kenya, an agro-input company has also hailed the government's latest move, which it says has allowed the industry to recoup its earnings and ensure farmers are able to get the input in time.

"We thank the President for the directive he gave allowing faster clearance of fertiliser. It has allowed us to calm market jitters and reach more farmers in time avoiding a looming food shortage," said Bimal Kantaria, Elgon Kenya CEO.

The delay was experienced after the government introduced new regulations in August 2018 for all imported fertiliser re-inspected at the port of entry as it sought to tame proliferation of counterfeits.

The directive saw a lengthy clearance process that ran for up to two months before the consignment could be released creating an unprecedented shortage. Fertiliser suppliers were incurring up to Sh2 million shillings daily in demurrage.

Magana Flowers, growers and exporters also welcomed the government's decision saying it will go a long way in boosting the grower's earnings and allowing uninterrupted production.

"It is a landmark directive that will boost our operations. For us, the cost of fertiliser went up by 39 per cent for the better part of last year. Unfortunately, we absorbed this cost, as it cannot be passed to our buyers. We operate in a business that thrives on reliability and a little deviation due to challenges here at home can easily jeopardise client loyalty," said Nicholas Ambanya, Magana Flowers CEO.

IN BRIEF

- The cost of fertiliser went up by 39 per cent for the better part of last year for one flower farm due to bottlenecks in logistics.
- The value of horticultural exports increased by 9.6 per cent to Sh124.3b, accounting for 23 per cent of exports in 2018, driven by growth in flower and avocado exports.
- The volume of horticultural exports rose by 8.8 per cent to 497,400 tonnes last year from 457,200 tonnes in 2017, according the Economic Survey 2019.

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TERMS:

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Under instructions received from our Principals, we shall sell the under mentioned goods by Public Auction on Wednesday 26th June 2019 at 11.00 a.m at Pangani Auction Centre.

UNDER THE DISTRESS FOR RENT ACT CAP 293:

1. LANDLORD -VS- PHILIP KIPLAGAT KOECH:
4PCS 7 Seater Sofa Set, Dining Table with 6 chairs, Ramtons 2 door Fridge (to defray auctioneers fees & costs)

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2 Office Chairs, Executive office chair, Complete HP computer (to defray auctioneers fees & costs)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USE

The owner of the Parcel **LR NO 36/ II/169** located at Eastleigh section II (two) in Nairobi County wishes to change the use of the plot currently under **Single dwelling to Commercial-cum-Residential** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should submit them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this advert addressed to:

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The owner(s) of **Plot No. 4894/468** situated in Garden Estate off Garden Estate Road, proposes to change its use from **Single Dwelling to Town Houses**, subject to approval by Nairobi City County Government. Individuals, Institutions etc. with comments/ objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen days of this notice to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Land parcel **LR NO/KABARU/BLOCK 2/ MATHINA/1373** located in Chaka market within Nyeri County. Propose to change the use from **Agricultural to Multi-Dwellings Units and Shops)** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s) institution(s), organization(s) etc. with Comments or objections to the proposal should forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

THE COUNTY SECRETARY
COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF NYERI
P.O BOX 112-10100
NYERI.



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PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USER

The owner of **L.R. No. Ruiru West Block 1/1343** is proposing change of use of this property from **single dwelling to multi-dwelling residential (flats)** subject to approval by Kiambu County Government. Individuals, institutions and organizations with objections or comments are requested to forward them in writing within 14 days from date of this notice to: -

Director of Physical Planning
County Government of Kiambu
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PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USER

The owner of the Parcel **LR NO 209/3271/15** located along Mweni Road in Nairobi County wishes to change the use of the plot currently under **Single dwelling to Commercial cum Residential** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individual(s), Organization(s) and Institution(s) etc. with objections or comments to the proposal should submit them in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this advert addressed to:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)
CHANGE OF USER

The owners of **Plot L.R NO. 57/1879** located off Seasons Road in Kasarani, Nairobi, proposes to Change its Use from **Single Dwelling Unit to Multi Dwelling Units (Apartments)** subject to approval by Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions, 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:

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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Obadiah Ng'ang'a Kang'aru

It is with deep sorrow and acceptance of God's Will that we announce the untimely death of **Obadiah Ng'ang'a Kang'aru** of Kenya Technical Teachers College.

Son of the late John Ng'ang'a (Kang'aru) Kinuthia and Esther Ruguru Ng'ang'a of Nembu Village, Mutati Location, Kiamwangi Division, Gatundu District, Kiambu County.

Husband to Winnie Waceke, Father to John Kang'aru Ng'ang'a, **Esther Ruguru Ng'ang'a (Kameme TV)**, Joseph Njenga (Baraton University) and Peninnah Wambui Ng'ang'a (Pleasant View Schools), Father-in-law to Lydia Nanjala and grandfather to Ariana Waceke.

Brother to Simon King'aru, Peter Kinuthia (Kamlesh), Anne Mumbi, Paul Gitangu, Lucy Wanjiru Wanyeki, Fidelis Wanjiku, Teresia Wambui, Jane Nyambura, Margaret Wangari, Michael Njenga.

Brother-in-law to James Kirunyu, Geoffrey Mwaura, Stephen Kamau, Eunice Wangari, the late Samuel Mbatia, Stephen Mungai and Daniel Miringu. Uncle to many.

Son-in-law to Joseph Njenga Kirunyu (Ragae) and Peninah Wambui Njenga of Kigumo Village, Githunguri, Kiambu County.

Friends and family are meeting at their Nembu home daily from 3:00pm, Kamulu residence from 8:00pm and Homeland Lounge, Thika Superhighway opposite Garden City Mall daily from 6:30pm.

The cottege will leave Kenyatta University Funeral Home on Tuesday 18th June 2019 at 8:30am. The funeral service will take place at his Kamulu residence from 10:00am.

Thereafter he shall be laid to rest.

We loved you, but God loved you the most.
Rest in peace.



Timeout



::IN THEATRES NOW

WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL : **11:05, 15:00, 18:00, 20:45: ALADDIN (2019)**

PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA :**10:30, 13:15: ALADDIN (2019)**

ANGA IMAX CBD :**09:30, 13:50, 19:10, 21:20: MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL (2019) 3D**

ANGA SKY CINEMA: **12:00, 19:20 : X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX (2019)**

PICK of the day

The secretary

8.05 pm



K24

5.00	Switch Mix	4.00	K24 Mashinani
5.30	Tizi	4.30	Team Raha
6.00	K24 Alfajiri	5.00	Beatbox
9.00	Switch Mix	6.00	Unique Love
10.00	Daily Brief	7.00	K24 Saa Moja
12.30	Inside Business	**8.05**	**The Secretary**
1.00	News Cut	9.00	K24 Evening Edition
1.30	Sports Hub	10.00	Kenyan Movie
2:00	Dw Documentary	11.00	Beatbox
3:00	Dw Documentary	00:00	Dw Feed
3.30	Playlist		

KAMEME TV

5.00	Ime Ria Ruciini	6.00	Ndukariganira
6.00	Rikiratha	6.30	Kiigunyi Kia Wonjoria
9.30	Kurekereria Kodii	7.00	Kameme Maturaini
11.00	Njanjo Ya Muturire	7.30	Tuika Wakwa
12.30	Ndukariganira	8.30	Njungwa Ya Muthee Kihenjo
1.00	Mohoro Gitau	9.00	Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro
1.30	Kameme Iharoini- Live	10.00	Thenema Cia Kameme
2.00	Uraguri Wa Mwiri	11.00	Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro- Rpt
2.30	Thiririka Mixx	00.00	Ririmbuka
3.30	Ng'ano Cia Cucu	2.00	Deuestche Welle
3.45	Kameme Toonz		
4.00	Ririmbuka Live		

KBC

5:00	BBC	5.00	Club 1
5:30	Gear Up	6:30	The Great Debators
6:00	Good Morning Kenya	7:00	Taarifa
9:00	Layd Back	7:30	Grapevine
9:30	Animation Time	8:00	First Lady
10:30	Jee, huu ni ungwana?	9:00	Channel 1 News
11:00	Hypochondri ach RR	10:00	Maisha ya mama
12:00	Afrusion	11:00	CCTV
1:00	Lunch Time News	11:30	Layd Back
2:00	IAAF Recorded		
4:30	Big Minds Rpt		

KTN

5:00	Command Your Morning	4.30	Teenage Mutant; Ninja Turtles
6:00	Morning Express	5.00	Baseline - Music Show
8:00	Tendereza	6.00	Beautiful Strangers
9:00	Carmela Rpt	7.00	KTN Leo
10:00	Wild Drake Rpt	7.30	Mshamba
11.00	Tendereza	8.00	Steve Harvey
12.00	The Entre preneur Rpt	9.00	KTN Prime
12.30	Daktari RPT	10.00	Documentary
1.30	Drive it	10.30	Movie
2.00	Afri Screen	11.30	Movie
4.00	Mbiu ya KTN		
4:10	The Emperor's new school		

NTV

5:00	Password Plus Repeat	5:00	The Beat
6:00	AM Live	6:00	Avenida Brasil
8:00	Better Living	7:00	NTV Jioni
9:00	Avenida Brasil	7:30	Hapa Kule News
10:00	La Loba	8:00	Shark Tank
11:15	Churchill Show	9:00	NTV Tonight
12:00	Wicked edition	10:05	Press Pass
12:30	Aunty Boss	11:00	The Beat
1:00	NTV at 1	12:00	NTV Tonight
1:30	NTV Sasa	01:00	CNN
3:00 2018	World Cup		
4:00	NTV at 4		
4:15	Raggs		

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
This is a great day for a family outing or just a drive. You need to keep busy doing things that you both enjoy.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
You can make professional decisions today that will affect your position You may be emotional and quick to judge others.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
Set a limit on the amount you're willing to spend, and be sure to stick to it.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Travel for business or pleasure. You should be getting into self-improvement projects.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Family get-togethers will be interesting. Find out what they're up to, and see if you can pick up where you left off.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
You may divulge private information without realizing it today. Your best efforts will come through making changes in your home.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
Be sure not to burn any bridges. Romance may be better than you ever thought possible.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Help if you can, but more than likely it will be sufficient just to listen. Property purchases should be on your mind.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)
Do not lend money or belongings to friends. You can meet a new romantic partner or secure the love connection you already have by going out .

CAPRICORN (DEC 22.- JAN. 20)
You have so much to offer; open up and let your thoughts be known.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)
Talk about your intentions and confirm that you both feel the same way. Join a choir or a drama club.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
Be sure to keep communication open with those you live with. Strong willpower will come to your rescue.ou.

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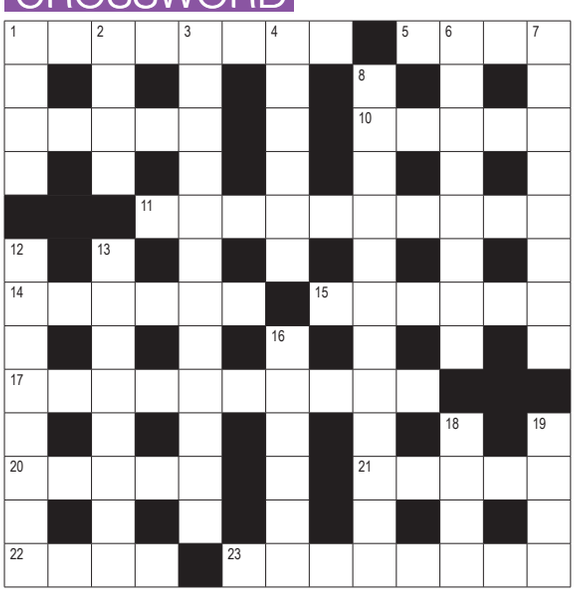
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The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is a game of logic not mathematical ability.

Yesterday's solutions

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Confine (8)
5. Having inherent ability (4)
9. Boasts (5)
10. Furnish or supply (5)
11. Wandering minstrel (10)
14. One or the other of two (6)
15. Millionth of a metre (6)
17. Heraldic lily (5,2,3)
20. Doctor (5)
21. Astonish (5)
22. Pace (4)
23. Eastern (8)

DOWN

1. Applies friction to (4)
2. Thin narrow piece of wood (4)
3. Minimum purchase cost at auction (7,5)
4. Political meeting (6)
6. Bedrooms (8)
7. Running out (8)
8. Restore to good condition (12)
12. Pleasant scents (8)
13. Participant in a meeting (8)
16. Swallow (6)
18. Speak in a wild way (4)
19. Amphibious sea mammal (4)

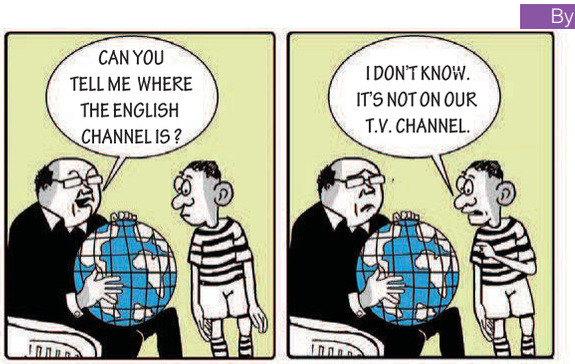
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS
1.Pomp
3. Infantry
9. Coulomb
10. Quirk
11.Undetectable
14. Err
16. Align
17. Try
18. Flyingsaucer
21. Alert
22. Account
23. Resident
2. Skid

DOWN
1. Pictures
2. Mould
4. Nub
5. Acquaintance
6. Tripplet
7. Yorke
8. Contradicted
12. Cling
13.Hydrated
15. Reliefs
19. Cluck
20. Pair
22. Awn

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By TUM



TUESDAY, **JUNE 18,** 2019
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FOOTBALL: Gor, Sofapaka only Kenyan sides with representation at Afcon- Pg30

Fast finish too little, too late for Woods at US Open

Pebble Beach, Monday
@PeopleSport11

Tiger Woods finished with a flourish, but six birdies in his last 12 holes at Pebble Beach on Sunday came far too late to make much difference at the 119th US Open.

The 15-time major champion, who came into the final round at even par, 11 shots off the lead, looked headed for another tough day when he posted four bogeys in his first six holes.

The man who won the 2000 US Open at Pebble Beach by a stunning 15 strokes said he didn't really know what finally clicked.

"I wish I would have known because I would have turned it around a little earlier than that," Woods said. "Again, got off to another crappy start and was able to fight it off.

"Turned back around and got it to under par for the week," added Woods, noting that usually that was pretty useful at the US Open, but with Gary Woodland leading at 11-under not much help this time.

Take advantage

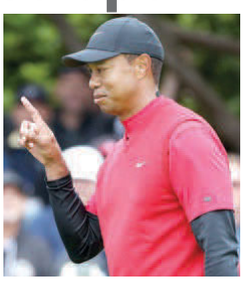
As in the earlier rounds, Woods was unable to take advantage of Pebble Beach's most generous scoring holes, the first through seventh.

Woods cut a dejected figure after his bogey at the sixth, but things began to change when he drained an 18-foot birdie at the par-three seventh. He stuck his approach five feet from the pin for a birdie at eight, and rolled in a 40-footer at 13 to the delight of the massive gallery following him.

A birdie at 16 moved Woods under par for the tournament, and he polished off his week with a birdie at the last.

That let the 43-year-old superstar, who captured his 15th major title at the Masters in April but missed the cut in last month's PGA Championship, depart with a better taste in his mouth.

"Just because I got off to a bad start doesn't mean it's over," Woods said. "Keep grinding, keep playing. And I was able to turn my round around today as well as yesterday. -AFP



Tiger Woods of the United States reacts on the 13th green during the final round of the 2019 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach Golf Links on in Pebble Beach, California on Sunday. PHOTO: AFP

SPORTS BRIEFS

Messi gutted by Colombia loss

FOOTBALL: Lionel Messi has revealed it will 'take a while' for him and his Argentina team-mates to 'accept' the 2-0 defeat by Colombia in their opening Copa America match. Goals from Roger Martinez and Duvan Zapata saw Colombia take control of Group B and leave one of the tournament favourites battling to avoid an embarrassing early exit. Messi, the talisman for the side, has urged his team-mates to 'recover quickly' as they face a must-win game against Paraguay next. 'It will take us a while to accept and process the defeat,' Messi said. 'We have to look at the mistakes we made, and find the positives. 'We have to recover quickly and there is still a chance to qualify.' Lionel Scaloni's side will still be expected to progress, with games against Paraguay and Qatar to come. But their tournament started in the worst possible fashion. Argentina have finished runners-up in the last two Copa America tournaments and Messi will be keen to end his wait for a major international honour having seen rival Cristiano Ronaldo lift the UEFA Nations League earlier this month. -DAILYMAIL

Raptors' coach to guide Canada



BASKETBALL: Fresh off coaching the Toronto Raptors to the NBA title, Nick Nurse confirmed Sunday that he plans to coach the Canadian national team at the upcoming Basketball World Cup. "It's just about done and something I'm really looking forward to doing," Nurse said of a deal to coach Canada in the global showdown in China this coming September. Jay Triano coached Canada to a 27-5 record over the past four years but stepped down from the job three months ago. "I think it's going to make me a better coach," said Nurse, whose prior stints included experience as an assistant coach with Britain at the 2012 London Olympics. "I learned a lot as a coach in that run and I'm hoping this experience will do the same." Nurse, who would be imposition to guide Canada at next year's Tokyo Olympics also, became the ninth rookie coach in NBA history to take a team to the title when the Raptors beat Golden State last Thursday to win the best-of-seven NBA Finals 4-2. -AFP

PSG chief talks tough on Neymar



FOOTBALL: Paris Saint-Germain president Nasser Al-Khelaifi warned Neymar and his other highly paid stars on Sunday that they must shape-up or ship-out, claiming "celebrity behaviour" at the French champions will not be tolerated. "The players will have to assume their responsibilities even more than before," Al-Khelaïfi told France Football in an interview to be published on Tuesday. "It must be completely different, they will have to do more, work more. They are not here to please themselves and if they do not agree, the doors are open. I do not want to have celebrity behaviour anymore. "I have realised that changes were essential, otherwise we're going nowhere." Although he wasn't named, there seems little doubt that Brazilian star Neymar was the chief target of Al-Khelaifi's blast. The 27-year-old Neymar was questioned by Brazilian police for five hours on Thursday over allegations he raped a woman he met through social media in a Paris hotel last month charges he has denied. -AFP



Bragging rights

Indian minister trumpets 'another strike' on Pakistan after World Cup win

New Delhi, Monday
@PeopleSport11

India's powerful home minister Amit Shah on Monday hailed the country's cricket World Cup win over Pakistan as "another strike" months after his country launched air attacks over Pakistani territory in an escalation of tension between the two rivals.

The long-running political tension between the nuclear-armed neighbours spiked in February over Kashmir, which both Pakistan and India claim and have fought two wars over since the territory was divided in 1947.

A deadly suicide attack claimed by a militant group based in Pakistan in Indian-administered Kashmir killed 40 Indian troops.

In response, India staged its first air attack on Pakistani territory in decades, with Pakistan responding a day later.

"Another strike on Pakistan by #TeamIndia and the result is same," Shah, considered number two in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, said on Twitter.

"Congratulations to the entire team for this superb performance. Every Indian is feeling proud and celebrating this impressive win," added Shah, who heads the cricket association in his home state of Gujarat.

India cut bilateral cricket ties with its neighbour after the 2008 Mumbai attacks, with authorities blaming Pakistani militants.

With such a history, cricket clashes are regularly tainted by the political rivalry between the two. Many Indian fans view a win against Pakistan as a matter of national honour, while defeats are looked down upon as disasters.

Seven out of seven

India beat Pakistan by 89 runs in Manchester on Sunday and have now won all seven of their games against their arch-rivals since the World Cup began.

Veteran journalist, Rajdeep Sardesai, son of a former Indian cricketer, said the match was "a bit like the state of the two countries at the moment".

"India: stable, experienced and confident; Pakistan looking chaotic, direction-less and underwhelming," he said on Twitter.

Sadanand Dhume, an Indian writer based in the United States, said it was a domineering performance.

"In most matters, I believe India should treat Pakistan with maturity and moderation. But in cricket utter and total domination and abject humiliation work just fine," he wrote on Twitter.



Pakistan's Rahat Ali (right) plays a shot watched by India's Mahendra Singh Dhoni during their 2019 Cricket World Cup group stage match at Old Trafford in Manchester, northwest England, on Sunday. ABOVE LEFT: Supporters of the Indian cricket team light fireworks as they celebrate late into the night in Amritsar on Sunday after their team beat rivals Pakistan. PHOTOS: AFP

INDIA VS PAKISTAN WORLD CUP SCOREBOARD:

India
K. Rahul c Babar b Riaz 57
R. Sharma c Riaz b Hasan 140
V. Kohli c Sarfaraz b Amir 77
H. Pandya c Babar b Amir 26
MS Dhoni c Sarfaraz b Amir 1
V. Shankar not out 15
K. Jadhav not out 9
Extras (b1, lb1, w9) 11
Total (five wickets, 50 overs) 336
Did not bat: Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Kuldeep Yadav, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah
Fall of wickets: 1-136 (Rahul), 2-234 (Sharma), 3-285 (Pandya), 4-298 (Dhoni), 5-314 (Kohli)
Bowling: Amir 10-1-47-3 (1w), Hasan 9-0-84-1 (1w), Riaz 10-0-71-1 (5w), Imad 10-0-49-0 (2w), Shadab 9-0-61-0, Malik 1-0-11-0, Hafeez 1-0-11-0
Pakistan
Imam-ul-Haq lbw b Shankar 7
Fakhar Zaman c Chahal b Yadav 62
Babar Azam b Yadav 48
Mohammad Hafeez c Shankar b Pandya 9
Sarfaraz Ahmed b Shankar 12
Shoaib Malik b Pandya 0
Imad Wasim not out 46
Shadab Khan not out 20
Extras (lb1, nb1, w6) 8
Total (six wickets, 40 overs) 212
Did not bat: Hassan Ali, Wahab Riaz, Mohammad Amir
Fall of wickets: 1-13 (Imam), 2-117 (Babar), 3-126 (Fakhar), 4-129 (Hafeez), 5-129 (Shoaib), 6-165 (Sarfaraz),
Bowling: Kumar 2.4-0-8-0 (1w), Bumrah 8-0-52-0, Shankar 5.2-0-22-2 (2w), Pandya 8-0-44-2 (1w), Yadav 9-1-32-2, Chahal 7-0-53-0 (2w)
Result: India won by 89 runs (DLS method)
Toss: Pakistan

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Lakeside crack under pressure to hand USIU victory

by Lynette Matheka
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Kisumu Lakeside gave away a 14-point lead to lose their second match of the weekend 60-56 to United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa) in the Kenya Basketball Federation (KBF) men's Premier League.

Prior to the USIU encounter, George Onassis' side had fallen to Kenya College of Accountancy-University (KCA-U) 44-43 on Saturday, having led the scores 7-2 at the end of the first quarter and 17-12 at the break. Against USIU, Lakeside started the match on a high, rushing to a 8-0 lead before the students could recollect themselves and score a paltry six points for the quarter to end 11-6.

High scoring

Lakeside extended their lead to 14 points at the break after a high scoring second quarter where they managed to double the student's scores in a 18-9 score line.

Coach Cliff Owuor's pep talk worked magic for the students as they mounted a successful comeback, cutting Lakeside's lead to eight points at 37-29 at the end of the third quarter. Three quick tries from Larry Shavanga and Fredrick Onono in the dying minutes of the third period gave the students confidence to push further.

"Lakeside were reading our game plan and effectively countering it in the first half. My players were also nervous as this was their first time to play in the full glare of cameras," said Owuor.

Shavanga and Onono changed the momentum for USIU in the final quarter. Combined with a now composed Ariel Otega, the students turned the tables on Lakeside with a match high quarter score of 31 points for the win.



Willis Ochieng of Kisumu Lakeside attempts to shoot during a past match. PHOTO: FILE





Current state of Nyayo national Stadium that has been under renovation for two years. RIGHT: Workers fit seats on the terraces. PHOTOS: RODGERS NDEGWA

Why Nyayo won't open soon

Sports PS not sure when renovation works will end as contractors lament lack of finances

by Amos Abuga
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"Before end of May, we should have completed the laying of seats. For the building, we have discussed with the contractor and they say it will take them 60-75 days to complete. We will come back here by end of May and if they will have not finished, we will give them another 21 days."

Those were the assurances of Sports Principal Secretary Kirimi Kaberia on the scheduled re-opening of Nyayo National Stadium after he led a number of MPs from the National Assembly's Sports, Culture and Tourism Committee in inspecting the facility in March this year.

However, close to three months later, the tune has changed: "I cannot be able to say with certainty when the stadium will be ready. All I can say is work is at an advanced stage and therefore we should all wait for its official opening," Kaberia told *People Sport* last week.

It is a statement that dims the hopes of many local teams especially football and athletics as it was anticipated that the facility, which has been under renovation for close to two years, would be completed soon.

Lack of finances has been highlighted for the slow progress of the works and that is unlikely to change given Sports was allocated Sh3.5 billion in the Budget presented by National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Henry Rotich last week with a paltry Sh500 million allocated to stadia countrywide.

With Nyayo having gobbled close to Sh350 million with a similar amount required to complete the work, it is not hard to understand where Kaberia is coming from.

However, it was the PS himself who kept giving endless promises and timelines when the stadium would be done, leaving many wondering whether Kenyans were being taken for a ride.

Snail's pace

A spot-check by *People Sport* revealed that work at the facility has been moving at a snail's pace since the last visit by Kaberia and Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed, unlike in December when the government worked around the clock to ensure the facility was ready to host Jamhuri Day celebrations, and three months later for the First Lady's Beyond Zero half marathon.

Ahead of the two events, over 300 workers were dispatched to ensure that work was done quickly but as of yesterday, only a handful of them were present.

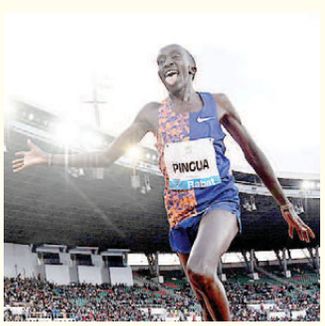
"Nowhere in the world can you get such a huge investment on promises. I think we hit the rock. We are owed a lot of money and therefore work could not go on as planned," said chief contractor Chandresh Babariya.

During the last visit, seats were being fitted on the terraces but up to now, the middle and upper tiers remain untouched.

"We have only started work today after a long break. We have to wait for instructions from our boss. We are told there was no money to import the seats from China and our boss was complaining he had already spent a lot from his pocket," said a junior staff of Spring Engineering, the company contracted to install the seats,

However, it is not all gloom as the playing surface is almost complete while lifts were fitted at the VVIP area with a new office block constructed.

The 30,000-seater facility is also now accessible to persons with disabilities the changing rooms which were relocated from below the VIP area to the left side of the stadium, have been closed for close to three months since the contractor went on strike.



Zakayo lights up Rabat, eyes glory at Doha Worlds

by Ericson Kiprono
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World Under-20 5,000m champion Edward Zakayo (*pictured*) continued his brilliant start to the season when he stormed to victory in the sixth leg of the IAAF Diamond League in Rabat, Morocco on Sunday.

The athlete, who clocked 13:11.49, ran a brilliant 5,000m race, tracking Ethiopia's Solomon Berihu before unleashing a deadly kick in the last 50m.

Berihu settled for second place after timing 13:16.08 while Soufian Bouqanter finished third in 13:17.26.

Berihu started dictating the pace after four laps when the pacemaker dropped with Zakayo hanging on in second position before his decisive move on the home stretch that stunned his rivals. "I had done good preparations because I knew I was going to compete with the best. I have been preparing for the World Championships where I'm eyeing a podium finish and the Diamond League races are part of my build-up," said Zakayo after the race.

In 1,500m, world indoor finalist Vincent Kibet emerged victorious after clocking 3:35.80 ahead of Ethiopia's Hincham Akamkam (3:35.85) and France's Alexis Miellet (3:35.98).

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Whiteheart secure Omoni Cup passage after victory

FOOTBALL: Whiteheart FC have all but secured their place in the knockout stages of the 2019 edition of the ongoing Omoni Cup, following a spirited comeback win over Hunters on Sunday. Hunters were first to score after 23 minutes, a goal that stood until half-time but after the break, Whiteheart were a totally different team as they scored three quick goals. Bosco Nyumundo fired Whiteheart back into the match with an equaliser in the 50th minute before top scorer Cyrus Ouchu swept in the second goal and his ninth of the tournament while Albert Nyangate wrapped things up with a third in the 74th minute. "It was quite a fight. From 1-0 down at half-time to 3-1 at full-time is incredible. We are unbeaten with the most goals scored and least conceded. We also proud of being the team with the top scorer as well as the most disciplined so far," said Whiteheart coach Evans Areba. He added: "Our objectives in the County League and Omoni Cup are on course and we want to win every thing."

-GIBO ZACHARY

Total Economy Run champ to defend title



MOTORSPORT: Micky Bassi, the winner of the 2018 Total Excellium Economy Run, will defend his title in this year's event on June 22. This has been an annual fixture of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club since 1982 and Micky will be driving his 1981 Alfa 75 sports saloon and will face a strong challenge from multiple winner Shailesh Chandaria. The start will be located in the ABC service station on Waiyaki Way and the Economy Run will finish at the Total Moi Road service station in the centre of Naivasha. The winner will be the competitor using the least amount of fuel within the allocated time. The up to 1,500cc class has attracted entries from Gursharan Singh in a 1980 Alfasud Sprint and the Alfa 147 sports saloons of Kuki Mahajan and Gayling May. Renowned CBA Africa Concours d'Elegance competitor Sati Gata Aura has been listed in the 2,000cc class with his 1973 Alfa GTV which is the oldest car in the event. At the finish of the Total Excellium Economy Run, competitors will have their fuel consumption measured for the calculation of the results. -CHARLES THUKU

Wazito's Masika targets fresh pastures abroad



FOOTBALL: Musa Masika (left), younger brother of Harambee Stars winger Ayub Timbe who plays for Beijing Renhe in China, is also hoping to join the paid ranks in the near future. Masika was the standout player for Wazito FC and they made an immediate return to the SportPesa Premier League after emerging champions of the second tier National Super League and believes he is ripe for a move abroad. "I am looking at the next level and that is why every day for me is about pushing. My wish is to go to Europe and I hope something happens. If at all a good opportunity comes even from the local Premier League, I will take it. It is all about weighing what is best for my career going forward," said the former Kangemi Allstars wonderkid. Masika's reputation has also been enhanced after being called up to the Harambee Stars squad for next year's CHAN tournament.

-BARRY SILAH



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SPORTS BRIEFS

Uganda must up their game to succeed: Sebastien Desabre



KAMPALA: Uganda head coach Sebastien Desabre says his charges will have to maintain their unison in the Africa Cup of Nations finals if they are to have a successful campaign in Egypt. The Cranes have so far engaged in two friendly matches against Turkmenistan and Ivory Coast, registering a barren draw and a 1-0 win respectively. Desabre was impressed with the team in the game against the Elephants and feels that the win set them up for an impressive Afcon, as per the Daily Monitor. "At this level, we are ready with the organisation and the talents. There is need for cohesion coupled with the individual players to work for the best desired results. "We played the match against Ivory Coast in situations. It was a perfect game to assess some players and hope the team will be ready for the Afcon finals first game." The East African Nation is in Group A and will start their campaign against DR Congo on Saturday, June 22, before playing Zimbabwe and later on hosts Egypt. Meanwhile, Ghana striker Asamoah Gyan is convinced about their readiness for the Africa Cup of Nations, following Saturday's 0-0 draw with South Africa in a warm-up fixture. The Black Stars, who are seeking to win their fifth continental title and a first since 1982, are currently in their final week of preparations in the United Arab Emirates for the championship. -AFP

Salah helps hosts Egypt to another warm-up victory



CAIRO: Egypt superstar Mohamed Salah came off the bench but did not score as the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations hosts defeated fellow qualifiers Guinea 3-1 Sunday in a warm-up match. Marwan Mohsen gave the Pharaohs an early lead in Alexandria that was cancelled by Sory Kaba midway through the second half. Ahmed Ali, recalled for the Cup of Nations after a lengthy absence from the national squad, put Egypt ahead again and Omar Gaber scored a late goal to ensure victory. It was the second warm-up victory for Egypt, who defeated qualifiers Tanzania 1-0 three days ago at the same stadium. Egypt are in Group A with the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda and Zimbabwe for the June 21-July 19 tournament as they seek a record-extending eighth African title. While Egypt are on a winning streak, serious title contenders Morocco suffered a second home loss in a row as they fell 3-2 to non-qualifiers Zambia. Ajax Amsterdam star Hakim Ziyech equalised twice for a team considered one of the biggest threats to title favourites Egypt only for Enock Mwepu to snatch a 75th-minute winner. -AFP

Road trip hits a snag for two football fans



NAIROBI: Two African football fans have been forced to abandon their hitchhiking road trip from Cape Town to Cairo to attend the African Cup of Nations starting in the Egyptian capital on Friday. South African Bafana Bafana football supporter Botha Msila and his Zimbabwe travelling partner Alvin Zhakata were stranded for three days at the Kenyan-Ethiopia border town of Moyale after being denied visas by the Ethiopian authorities to pass through the country. They had to cut short their trip on Sunday and returned to Nairobi to look for another mode of transport to Egypt or to go back home. "I found that it is going to be difficult for us to pass through the border so I choose not to be a difficult person to other countries," said Msila on Twitter. "I feel that it is better for me to go back to my country to get a visa... or take another mode of transport to go to Egypt." Ethiopia introduced visa immigration requirements for all Zimbabweans and South Africans travelling by road through the country starting in March this year, but there is a visa waiver for those travelling by air. - AFP

Gracing the occasion

Gor, Sofapaka among the clubs with high representation in Egypt

By Charles Thuku
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For a lengthy time, foreign-based clubs have produced the lion's share of African players who are summoned for high-profile events such as the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON).

Indeed, the school of thought was that clubs in Europe were better equipped as compared to those in Africa, hence the disparity of the two in terms of players input in the national teams.

The story of AFCON, Africa's prime football event, missing out players who turn out for local clubs goes back more than we can remember despite the fact that talent is bursting at its seams.

But dynamics have now changed and coaches, both expatriate and local, have begun to acknowledge such talent, if the composition of teams in the upcoming 2019 AFCON in Egypt is anything to go by.

Among the clubs that is lighting the way in the continental event are Kenyan champions Gor Mahia, who have produced three players in the national team, Harambee Stars, including eccentric midfielder Francis Kahata, Joash Onyango and Philemon Otieno.

Harambee Stars selectors had earlier on given a chance to Gor's George "Blackberry" Odhiambo and Haroun Shakava which gives credence that local clubs are growing in stature and that their players are good enough to feature for the national team.

Another K'Ogalo star, Francis Mustafa, was summoned by Burundi coach Oliver Niyungeko to do duty for Intamba Murugamba in AFCON, so are Sofapaka goalkeeper Justine Ndikumana and defender Moussa Omar.

Sofapaka, popularly known as Batoto Ba Mungu, can also take more pride in that their fast-rising striker John Avire and evergreen defensive midfielder Dennis Odhiambo are also in the Cairo-bound Harambee Stars squad.



Gor Mahia's Philemon Otieno trains with the national team at their camp in France last week. PHOTO: FKF

PLAYER FOCUS

FRANCIS KAHATA

Age: 27
Height: 1'78m
Position: MIDFIELDER
Club: GOR MAHIA
Appearance: 31
Goals: 2

AFRICAN CLUBS REPRESENTATION IN EGYPT:

- Primeiro de Agosto (Angola) - 8
- Kaizer Chiefs (SA) - 7
- Zamalek SC (Egypt) - 6
- Espérance Tunis (Tunisia) - 6
- Mamelodi Sundowns (SA) - 6
- TP Mazembe (DRC) - 6
- Simba SC (Tanzania) - 6
- Bidvest Wits (SA) - 5
- Al Ahly SC (Egypt) - 5
- Azam FC (Tanzania) - 5
- Pyramids FC (Egypt) - 5
- Gor Mahia FC (Kenya) - 4
- African Stars (Namibia) - 4
- Orlando Pirates (SA) - 4
- Young Africans (Tanzania) - 4
- Sofapaka (Kenya) - 4
- Golden Arrows (SA) - 4
- Ismaily SC (Egypt) - 3
- Lusaka Dynamos (Zambia) - 3
- KCCA FC (Uganda) - 3
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Optimistic Cathage Eagles

Giresse tries again to conquer Africa, with Group E favourites Tunisia

Johannesburg, Monday
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Former France star Alain Giresse makes a fourth attempt to win the Africa Cup of Nations as a coach when he leads Group E favourites Tunisia in Egypt this month.

Now 66, he steered Mali to third place in 2012, but subsequent campaigns with Senegal and Mali ended in first round exits.

Tunisia should prove too strong for Angola, Mali and debutants Mauritania, but Carthage Eagles supporters will expect the team to go much further.

Here, is a look at a section where Angola and Mali are expected to slug it out to be runners-up and claim the other guaranteed place in the second round.

Angola

The Portuguese-speaking southern Africa country are back after failing to qualify for the last two editions, but it was a close call.

Needing maximum points away to struggling Botswana, they scraped a 1-0 win through a goal from Wilson Eduardo, one of several Portugal-based professionals in the squad.

Coached by Serb Srdjan Vasiljevic, Angola are a workmanlike team with Geraldo from Egyptian club giants Al Ahly providing creativity on the right flank.

The best they have achieved in seven previous appearances is two quarter-final appearances and they will do well to match that feat.

AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS GROUP E HEAD-TO-HEAD:

Mali vs Tunisia
1994 Tunisia Group A Mali 2 Tunisia 0

Angola vs Tunisia
2008 Ghana Group D Angola 0 Tunisia 0

Angola vs Mali
2010 Angola Group A Angola 4 Mali 4

Verdict: A round-of-16 place would seem the limit

Mali

The west African nation provided some of the pre-tournament drama with a threat of disqualification hanging over a squad that was named 96 hours after the deadline.

World body FIFA warned Malian football officials to get their act together regarding the holding of elections or face suspension, and they did so with less than a week to spare.

Mali have often punched above their weight, finishing third in 2012 and 2013 after twice eliminating the host nations, but did not get out of their group in the last two editions.

Coach Mohamed Magassouba has emphasised youth with the oldest player goalkeeper Ibrahim Mounkoro only 29 and new Southampton forward Moussa Djenepo is set to attract attention.

Verdict: Another side that will struggle to get beyond the second round

Mauritania

After decades being among the weakest African football nations, the largely desert northwestern country have reached the Cup of Nations for the first time. National coach Corentin Martins attributes the change of fortunes to methodical planning with a second division and age-limit leagues down to under-13 being introduced.

"This will ensure there is plenty of talent to choose the various national teams from," said the French coach, who has overseen steady improvement in the national team over four years.

Asked to name his stars, Martins replied: "The team. Many of them are playing abroad and they have gained a lot of tactical and technical knowledge."

Verdict: Winning a match would be great; reaching the round-of-16 a fairytale. -AFP



Tunisia's players celebrate after scoring a second goal during their international friendly match against Croatia in Varazdin, on June 11, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

AFRICA CUP OF NATIONS GROUP E FACTFILES:

Angola
Coach: Srdjan Vasiljevic (SRB)
Africa/world rankings: 32/123
Previous appearances: 7
Best placing: quarter-finals (2008, 2010)
Qualifying: Burkina Faso 2-1 1-3, Botswana 1-0 1-0, Mauritania 4-1 0-1

Mali
Coach: Mohamed Magassouba (MLI)
Africa/world rankings: 10/62
Previous appearances: 10
Best placing: runners-up (1972)
Qualifying: Gabon 2-1 1-0, South Sudan 3-0 3-0, Burundi 0-0 1-1

Mauritania
Coach: Corentin Martins (FRA)
Africa/world rankings: 21/103
Previous appearances: none
Qualifying: Botswana 2-1 1-0, Burkina Faso 2-0 0-1, Angola 1-0 1-4

Tunisia
Coach: Alain Giresse (FRA)
Africa/world rankings: 2/25
Previous appearances: 18
Best placing: champions (2004)
Qualifying: Egypt 1-0 2-3, eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) 4-0 2-0, Niger 1-0 2-1

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13:00	2188	Kashima Antlers vs Sanfrecce Hiroshima	1.96	3.29	3.98
15:00	1101	Guangzhou Evergrande vs Shandong Luneng	2.17	3.39	3.23
18:00	1532	Slovan Bratislava vs Slovacko	1.88	3.56	3.41
18:00	1862	Spartak Trnava vs Komarno	1.39	4.44	6.19
18:30	3182	Lahti vs RoPs Rovaniemi	2.34	2.98	3.41
18:30	5694	Hifk vs Seinajoen JK	2.94	2.94	2.67
19:00	3763	Viljandi Tulevik vs Maardu Starbunker	1.62	4.03	4.65
19:00	4326	Tammeka Tartu vs Tallinna Kalev	1.68	3.94	4.31
19:30	2229	Flora Tallinn vs Nomme Kalju	2.24	3.44	2.92
19:30	4614	Romania U21 vs Croatia U21	3.63	3.17	1.94
20:30	5484	SC Kufu 98 vs Pallo Kerho 37	1.25	5.38	8.45
22:00	3781	Jamaica W vs Australia W	37.02	8.75	1.01
22:00	4216	Italy W vs Brazil W	2.87	3.18	2.40
22:00	5712	England U21 vs France U21	2.45	3.06	2.70
22:15	3994	Stjarnan vs Breidablik	2.50	3.51	2.60
23:00	2400	CD Duros Del Balon vs LDU Portoviejo	1.93	3.41	3.41

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00:30	3752	Bolivia vs Peru	6.66	3.89	1.54
02:30	3134	Panama vs Trinidad and Tobago	1.94	3.01	3.88
03:30	5957	Brazil vs Venezuela	1.19	6.40	16.26
05:00	4917	USA vs Guyana	1.02	9.00	26.00
13:30	5766	Urawa Red Diamonds vs Ulsan Hyundai	2.23	3.14	3.35
15:00	3180	Shanghai SIPG vs Jeonbuk Hyundai	2.43	3.23	2.91
15:00	3727	Mlks Znicz Biala Piska vs Sokol Ostroda	1.48	4.23	5.35
15:00	5727	Victoria Sulejowek vs KS Ruch Wysokie Mazowieckie	2.32	3.56	2.58
18:30	2926	HJK Helsinki vs Honka	2.10	3.33	3.60
19:00	1294	KS Ursus Warszawa vs Legionovia	5.86	4.38	1.43
19:00	1616	Sandnes Ulf vs Viking	4.10	3.89	1.76
19:00	1771	Sogndal vs Brann	4.20	4.09	1.70
19:00	1904	Legia II Warszawa vs TS Sokol Aleksandrow Lodzki	3.32	3.52	1.94
19:00	2769	Huragan Morag vs KP Polonia Warsaw	2.31	3.60	2.57
19:00	3152	Levanger vs Kristiansund	6.93	4.90	1.39
19:00	3417	Grorud IL vs Mjondalen	4.87	4.40	1.57
19:00	3947	Fram Larvik vs Stromsgodset	5.57	4.61	1.48
19:00	4040	Baerum vs Valerenga	8.65	6.82	1.24
19:00	4247	MKS Swit Nowy Dwor Mazowiecki vs KS Pelikan Lowicz	2.30	3.53	2.61
19:00	4445	Strommen vs Lillestrom	4.83	4.25	1.59
19:00	4636	Lechia Tomaszow Mazowiecki vs Unia Skierniewice	2.21	3.55	2.73
19:00	4640	LKS 1926 Lomza vs Olimpia Zambrow	5.87	4.34	1.43
19:00	4990	MKS Elk vs Bron Radom	1.71	3.83	3.94
19:00	5030	Ullensaker/Kisa vs Rosenborg	5.82	4.49	1.48
19:00	5105	Nest-Sotra vs Kfum Oslo	2.17	3.70	2.96
19:00	5239	Tromsdalen vs Sarpsborg	5.87	4.86	1.44
19:00	5349	Sandefjord vs Odd Ballklubb	4.54	4.17	1.64
19:00	5457	Skeid Fotball vs Ranheim	3.45	3.51	2.02
19:30	3369	Spain U21 vs Belgium U21	1.53	3.98	5.00
19:30	4902	Jonkopings Sodra vs Varbergs Bois	2.54	3.18	2.81
20:00	3101	Bryne vs Haugesund	5.01	4.48	1.55
21:00	1487	Aalesunds vs Molde	3.87	3.66	1.86
22:00	4187	Italy U21 vs Poland U21	1.39	4.16	6.94

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DJOKOVIC, OSAKA REMAIN TOP OF ATP RANKINGS



Novak Djokovic (pictured) leads the men's ATP tennis rankings released yesterday ahead of French Open champion Rafael Nadal and former world number one Roger Federer. The top of the rankings remains unchanged a week after Nadal claimed the Roland Garros title with victory over Dominic Thiem in the final. Federer lost to Nadal in the semis in his first appearance in Paris since 2015 and will be playing on grass in Halle in Germany today as the focus switches to the Wimbledon build-up. Meanwhile, Naomi Osaka retained top place in the women's rankings in an unchanged top 20 with two weeks to go to Wimbledon. Osaka and French Open winner Ashleigh Barty are playing on grass in Birmingham this week in preparation for Wimbledon. -AFP

LLOYD PROPELS USA INTO WORLD CUP LAST 16



Veteran Carli Lloyd (pictured) became the first player to score in six consecutive women's World Cup matches as a much-changed United States side eased to a 3-0 win over Chile on Sunday to secure their passage to the last 16. That the winning margin was nowhere near their record-breaking 13-0 hammering of Thailand in their opening game was largely down to the heroics of Chile's brilliant goalkeeper Christiane Endler, but this was still a one-sided victory for the holders in Paris. Lloyd came into the starting line-up in one of seven changes and netted twice in the first half either side of a Julie Ertz goal, as the USA joined Sweden in qualifying from Group F. -AFP

Costa Rica, Haiti collect opening victories in Gold Cup



FOOTBALL: Costa Rica captain Celso Borges and Bryan Oviedo scored in the first 20 minutes and the Ticos routed visiting Nicaragua 4-0 on Sunday in their opening match of the Gold Cup football tournament. The biennial showdown of CONCACAF region (North American) nations saw a rare start outside the United States for Costa Rica, playing in the national stadium at San Jose. In another Group B match played there Sunday, Haiti edged Bermuda 2-1. Oviedo opened the scoring for Costa Rica in the seventh minute and Borges followed in the 19th as the Ticos seized command early. Elias Aguilar, a midfielder for South Korean side Jeju United, scored on a free kick in the first minute of first half stoppage time to boost Costa Rica's edge to 3-0 at half-time. Allan Cruz added the final tally in the 75th minute. Costa Rica, which made a semi-final run in the 2017 Gold Cup, last reached the final in 2002 and last won the trophy in 1989. -AFP

Masinde Muliro win KUSA third leg sevens rugby title



RUGBY: Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) won the third leg of the sevens rugby champions of the Kenya University Sports Association (KUSA) after humbling Kenyatta University (KU) 14-7 in the final in Kakamega on Sunday. The two-day event, which attracted 10 universities, saw Zetech University finish third after a narrow 10-5 victory over the University of Eldoret in the playoff. In the final, KU, under the tutelage of veteran tactician Mike 'Tank' Otieno, stunned the hosts three minutes into the match after winger Arthur Wanjohi grabbed the opening try that was converted by scrum-half Leon Alechelit. That rattled MMUST who responded with a try of their own through Timothy Mmasi with Nobert Lumbwani converting. Viron Kaburu killed the match off with the second try for the hosts and Samuel Mbeche converted it for commanding 14-7 lead which they held on to the end. The fourth edition will be held in Eldoret in two weeks' time. -FRED LIKUYANI

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Suarez 'bites'



Uruguay's Luis Suarez celebrates after scoring against Ecuador during their Copa America group match at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte, Brazil yesterday morning. PHOTO: AFP

Barca star, Cavani score as Uruguay crush 10-man Ecuador in Copa America

Belo Horizonte, Monday
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Luis Suarez and Edinson Cavani were on target as Uruguay thumped 10-man Ecuador 4-0 in their opening Group C match at the Copa America on Monday morning.

Nicolas Lodeiro opened the scoring after just six minutes before Ecuador full-back Jose Quintero was dismissed for a flailing arm.

With a numerical advantage, Uruguay ran riot at the Mineirao stadium in Belo Horizonte as Cavani and Suarez netted before the break. The rout was completed 12 minutes from time with an Arturo Mina own goal.

"We had chances in the first half, we managed to take them and that gave us the tranquility to manage the game. It was an important step," said Cavani, who finally scored his first Copa America goal in his fourth participation.

It was the ideal beginning for Uruguay in a tough Group C alongside champions Chile and guests Japan, who met this morning in Sao Paulo.

"We're not as bad as that.

It was a match that got away from us, especially in the first half when it got away from us in every aspect," lamented Ecuador's Colombian coach Hernan Dario Gomez.

Uruguay were off to a dream start.

Suarez crossed from the right and Lodeiro proved the coolest customer in the Mineirao stadium as he beat one defender with his chest control, flicked the ball over another and then hit a crisp, low volley into the bottom far corner.

"We knew they would be very tough opponents.

The important thing was start the game with maximum concentration and we managed that," said Cavani.

Uruguay were rampant and had the ball in the net soon afterwards only for Cavani to be given offside in the build-up.

Ecuador brought a physicality to the contest that upset the Uruguayan players and Quintero was perhaps lucky to escape punishment when catching Diego Laxalt with an elbow in an aerial challenge.

But moments later, his arm made contact with Lodeiro's face when challenging for another header, this time drawing blood.

Brazilian referee Anderson Daronco, whose bulging arm muscles put even Ecuador's strapping players to shame, initially showed the full-back a yellow card but after consulting VAR he changed that to red. That left Ecuador with a mountain to climb. -AFP

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Sunday
Paraguay 2-2 Qatar
Yesterday
Uruguay 4-0 Ecuador
Tomorrow
Bolivia vs Peru (12.30am)
Brazil vs Venezuela (3.30am)

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