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LINTURI IS A NOTORIOUS WOMANISER, SAYS KITANY LAWYER

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HURRAY! Sarah Wairimu at the Milimani law courts yesterday after filing an application seeking DCI George Kinoti be jailed for disobeying court order / ENOS TECHE

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Human remains exposed after a severe erosion of about seven feet deep along River Kabiswa, a tributary of River Perkerra near Sabor trading centre in Kimalel, Baringo county **/JOSEPH KANGOGO**

'WESTLANDS UNDERWORLD'

IG given 2 weeks to probe agency after TV exposé

Ministry wants Mutyambai to unravel allegations against officials



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Inspector of General of Police Hillary Mutyambai has two weeks to investigate allegations of conspiracy involving immigration officials and politicians to deport an Indian family and seize his property.

Citizen TV on Sunday aired an exposé titled 'Westlands underworld' claiming that officials at Immigration and other security agencies planned to deport the family of 70-year-old Dillip Bakrania so they could take over his vast wealth.

The Ministry of Interior wants Mutyambai to immediately commence investigations into the allegations contained in the documentary and update the ministry within 14 days.

"That full and proper investigations be undertaken with immediate effect to determine the validity or lack thereof of the allegations," the statement signed by the ministry's spokesperson Wangui Muchiri reads.

Commenting on the matter on Tuesday, Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji assured foreigners living and working in the country that they are safe and their property will not be interfered with.

"We must assure the foreigners living and working in the country that their families and businesses are safe. That case was unfortunate and I'm sure investigations will unravel the facts," he said during a media breakfast on plea bargaining.

Citing months of undercover investigation, the expose claimed Bakrania and his sister Hansa was a target of an intricate web aimed at seizing his properties, deporting him or even worse.

Bakrania owns several companies located on Dar es Salaam Road in Nairobi's Industrial Area, it claimed.

"Months into the investigations showed his 192 Bentley vehicle worth millions had gone missing, bank accounts frozen by individuals and his gun taken away," the report said.

But the government wants any member of the public, including Citizen TV, to submit any documentary evidence and details on the matter to the Director Internal Affairs Unit Charlton Murithi to help with investigations.

The allegations named deputy inspector of police Edward Mbugua, head of Immigration Services Alex Muteshi, Makadara MP George Aladwa, DCI officers and lawyers among other players as conspiring to frustrate the family .

Private investigator, Jane Mugo, was also drawn into the expose.

DIVORCE HEARING

I didn't know Linturi had kids out of wedlock, says Kitany

ANNETTE WAMBULWA/ Marriane Kitany has accused a Catholic priest of officiating a marriage between Meru Senator Mithika Linturi and his alleged first wife Mercy Kaimenyi when he already had another family.

While cross-examining Fr Jason Micheni, Kitany's lawyer Danstan Omari told the priest the senator had two children with Susan Gacheri before his 2000 wedding to Kaimenyi.

The court heard that the senator had a son with a woman named Hellen Mumbi eight years ago.

Micheni told the court that he was never made aware of the fact that the senator had kids out of wedlock.

Omari asked him if he had been made aware that Linturi had kids he would have officiated the marriage. The priest said it depends on circumstances.

Omari asked him if Catholic laws allow him to officiate a marriage of a man with children outside marriage.

However, Muthomi Thiankolu for Linturi strongly opposed the line of questioning by Omari. He argued the marriage was not under church law as alleged by Omari arguing that it's irrelevant evidence.

But things took a dramatic turn when Linturi's lawyers accused Kitany's team of being armed in court.

They was told the court that one of the people with Kitany was armed and they wanted him thrown out of court or disarmed before they continued.



However, a defiant Omari said his client's life was in danger and she needed to be protected from Linturi who has threatened her before.

"Your honour, my client has her own security arrangements because of the nature of the case and for her own safety," he said.

FOR SIX MONTHS

Sarah Wairimu wants DCI boss Kinoti locked up for contempt

SUSAN MUHINDI/Sarah Wairimu, the widow of slain businessman Tob Cohen, yesterday filed an application in court to have Directorate of Criminal Investigations and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions cited for contempt.

Wairimu, through lawyer Philip Murgor, said the two agencies disobeyed an order issued on September 16 by Justice Jessie Lessit in which she directed that they desist from addressing the media on the investigations and evidence alleged to exist in the murder case.

Wairimu also wants Kinoti, an advocate from the ODPP's office Juma Owiti and journalist John Kamau detained for a term not exceeding six months.

She said on September 18, in total disregard of the court order, the DCI in a series of tweets on its official and accredited handle, purported to give an unsolicited and uninformed opinion which assumes her guilt. The DCI and Kinoti, she says, were also quoted in a Dutch paper on September 18 discussing the case.

"Kinoti in particular disregarded the court order and inferred the guilt of Sarah when he talked about the case in a different local paper."

Owiti has been faulted for publishing an article on his Facebook page "disguised" as an academic post while assuming Wairimu's guilt.

Wairimu believes in order for sanctity to be restored in the proceedings and court orders to be obeyed, it is imperative that Kinoti, Owiti and Kamau are imprisoned for contempt of court.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Should an adolescent girl get free sanitary towels?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Should frustrated tea farmers uproot their crop?

YES 55%

NO 45%

SH3 BILLION RENOVATION

Uhuru in secret tour of Kisumu port

MAURICE ALAL/President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday made a private visit to the Sh3 billion Kisumu port under rehabilitation.

He inspected the progress of work at the port but journalists were locked out of the highly guarded tour.

Sources say Uhuru later went to Kisumu State Lodge for a meeting. Details of the discussions were still unknown. Even Kisumu Deputy Governor Mathews Owili was not aware of the meeting.

The port's face-lift has renewed optimism for a boost in Nyanza's economic fortunes upon completion. The renovation will create more than 10,000 jobs directly and indirectly.

Residents and their leaders say the face-lift will put the port back on the map of Kenya's shipping and maritime economy.

The port's revival has been under the special supervision of President Kenyatta and the African Union special envoy for infrastructure development Raila Odinga.

The two have made several visits to the port as the government seeks to restore the once vibrant East Africa hub to its glory days.

The port rehabilitation was expected to have been completed in August. The delay forced the postponement of its commissioning that was scheduled for August 15.

Uhuru had been expected to open the port alongside his Ugandan and DRC counterparts Yoweri Museveni and Felix Tshisekedi. The event was postponed indefinitely. The port is 99 per cent complete.

FOR THE RECORD

In our edition of Tuesday October 15, 2019, we published a public interest story on page 23 about Nairobi City County to spend Sh9 billion on revenue collection automation. We have been reliably informed that City Hall will spend Sh6 million and not Sh9 billion as reported. We take this earliest opportunity to apologise to Governor Mike Sonko and the county government of Nairobi for any embarrassment caused, and assure them that the story was not published by the Star out of malice. We regret the error.



PHOTO STORY

Environment CAS Mohamed Elmi during e-waste collection campaign at Weee Centre, Nairobi, on Monday **/WILFRED NYANGARESI**

EX-SECURITY GUARD

Bullet in spine for 17 years but man loses court case

Judges held security work dangerous, employer provided standard protection

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A former security guard who was shot by thugs at his workplace has lived with a bullet lodged in his spinal cord for 17 years.

On Friday last week, George Oyoo lost his court case seeking to hold his employer — G4S, formerly Securicor security service — liable. As a result of the attack, Oyoo is a paraplegic, paralysed below the bullet injury. He is unable to control his urine and stool and suffers from sexual dysfunction.

On August 5, 2002, when Oyoo left for work, he didn't know he would never walk again. He was attacked by thugs at the Tile & Carpet factory on Lunga Lunga Road in Industrial area, Nairobi.

He was on duty with another security guard, Clement Masika.

The factory was surrounded by a 10-foot-high electrified fence and wall. It had a gate, which was locked. Their duty, as determined by the client, was to patrol the perimeter fence on the outside.

As usual, they wore uniforms — shirt and trousers, long coats, cap, boots and standard protective items including baton or rungus, whistles, torches and remote alarm buttons. There was also a fixed alarm inside the wall, accessible through the gate.

At about 7.30pm, the supervisor arrived to check on the guards.

Masika had gone round the perimeter wall on patrol while the 1st appellant, Oyoo, was at the gate.

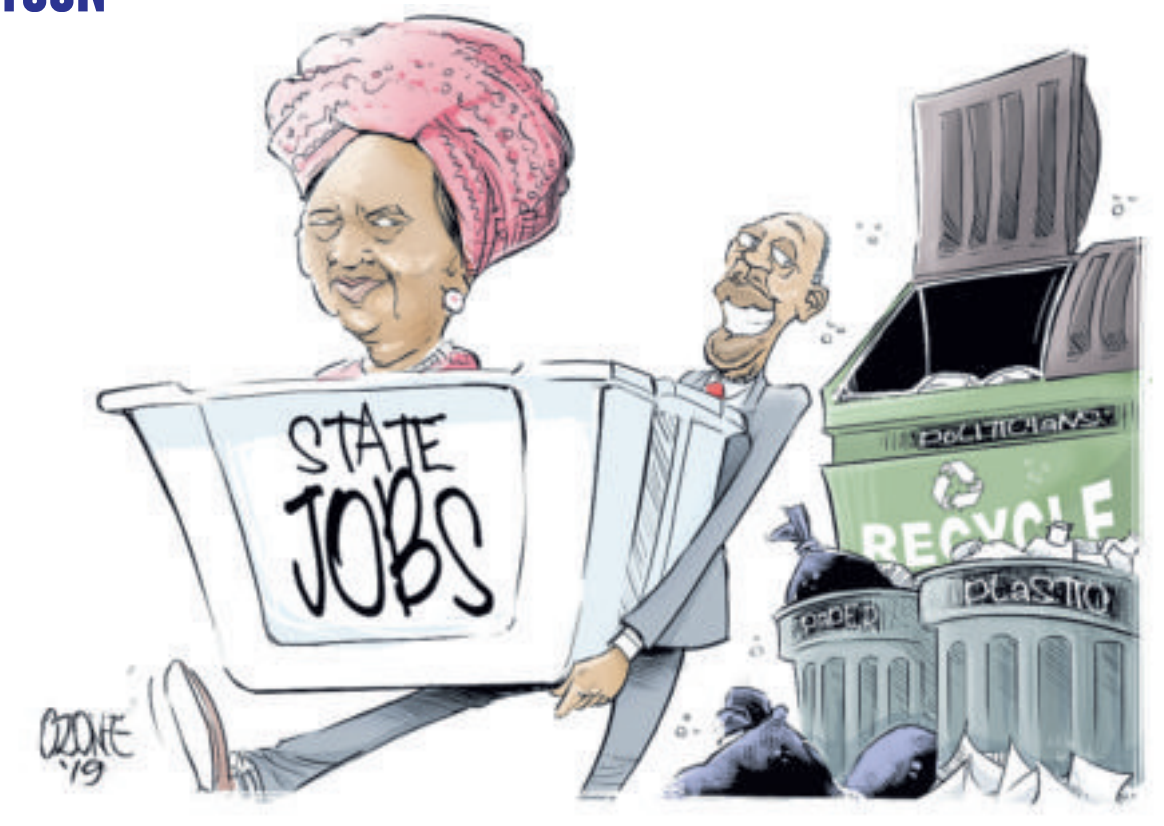
As the supervisor was completing Oyoo's guard book, they saw Masika, about 10 meters away, being frog-marched by four young men whom they did not recognise. But this looked like trouble.

Oyoo left his supervisor and confronted the young men, but a gunshot struck his chest and he passed out immediately. It became lodged in his spinal cord. The supervisor activated the alarm system as Masika struggled and escaped from the attackers who shot him in the leg before they fled.

In 2012, the High Court held that given the nature of his duty as a guard, it was not unexpected that some element of danger would be involved, such as an attack by robbers. It dismissed his case but gave Oyoo Sh9 million in damages. "It must have been a danger that the plaintiff (Oyoo) was well aware of, or should have been aware of when he took up employment."

HE WAS ATTACKED BY THUGS AT THE TILE & CARPET FACTORY ON LUNGA LUNGA ROAD IN INDUSTRIAL AREA, NAIROBI

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CORRIDORS OF POWER



POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics

★ **WHY** was Sports CS **Amina Mohamed** (pictured) missing in Vienna as **Eliud Kipchoge** made history? Her absence last Saturday is thought to be a sign of the silent, but vicious, infighting within the ministry. Sources told Corridors powerful mandarins within the docket conspired to elbow the CS out of the delegation to Vienna, especially after it became apparent DP **William Ruto** was the head of the team. Questions have been asked why the CS, who was instrumental in handling logistics and pertinent issues with Nairobi's envoy to Vienna, **Njeru Githae,** conspicuously missed out on the trip. It now emerges that a powerful clique of untouchables locked her out, despite her painstaking efforts with Nike Team and Ineos Team in Iten to ensure the legendary athlete shatters the sub-two hours barrier.

★ **HAS** the Director of Criminal Investigations forgotten the incitement to violence case by a bunch of loudmouth politicians allied to ODM in the looming Kibra by-election? Some critics think so. They claim that while the DCI has been seen to move swiftly when dealing with politicians allied to DP **William Ruto** accused of similar incitements, opposition leaders were last weekend captured on camera telling their supporters to take the law into their hands and deal with Tangatanga. The Tangatanga gang believe it is a case of double standards and alleged the opposition is a beneficiary of the handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM chief **Raila Odinga**. Unfortunately, they say, its breading impunity.

★ **STILL** on Kibra, a vocal opposition MP who was the face of a recent by-election where the party lost in its stronghold has gone mute. The lawmaker blamed for dismal performance in an area known to vote for the party to a man has not set foot in Kibra to drum up support for **Imran Okoth** in a race to replace the late MP **Ken Okoth**. Corridors yesterday overheard some women MPs from the party saying the MP has sworn not to be involved in any party campaigns until party officials who linked him to the dismal performance apologise to him in person. Interestingly, the two female lawmakers say the party officials are not about to swallow their own words.

★ **A** CEO of a car firm has had people complain about how the company landed a lucrative tender. The exuberant go-getter used his persuasive skills to penetrate the inner sanctum of the decision-making team to secure the deal. Our mole intimates that the boss, famous for his generosity, convinced the hard-nosed business-savvy tender team to win the day. Word has it that the executive recently demonstrated how far they can flex their influence. The official is said to have dictated word for word a statement put out to the public by an agency in the industry. It remains to be seen what else the company top dog will be able to pull off.

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NEWS

SLEAZE PAC TELLS EACC, DCI TO PROBE AT LEAST 10 GOVERNORS AND SEVEN FORMER COUNTY





Senators now target governors in graft war

Oversight Committee recommends probe on several county bosses on financial irregularities

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Current and former governors could soon find themselves on the radar of detectives after a parliamentary committee recommended graft investigations of their administrations.

The Senate Public Accounts and Investments Committee wants at least 10 governors and seven former county chiefs investigated for the possible loss of funds during their tenures.

Some of the counties mentioned in the PIAC 2014-15 report include Nyamira, headed by John Nyagarama, Kivutha Kibwana's Makueni, Paul Chepkwony's Kericho, Uasin Gishu, led by Jackson Mandago, Salim Mvurya's Kwale, Embu headed by Governor Martin Wambora and Kilifi under Amason Kingi.

Former governors whose administrations were put under the microscope include Benjamin Cheboi (Baringo), Issa Timamy (Lamu), Joseph Nduati (Kirinyaga), Kinuthia Mbugua (Nakuru) and Peter Munya (Meru).

The watchdog panel scrutinises the county governments' books of accounts. It has recommended the Ethics and Anti-corruption Commission and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations close in on possible culprits.

The committee reports that some governors have been overseeing massive irregularities, ranging from flawed multimillion-shilling tendering processes, blatant conflict of interest, overpayments and misuse of car loans and mortgages.

It says some counties have been diverting public funds to items not budgeted for, funding ghost projects and inflating costs.

The report notes that some counties are still spending locally generated revenue at source, an avenue that has been identified as a major outlet for siphoning public funds.

In the report, a copy of which the Star has obtained, the Moses Kajwang'-led committee says Nyagarama's administration has trampled on procurement rules.

The committee notes that the county government has a poor

GOVERNORS UNDER PROBE

JOHN NYAGARAMA
Nyamira

Senate panel wants his government probed over Sh60 million heavy earthmoving equipment





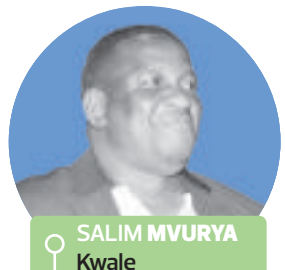
JACKSON MANDAGO
Uasin Gishu

The committee wants the county to be investigated over Sh378.9 million loan from KCB

KIVUTHA KIBWANA
Makueni

The watchdog committee wants the administration probed over Sh9.9 million for the procurement of computers, printers and digital cameras





SALIM MVURYA
Kwale

The committee wants investigation agencies to probe Sh93 million used to buy tree seedlings

CHIEFS FOR POSSIBLE LOSS OF FUNDS



Former Nakuru Governor Kinuthia Mbugua, Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana, Embu Governor Martin Wambora and Kwale's Salim Mvurya /FILE

bookkeeping regime and huge capacity challenges in the accounting and procurement departments.

For instance, it says, most of the staff working in the department are not registered with the relevant professional agencies, raising concerns about their capacity to handle tasks.

There were no proper records for workers' loans and mortgages, casting doubt on the sustainability of the multimillion-shilling scheme meant to provide cheap facilities to workers.

The committee wants the EACC and DCI to investigate Sh60 million spent by the county in the purchase of three heavy earth-moving equipment without a valid contract with the supplier.

The county government did not enter into its own agreement with the supplier but instead relied on the terms of the deal the contractor had with the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the committee says.

It also wants Nyamira procurement and accounts officers probed for failing to provide supporting documents for the expenditure of goods and services amounting to Sh4.8 million.

"The committee recommends that the responsible officers be prosecuted for breach of Section 62 of the Public Audit Act," says the PIAC.

The committee also cites the county for single sourcing casuals for various civil works amounting to Sh7 million and procuring resource mapping services at a cost of Sh21.7 million through direct procurement.

The team wants Governor Mandago's administration investigated for a Sh378.9 million loan advanced by the Kenya Commercial Bank.

It wants the EACC and DCI to establish why the county paid the money from the loan directly into the machinery suppliers' accounts without first banking it at the County Revenue Fund as required.

The panel learnt that the statement of receipts and payments reflected nil proceeds from domestic borrowing yet the county had taken a loan from KCB.

"The committee noted that there was a material breach of procedures and law, recommends further investigation on whether there was adherence to procurement process," it recommends.

The committee wants the EACC and DCI to establish why only Sh378.9 million was received by the county yet the devolved unit had signed a loan agreement for Sh484.4 million with KCB.

The procurement of computers, printers and digital cameras for Sh9. 9 million in Makueni should be investigated as well, the team recommends.

Governor Kibwana's administration did not convince the panel why the orders were split into a number of smaller quantities, contrary to Section 30 of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act, 2005.

The law requires procurement exceeding Sh6 million to be done through open tendering.

"The committee noted that the non-compliance of the law resulted in the loss of public funds and recommends that the DCI and EACC should investigate the violation of the process and law with the view to prosecute those responsible," reads the report.

In Kwale county, the administration invested more than Sh93 million in the purchase of tree seedlings, some of which disappeared into thin air, according to the panel.

The committee concurred with the Auditor General's report that up to Sh8.7 million spent by the Department of Lands, Physical Planning and Natural Resources to buy 200,000 tree seedlings could not be accounted for.

It notes auditors visited various ward administration offices but could not physically verify where the seedlings were planted.

"Therefore the committee recommends that the DCI and EACC should investigate the responsible officers with a view of the recovery of the funds and prosecution for breach of the Public Procurement and Disposal Act," the committee says.

It wants Governor Wambora's government investigated for funding stalled projects. This follows the county's decision to pay contractors substantial amounts of money before works are completed.

Some of the works include water projects valued at Sh79.9 million. "Where money has been paid for incomplete work, the contractor and responsible officers should be investigated and prosecuted with a view of the recovery of the funds lost," the committee says.

In Kilifi, the team points out, Sh23.4 million was paid to the personal bank accounts of three individuals during the year under review.

The Kingi administration told the committee that the payments related to allowances paid to MCAs for meetings and activities initiated by the executive.

The county said the payments were wired through the personal accounts of three county officers to cater for subsistence allowances for MCAs as the county assembly had exhausted its allocation for members' allowances.

But the committee recommends the officers be prosecuted for breach of Section 62 of the Public Audit Act, saying they failed to provide documents.

The team also points out that at least eight suppliers were contracted for Sh5.8 million yet they were not on the pre-qualified list for accommodation and catering services.

Former Meru Governor Munya's administration is on the spot for irregular renewal of an insurance scheme for county workers without open tendering after the expiry of the contract.

The county had contracted an insurance firm to offer enhanced medical cover at a sum of Sh31.6 million but renewed it at Sh139.9 million after the deal expired.

The increase of Sh108.2 million reflected a 342 per cent increase and was above the 25 per cent variation allowed under the law, the committee says.

"The accounting officer who caused Meru county to suffer financial loss through the insurance cover be held liable and further investigations on the matter should be carried out by relevant bodies on how Gold Field became a broker," the committee states.

It also wants Machakos Governor Alfred Mutua and former county chiefs Cleophas Lagat (Nandi) and Samuel Ragwa (Tharaka Nithi) investigated. And Siaya Governor Cornel Rasanga and former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero surcharged.

PETER MUNYA
Former Meru governor

The committee wants Munya's former administration to be investigated over Sh139 million insurance contract





KINUTHIA MBUGUA
Former Nakuru Governor

The committee wants the former governor's regime investigated over Sh83. 1 million reallocated to recurrent expenditure



EXPERTCOMMENT
SAM ONGERI

Corruption killing spirit of devoliution

Once the Committee on County Public Accounts and Investments go through all the reports from the Auditor General regarding the county executive and the county assemblies, we table them in the Senate. From there, the concerned agencies such as the Ethics and Anti Corruption, Assets Recovery Agency and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations are to take up the matters. The committee is not a policing agency, but rather, we play an oversight role and the issues we flag require the attention of other agencies. Governors and the county assemblies are given the opportunity to defend themselves and at the end of it, we write our reports.

But there are some people who may not be comfortable appearing before the committee and therefore politicise the proceedings. However, it should be clear that as an oversight committee, we are protecting public resources and the success of devolution.

Governors should remember that the reports of the committee are not final. As such, they will be tabled in the Senate and the whole House will debate it. Others are amended while some are adopted depending on the evidence.

So no one should be worried, counties should respond to queries by the Auditor General and back their responses with hard evidence. That is not politics. As a committee, we do not alter even a single line of the Auditor General's reports.

We are worried as a committee from the reports that we receive from the counties. There is no prudent utilisation of public resources.

Devolution was not about enriching a few individuals, but about changing the lives of Kenyans. It is unfortunate that some counties laid the foundation of devolution on the wrong footing and that is why as a Senate we are keen that those culpable of theft or misapplication of public resources should be dealt with according to the law.

The counties should be prudent and follow the Public Finance Management Act, the County Government's Act, among others, as they will deal with the massive wastage and corruption that we have witnessed. Corruption is killing this country, it is killing devolution and we as Kenyans should stand together to slay it.

The Senator for Kisii, who is also a member of CPAIC, spoke to the Star.



PHOTO STORY

Pupils of Kawangware Primary School wash their hands to mark Global Handwashing Day yesterday /COURTESY

PROBE

Queries over Sh25.9 billion paid for medical equipment

Controller of Budget approved funds without seeing agreement



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The Controller of Budget was yesterday pressed to explain why they 'illegally and irregularly' authorised payment of Sh25.9 billion for the Medical Equipment Services programme.

The Senate ad hoc committee probing the programme questioned why the CoB approved funds for MES without any proof of agreement between the national and county governments.

Acting CoB boss Stephen Masha told the panel that he had not seen the details of the memorandum of understanding between the two levels of government that okayed the MES.

Under the Medical Equipment Services programme, the government leased assorted medical equipment for selected health facilities across the 47 counties. "I was not privy to the contents of the agreements between the national and county government. COB releases the money on the vote," Masha said.

He told the committee that some Sh29.1 billion has been allocated for the programme since the signing of the seven-year contract in 2015.

However, his office has approved Sh25.9 billion for the project since then.But the lawmakers pressed Masha on why his office ignored the provision of Article 187 of the Constitution on agreements signed between the two levels of government.

"In your own judgement, was there a prudent use of public funds in the withdrawals you authorised? Your work entails more than just approvals," Bungoma Senator Moses Wetangula said.

He added, "This is the height of irresponsibility of a public officer that you kept on authorising withdrawals of funds from the Treasury for the MES yet you have never seen the agreement between the two levels of government as envisaged in the Constitution."

Senator Fatuma Dullo said it seemed the CoB only looked at the availability of the funds and approved withdrawals but did not care where and how the money would be spent.

MOUS SIGNED

Masha defended himself saying the MoUs signed between individual counties and the national government was a proof of agreement.

According to the acting CoB, the authorisation of the withdrawal of funds for MES project was guided by the MoU between the national government and each county government.

Other documents used to authorise funds were the National Government Appropriations Act and the County Allocation of Revenue Act (CARA). "CARA provides that the conditional grant for leasing of medical equipment is included in the budget estimates of the national government subject to an intergovernmental agreement between national and county governments in accordance with article 187," Masha told the committee.

The acting COB explained that from the analysis of the expenditure and budget reports from the Ministry of Health, Sh25.9 billion was paid up to 2018-2019 financial year since 2015-2016.



Interior Chief Administrative Secretary Patrick Ntutu /FILE

'TUESDAY WITHOUT FAIL'

MPs send CAS away, want Matiang'i to appear in person

ALLAN KISIA / Interior Chief Administrative Secretary Patrick Ntutu was yesterday told he cannot represents his boss Fred Matiangi' before a parliamentary committee.

Members of the Committee on Administration and National Security sent Ntutu away, saying the Constitution mandated the CS to appear before them in person.

Chairman John Waluke instructed the Ntutu to inform Matiang'i that he is expected to appear before them on Tuesday without fail.

"It has been two years since he was here. Inform the CS that the committee has resolved that he must appear before us in person," Waluke said.

Ntutu had appeared before the committee prepared to answer 14 questions the MPs had asked the CS.

He tried in vain to convince the MPs that there were questions that he could answer conclusively. "The CS is chairing a meeting of his Cabinet colleagues. I did not know that I should not have appeared but I have prepared answers to your questions," Ntutu said.

He said the invitation letter from the committee did not indicate that the CS was to appear in person. MPs, however, maintained that the Constitution does not recognise the CAS.

The legislators accused Matiang'i of taking the committee for granted and disregarding the law.

Nyakach MP Aduma Owuor said the issues the MPs wanted to raise with the CS were serious and only Matiang'i could answer them. "Sending a person here means he does not respect the Constitution," he said.

Kanduyi MP Wafula Wamunyinyi said the committee would not allow Ntutu to respond to their queries. "We will not take you as the CS. The Constitution does not say a CAS can appear before committees," he reiterated.

Ntutu said that the CS is committed on Tuesdays and Thursdays as he meets colleagues and attends Cabinet meetings at State House respectively.

But the MPs said they are busy on Wednesdays and declared that it is the CS who should reschedule his Tuesday meetings. "We should not be the ones adjusting our programmes to fit his timetable," Malava MP Malulu Injendi said .

POLITICAL HEAT

ODM bigwigs to join Kibra campaigns for candidate Okoth

JULIUS OTIENO/ Top ODM party leadership will hit the campaign trail in Kibra next week to drum up support for Bernard Okoth in the November 7 parliamentary by-election.

Deputy party leaders Hassan Joho (Mombasa Governor) and Wycliffe Oparanya (Kakamega) will be sent to the constituency to bolster campaigns for Okoth, popularly known as Imran.

National chairman John Mbadi will also join the campaign team before party leader Raila Odinga joins the bandwagon on November 3 as the campaign enters the home straight.

"This coming Sunday, after the-Mashujaa Day, we will hold rallies in Lindi and Laini Saba wards. Joho and Oparanya will lead the rallies," ODM Nairobi chairman George Aladwa said.

INTERESTED PARTY

Man wants gag order in Cohen's murder case lifted

SUSAN MUHINDI/ A man has filed an application seeking to be enjoined in the Dutch tycoon Tob Cohen's murder case.

Jeremiah Memba wants to be allowed as an interested party in the case. He also wants the court to set aside orders it issued on September 16 that gagged the media from publishing details of the case.

Memba says he has been following the matter keenly since the disappearance of Cohen was first reported. "I'm an ardent defender of the rule of law and passionate about public interest matters like the one presently before the court," he says.

Memba says he learnt that on September 16 the court precluded the media from informing him and the rest of the world about the proceedings.

ON THE RISE

Human error causes 98% of road crashes — transport agency

MAUREEN KINYANJUI/ The number of fatal road crashes in the past nine months has exceeded that of a similar period last year by 400, the National Transport and Safety Authority said on Monday.

The comparative fatality figures are 2,735 this year and 2,335 last year.

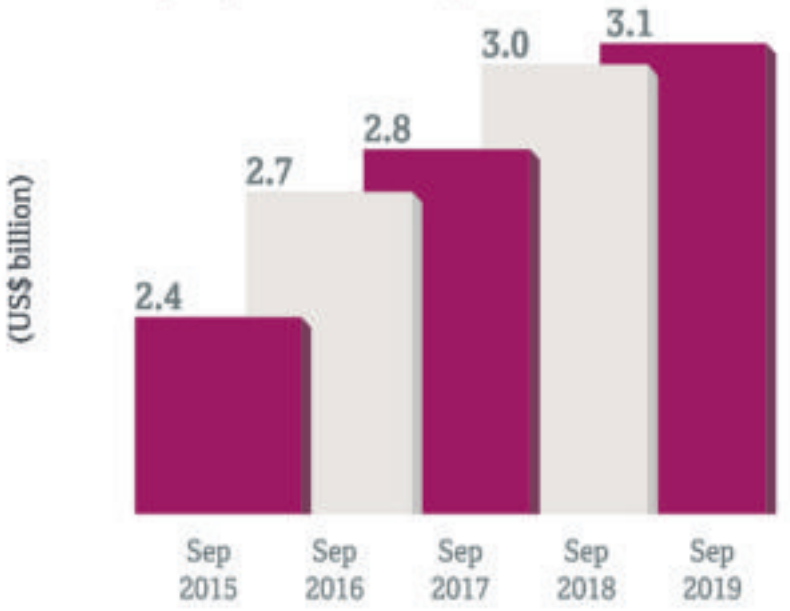
The number of pedestrians killed since January was 1,049, which is an increase compared to 902 recorded last year. Hit and run accidents take the lead. Motorcyclists follow with 815 involved in crashes, passengers come in third with 554, drivers (262) and pedal cyclists at 55.

Last year, 623 motorcyclists, 529 passengers, 239 drivers and 42 cyclists were involved in road accidents.

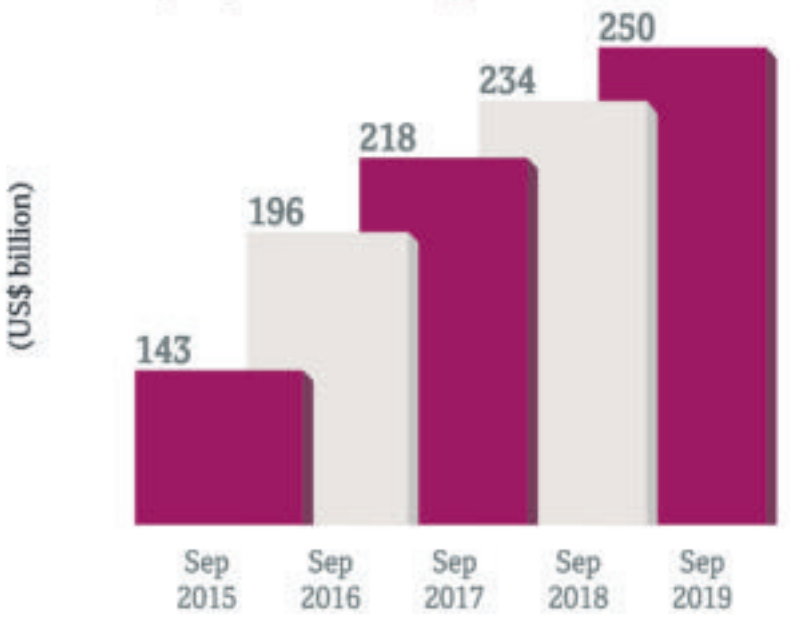
NTSA attributes 98.07 per cent of road crashes to human error.

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NEWS GENERAL

LOCKED OUT

Thousands miss out on NHIF cover despite remitting dues

The ''unrecognised'' contributions could be higher since the Sh35m is for only one year



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Thousands of NHIF contributors are locked out of the medical cover despite remitting their monthly dues, a parliamentary oversight committee heard on Tuesday.

Acting National Hospital Insurance Fund CEO Nicodemus Odongo admitted before the Public Investment Committee that the Fund could not trace the contributors of Sh35 million.

As such, those contributors cannot access health services from hospitals as they are listed as defaulters.

Odongo said the contributions of the "unrecognised" could be higher since the Sh35 million is for only one financial year.

"When contributors use M-Pesa to make payments, some do so with wrong details so the system cannot apportion it but we always try to send SMS to the numbers (of remitters) to visit the nearest NHIF centres to have the anomaly corrected," he said.

"It is always a bother to us when members send money which does not come with full details. We have already put in place a system where any contribution with insufficient details is sent back to the owner immediately."

The money – mostly received from the mobile money transfer services – was at the centre of an audit query for the 2016/17 financial year.



Acting NHIF chief executive Nicodemus Odongo before the Public Investment Committee yesterday/ **EZEKIEL AMING'A**



Parliamentary Investment Committee chairman Abdulswamad Nassir yesterday/**EZEKIEL AMING'A**

The Auditor-General noted a variance of Sh35,184,557 between the financial statement and the supporting schedule.

NHIF receives between Sh2.8 billion to Sh3.2 billion per month from contributors through mobile money transfers and bank deductions.

MPs Abdulswamad Nassir (PIC chairman), Chris Wamalwa (Kiminini), Rashid Amin (Wajir East) and Omar Mohamed (Mandera East) faulted the national health insurer over negligence and accused it of putting the lives of thousands of Kenyans at risk. The lawmakers said it was illegal to withhold members' money without according them the crucial health service.

Abdulswamad said the health insurer should have transferred the unclaimed cash to the Unclaimed Assets Authority as per the law.

"The law is very clear. If someone submits money to you which you cannot trace, you are mandated to transfer the same to the Unclaimed Assets Authority," the Mvita lawmaker said.

"What you are calling Sh35 million is not small money. You are putting the health of this country in jeopardy. If you do not know the sender, why have it in your accounts as contributions?" Amin asked.

The Wajir East lawmaker demanded a comprehensive audit of the Fund especially millions held in its account and whose owners cannot be traced.

The lawmakers cast doubt on the Fund's declared Sh300 million surplus, saying that most of it might be the unrecognised members' contributions.

HEAVY RAINS EFFECT

Expect 30% post–harvest maize losses, says Crop PS

Heavy rains could spell doom for farmers



Farmers carry maize harvest in Pokot Central /**FILE**

AGATHA NGOTHO/ The country is likely to have 30 per cent post-harvest losses due to the ongoing rains.

Crop and Research PS Hamadi Boga has said the rains could spell doom for farmers in the North Rift, especially those who have started harvesting the long rains maize crop.

The PS said farmers may be forced to sell their maize in haste due to lack of storage facilities and hence poor prices.

"The process of managing this period from harvest all the way up to the market is a critical one as we are likely to lose about 30 percent of the harvest and this is too much," Boga said.

The PS said farmers are using the traditional method of stooking maize to dry it while on the farm.

James Karanja, a maize breeder, said stooking involves leaning maize stalks against each other into a teepee-like structure.

"This allows sun and air to dry the maize cobs to help make peeling away the husks easier. After stooking for few days or weeks, farmers then snap cobs from the stalks and remove husks," Karanja said.

Boga said traditional approaches of post-harvest management are not effective as they are tedious, labour intensive and the maize may rot because of the ongoing rains.

He said the Ministry of Agriculture has provided mobile driers and constructed storage facilities in different areas for farmers to store their produce. CAS Andrew Tuimur urged farmers to utilize the warehouse receipt services being offered by the National Cereals and Produce Board to help manage post-harvest losses.

"With the warehouse receipts system, farmers can store their maize and sell it when the prices are good. They can also access loans with the receipts. Currently, the services are being offered by NCPB but going forward, they will also be availed by the private sector," Tuimur said.

Government projections on maize production this year under the Big Four agenda was 50 million bags of 90kg but the PS said the country is expected to have only 35 million bags this year.

The country's annual demand is 54 million bags, resulting in 19 million bags. USAID data shows 10 million Kenyans suffer from chronic hunger and will need food aid.

POLICE TORTURE

Ex–Safaricom manager wants case quashed

STAR REPORTER/ A former senior manager with Safaricom wants the Constitutional Court to quash a criminal case against him pending at a magistrate's court.

Billy Simon Kinuthia, who was the telco's senior Networks manager and M–Pesa systems auditor, says police violated his fundamental rights by coercing, harassing and torturing him to reveal company information.

''In fear for my life, occasioned by the physical harm and the threats that the police officers used on me, I revealed my passcodes for the officers to acquire the information that they needed,'' Kinuthia said through lawyer John Swaka.

He and two former colleagues are jointly charged with computer fraud and demanding Sh300 million by menaces from their employer with intent to steal. The application will be heard on October 23.

RECOGNISE AND PAY

Women want care work considered in property division

NJERI MBUGUA/ Women in rural areas want their unpaid care work to be recognised during the splitting of property with their partners.

Prevailing gender norms means women and girls spend more time on unpaid care work such as looking after children, the elderly, caring for the sick, preparing food, cleaning and collecting water and fuel.

A study by Organization for Economic Co–operation and Development shows globally, women will spend two to 10 times more time on unpaid care work than men.

Groots Kenya executive director Fridah Githuku said unpaid care work needs to be redistributed between men and women.

INSECURITY

Munya's relative killed in Meru bandit attack

GERALD MUTETHIA/ Two people have been killed in Meru in retaliatory attacks on Meru herders by bandits.

Bandits on Sunday night attacked a village in Tigania East killing one man and stole his 120 goats. Meru pastoralists, following up to return the goats, are said to have killed an unidentified bandit at Gambella along the Meru–Isiolo border.

The attackers suspected to be camel herders from neighbouring Isiolo county invaded Lanyiru where they shot a man identified as Akindoo M'Imathiu. Akindoo, 69, is said to be a relative to Trade CS Peter Munya and is from Nkathuine in Lanyiru.

He was tethering his goats in their shed when the attackers shot him dead.

MURDER TRIAL

Willie Kimani was held in cell but no OB entry made

Investigator says officers on duty had to be treated as persons of interest



Silvia Wanjiku and Stephen Cheburet in a Milimani court /FILE

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Police officers Stephen Cheburet and Sylvia Wanjiku did not book in slain lawyer Willie Kimani and two others when they were brought into the cells on the day they were murdered.

A court heard that during investigations into the disappearance of Kimani, his client Josephat Mwenda and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri, the police found out that they had been held at the Syokimau AP Post but they were never booked in.

AP officers Fredrick Leliman, Stephen Cheburet, Sylvia Wanjiku, Leonard Mwangi and police informer Peter Ngugi have been charged with the brutal murder of the three.

Yesterday, Chief Inspector Robert Owino told Justice Jessie Lessit he received a missing-persons report on the three and went to the AP Post.

He was the head of investigations. He said he received visitors from the International Justice Mission over the mysterious disappearance of the trio. They allegedly said they had recovered a note written on a tissue paper by one of the three missing persons. They suspected it was by Kimani.

"The note was on a tissue paper wrapped on an electrical circuit socket and was picked by two persons and taken to IPOA," Owino said.

The note had indicated the three had been detained at the AP camp and they were asking for assistance as they feared their lives were in danger. Owino said their first move was to confirm whether the note existed and if it was by Kimani — which they did. He proceeded to Syokimau where the note had been found.

He found Cheburet and asked for the Occurrence Book but there was no entry of the three being in custody. "On June 27, 2016, we received a report from a document examiner that the note was written by Willie Kimani. This confirmed they were confined in the fabricated container."

Owino told the court Cheburet and Wanjiku were manning the post that week and that's how they became persons of interest.

"We arrived at a decision that the second and third were to be subjected to an investigation because they were on duty when the deceased were locked up," the court heard.

On how Leliman was linked to the disappearance of the three, Owino said they learnt he was in charge of an undercover team as the team leader.

"During his duty, they were using a motor vehicle KBT 761T. He, however, could replace the number plate with another number plate, KBF 876E," he said.

During one of the operations, Leliman allegedly shot Mwenda in the arm and later charged him with possession of bhang, gambling in public and resisting arrest.

Mwenda felt he was unfairly implicated and sought IPOA's help.

Owino also said that on December 13, 2015, Leliman arrested Mwenda for a traffic offence and he was charged with riding an uninsured motorcycle, operating without a reflective jacket and carrying an uninsured passenger.

On February 16, 2016, he brought another case against Mwenda of robbery with violence, but the case died for lack of evidence. Mwenda's lawyer Edward Mbanya demanded evidence and he was realised when they could not produce any. "I came to the conclusion that Leliman was a person of interest and had to be subjected to investigations," Owino said.

'PROMISE OF BETTER JOB'

Woman drops rape charges against husband's friend

CAROLYNE KUBWA/ A 22-year-old woman who was allegedly raped by her husband's friend wants court to withdraw the charges saying she has forgiven him.

Yesterday, she told Makadara chief magistrate Heston Nyaga she decided to drop the suit to avoid hurting the relationship between her husband and his friend Peres Wambua.

"I wish to withdraw the charges even though the accused raped me. For the sake of peace between my husband and him, I won't continue with the case," she said.

The prosecution, however, declined to withdraw suggesting the file be forwarded to the DPP for directions concerning the nature of the offence. It was also revealed that Wambua has another incest case before another court.

Wambua pleaded with the court to release him on bail or bond as he waits for the DPP's direction on the withdrawal. He denied raping the woman on September 30 on Pipeline estate. He was charged with an alternative count of indecently touching the woman on the same dates.

The woman, who works at a restaurant in Pipeline, had met the accused when her husband visited her workplace in his company. It is alleged the complainant had got off work when she met the accused.

He reportedly promised to get her a better job with good pay. The woman told police Wambua took photos of her with him before raping her.

HE DENIED RAPING THE WOMAN ON SEPTEMBER 30 ON PIPELINE ESTATE



Donat Khaemba in a Kibera court yesterday /CLAUSE MASIKA

FAILED TO PREVENT THEFT

City guard tells court he's too poor to afford Sh100,000 bail

CLAUSE MASIKA/ A security guard charged with failing to prevent theft yesterday told a court he could not afford "unrealistic bond terms".

Donat Khaemba, attached to Lavington Security Company, was charged with failing to prevent theft of Monica Muturi's laptops, Mac Book Pro 2015 and a school bag — all valued at Sh283,000. The incident took place at Wells Apartment in Lexington along Church Road, Nairobi.

He denied wrongdoing. Khaemba told Kibera senior principal magistrate Derrick Kuto he earns Sh9,000 a month and cannot afford Sh100,000 bail that was granted.

"I'm a man with a family and a breadwinner, too. I get Sh9,000 per month, hence I can't raise the bail," he said. The case will be mentioned on November 4.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

TWELFTH PARLIAMENT
THE SENATE

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ RECEIPT OF MEMORANDA

THE COUNTY LICENSING (UNIFORM PROCEDURE) BILL

(SENATE BILLS NO. 17 OF 2019)

The County Licensing (Uniform Procedure) Bill (Sen. Bills No. 17 of 2019) was read a First Time in the Senate on Tuesday, 17th September, 2019 and was thereafter committed to the Senate Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and standing order 140(5) of the Senate Standing Orders, the Senate Standing Committee on Tourism, Trade and Industrialization now invites interested members of the public to submit their views on the Bill. The views may be submitted in the following manner-

1. Public Hearings shall be held on **Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mini Chamber, First Floor, County Hall, Parliament Buildings, Nairobi;** or

2. Written Memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the Senate/ Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi, hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk/ Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi or emailed to csenate@parliament.go.ke, to be received on or before Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019 at 5.00 p.m.**

The Bills may be found on the Parliament website at ***http:/www.parliament.go.ke/senate.***

CLERK OF THE SENATE/ SECRETARY,
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION

NEWS GENERAL

TO REDUCE BACKLOG, DECONGEST PRISONS

DPP Haji pushes for plea bargaining

GORDON OSEN/ Director of Public Prosecution Noordin Haji yesterday called for full roll out of plea bargaining as a tool for decongesting the criminal justice system.

Plea bargaining will ensure speedy resolution of cases and reduce congestion in prisons, he said.

Plea bargaining is a negotiated arrangement in which an accused person agrees to enter a guilty plea in return for some concession from the prosecutor.

This may mean the defendant pleading guilty to a less serious charge or to one of several charges in return for the dismissal of other charges. It may also mean the defendant pleading guilty to the original criminal charge in return for a more lenient sentence.

Haji said the arrangement is not new, that it has existed in the country's "criminal justice system for a long time in theory yet its applicability has been poorly utilized."

The DPP spoke while unveiling guidelines for the process.

He said the huge case backlogs in courts and lengthy litigation will be effectively addressed when the new system is given priority, especially in economic crime cases.

"There has been a common belief that mega-corruption suspects have it easy once they have been arraigned as the litigation takes a long time. With this new approach, most of these cases will be dispensed with expeditiously," he said.

Haji said once the prosecutors have enough evidence to secure a conviction on a case, they would offer plea bargaining as an option to ensure speedy resolution.

In Family Bank's case, it admitted culpability in the NYS scandal and paid up to Sh64 million as fines under plea bargaining.

Haji said the option would give offenders a second chance "as it focuses on restorative justice rather than the retributive one."

"Our justice system is about meting out punishment to offenders. We want to reform it to ensure that while justice is served to the satisfaction of the victims, the offenders are given a second chance and that they are also re-integrated into the society," he said. "There is no need to imprison someone because they had three or so rolls of bhang. Just take that person to a rehabilitation centre and help them be productive in line with the law."



DPP Noordin Haji in Nairobi yesterday /DOUGLAS OKIDDY

Florence Omondi, the deputy commissioner of prisons, said her department is holding more than 55,000 inmates and the DPP-spearheaded approach would be great in reducing the numbers.

"Majority of them are petty offenders most of whom cannot afford bail," she said.

STATE'S FUNERAL CONTRIBUTION

Netizens bash agency for giving ferry tragedy family Sh200,000 token

Kenyans criticise parastatal for demeaning lives of mum, daughter



Widower John Wambua /JOHN CHESOLI



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Kenya Ferry Services yesterday issued two cheques worth Sh100,000 each to widower John Wambua and the late Mariam Kighenda's father, Peter Mwaghogho Mwanyasi.

The token elicited sharp reactions from Kenyans who took to social media to criticise the parastatal for allegedly demeaning the lives of Kighenda, 35, and her daughter Amanda Mutheu, four.

The two died on September 29 when their car slipped off MV Harambee ferry while mid-stream and into the Indian Ocean.

Their bodies were retrieved last Friday, 12 days later.

However, the government and the family differed in their explanations for the Sh200,000 donation.

Government spokesperson Cyrus Oguna said Kenyans were wrong to interpret the sum as compensation.

"They [cheques] are authentic, but not as a form of compensation. This is to facilitate burial arrangements," Oguna told the Star.

Family spokesperson Luka Mbati said the money was a way to condole the family. "It is just a token to say sorry," he said. On social media, Kenyans expressed their fury.

The Star readers, who posted expressions of their dismay, questioned the government's explanation.

"If it was towards the burial arrangements, why were they in two cheques instead of one?" Joseph Silhuli asked.

"The government should not take us for fools."

Kelvin Inanga said on Facebook the KFS has no regard for human life.

"Sad that Kenya Ferry's board sat down and saw it worthy to compensate the family of the late Mariam Kighenda and Amanda Mutheu Sh200,000 following the loss of their loved ones.

"Sad how KFS takes lives of passengers who use the ferry so lightly and casually. No wonder they don't care about repairing the non-functional ramps (prows)," Inanga said.

Boyi Madogo sarcastically wrote: "Hahaha. KFS our pride. They take good care of us."

Yesterday, Wiper leader Kalonzo Musyoka called the family from Malaysia to offer his condolences.

He told the family he would attend the burial in Kilomi constituency, Makueni county.

The family has set the burial for Saturday.

On Wednesday, government pathologist Johansen Oduor will fly down to Mombasa to perform an autopsy on the two bodies at 2pm at the Jocham Hospital.

It is not clear why the autopsy will be done at a private hospital and not a government one.

Usually, police case autopsies are conducted at the Coast General Hospital.

The family received a Sh700,000 cheque from Mayfair Insurance Company as compensation on Monday.

Mombasa branch manager Priya Shah issued the cheque to Wambua at their Tudor home.

Wambua had acquired a comprehensive insurance cover in December last year.

The cover expires in December.

EARLIER BOND CANCELLED

Trader who killed man, injured five detained in Meru

GERALD MUTETHIA / Police in Meru will hold for one week a suspect who went on a rampage on September 30 killing one man and injuring five others.

Kirindine principal magistrate Sogomo Gathogo allowed Tigania East police to detain Joshua Kileru for investigations.

Prosecutor Michael Mutune applied for more time to hold Kileru who is accused of stabbing to death Mutembei Mwongela at Muriri market in Tigania East, Meru.

The other victims included women selling cereals and vegetables whom he is said to have tried to run over with his vehicle.

He abandoned his car and started stabbing with a knife anyone within sight.

Kileru was quoted by a local newspaper as telling a chief that he intended to kill 100 people. He has two shops at Muriri market.

The 34-year-old Kileru was escorted to Nchiru police station in Tigania West at 5am on Saturday by Julius Kang'ote, a former Muthara chief.

THE DATA

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Duration it took to retrieve the bodies of Kighenda and Mutheu

The two died on September 29 when their car slipped off the MV Harambee ferry and into the Indian Ocean. Their bodies were retrieved last Friday.

ROAD SAFETY

Most boda boda riders untrained, says NTSA official

GEORGE OWITI / Boda boda riders are often involved in accidents because most of them are not trained, the National Transport and Safety Authority has said.

NTSA road safety director Badu Katelo said the majority of riders violate traffic rules due to ignorance, indiscipline and lack of training.

He said over 75 per cent of accidents on Kenyan roads are caused by human error, negligence and carelessness on the part of riders and drivers. He spoke during the graduation of 30 riders trained by NTSA in partnership with GlovoApp company in Nairobi on Tuesday.

Katelo said boda boda operators have serious behavioural problems that need to be influenced for them to change. "Officers from the National Police Service find it hard to deal with boda boda operators. It is good for the riders to understand traffic rules and regulations," he said.

NEWS GENERAL

PREVENTIVE HEALTH

State to train 20,000 health volunteers by next year

MAGDALINE SAYA/ The Health Ministry is planning to increase the number of community health volunteers to 100,000 through the training of 20,000 more by next year.

The areas of training will include maternal health, technical areas such as non-communicable diseases, HIV and hygiene and sanitation. The volunteers will play a big role in the Universal Health Coverage programme because they provide primary and health promotion services.

The volunteers are hired by county governments and each is paid a token of Sh2,000 every month. "Some of the recommendations we are looking forward to implementing include creating a sense of ownership and increasing motivation among community health workers through training, equipping and provision of stipends," Health CAS Rashid Aman said yesterday.



CITES INSUFFICIENT BUDGET

There's no money for sanitary towels, says CS Magoha



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The government has admitted a lack of funds to provide sanitary towels to adolescent school girls as required by law.

Education CS George Magoha said on Monday that the Sh470 million provided for the free sanitary pads programme can only supply school girls for four months.

"If you calculate the current allocation against a population of 1.4 million girls, then at best we can provide sanitary towels for only four months. What happens for the rest of the year?" Magoha asked.

The CS spoke in Nairobi when he flagged off sanitary towels for 800,000 girls to be used during the national examination period. The Mpesa Foundation donated the pads.

The sanitary towels will go to girls in Garissa, Wajir, Tana River, Lamu, Voi, Taita Taveta, Elgeyo Marakwet, Transzoia, Turkana, Samburu, Uasin Gishu, Baringo and West Pokot counties.

Vihiga, Busia, Nyandarua and Nyeri will also benefit from the donation.

The ministry launched the programme to provide free sanitary towels for girls in 2017.

It aimed at cushioning vulnerable schoolgirls from drop-outs and absenteeism caused by troubles in managing their menstrual cycle for lack of pads and tampons.

Data from the Education ministry shows that a girl absent from school for four of 28 days loses 13 learning days. This is equivalent to two weeks of learning in every school term.

In an academic year (nine months) a girl loses 39 learning days equivalent to six weeks of learning time.

"In some places, these pads once provided are no longer for the schoolgirl but the whole household. This is also a challenge in retaining girls in school," Magoha said.

When the provision of sanitary towels to school came into force in June 2017, it fell under the Ministry of Education. However, in February last year, it was moved to the Ministry of Gender.

In August, Magoha raised concerns that schoolgirls were not receiving the commodity despite the government allocating millions to support the programme.

A 2016 Unesco report estimates that one in 10 girls in sub-Saharan Africa is absent from school during their menstrual cycle.

Education CS George Magoha flags off a donation of sanitary towels to 800,000 girls to be used during the national examination period
/CHARLENE RAEL

'IN SOME PLACES, THESE PADS ONCE ISSUED ARE NO LONGER FOR THE SCHOOLGIRLS BUT THE WHOLE HOUSEHOLD'

TO INCREASE PRODUCTION

Kariokor leather factory to create jobs for city youths

MAUREEN KINYANJUI/ Nairobi residents will soon have more local leather products to choose from once work on the Kariokor Common Leather Factory is completed.

The county government is set to sign a memorandum of understanding with the national government and the Leather Council of Kenya on the project.

New machines will be installed to assist traders in better production. The equipment are currently being stored in Thika by the KLDC awaiting completion of the market.

Works on the plant is currently 85 per cent complete.

Located in Kariokor ward, Starehe subcounty, the multi-million-shilling facility is set to improve leather production and to hasten the process.

Last week Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko paid an impromptu visit to the new leather market. He directed the county executive for Trade Allan Igambi to follow up the construction works until the plant is complete.

"I want you to ensure that all the works is complete and commissioned. There is no room for shoddy work by contractors," he said.

The facility is expected to have an average annual production growth of 10 million shoes from the current 2 million. This will increase traders' annual income to more than Sh1 billion annually by 2022.

Nairobi has the highest number of slaughterhouses with an average annual production of 525 tonnes of hides and skins, 1.6 tonnes of goatskin, 31.5 tonnes of calf hides and 199 tonnes of camel hides. The new market will create job opportunities for city youths. "At the moment, old Kariokor has 1,000 employees but after the launch of the new market, we are expecting to have at least 10,000 workers in the next three years," Igambi said.

16 DOCTORATE STUDENTS

Grant helps needy Kenyan students graduate abroad

MAUREEN KINYANJUI/ Some 197 needy Kenyan students have benefited from the Kenya Scholar Access Programme (Kensap) which has helped them gain admission into top North American Universities.

The students, who are picked annually across all the 47 counties, are given the full need-based financial aid packages at the universities.

The programme was launched in 2004. On Monday, Kensap co-founder John Manners said to date, more than 100 of the students are graduates.

"So far, 16 have earned or are pursuing PhDs, as well as an additional 35 who have earned or are pursuing Masters or other advanced degrees. There are also more than 50 alumni who have returned to Kenya to work for multinational corporations, international NGOs, Kenyan companies or to develop their startups," Manners said.

It has emerged that Kenyan undergraduates have now outnumbered those of any other African country on the North American campuses.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF UASIN GISHU

TENDER NOTICE AND TENDER NOTICE-ADDENDUM

(i) The County Government of Uasin Gishu invites interested bidders for the items listed below.
(ii) The County Government of Uasin Gishu would also like to make the following changes on the Tender advertisement that appeared in the Standard Newspaper **on Friday 4th October, 2019**. The changes are as follows:-

CATEGORY A: ADDENDUM FOR ADVERTISEMENT DATED 4TH OCTOBER, 2019

TENDER No.	TENDER NAME	INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS
CGU/ENV/T/001/2019/2020 **Negotiation No. 751966**	Supply and Delivery of Refuse Collection Track (sideloader/None Compacting with Ejection Tipping system and Crew Cabin 9Ton	-Due to Oracle errors in the system, the new **Negotiation No. 751966.** -New Tender Document with correct Specification has been uploaded in the County Website:, ***www.uasingishu.go.ke,*** and /or the IFMIS tender portal : ***www.supplier.treasury.go.ke*** or ***www.tenders.go.ke*** -New Closing/opening date shall be 30/10/2019 at 10:30am
CGU/ENV/T/004/2019/2020 **Negotiation No.750600, 1**	Supply and Delivery of 13No Skip Containers Capacity 6M3	-Due to error in the Specification, the new Tender Document with correct Specification has been uploaded in the County Website:, ***www.uasingishu.go.ke,*** and /or the IFMIS tender portal : ***www.supplier.treasury.go.ke*** or ***www.tenders.go.ke*** -The new **Negotiation Number is 750600, 1** and closing/ opening date shall 30/10/2019 at 10:30am

CATEGORY B: CONSTRUCTION TENDER

TENDER No.	TENDER NAME	INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS
CGU/AGRI/T/001/2019/2020 **NEG. No. 751887**	Proposed Construction Of Workshop, Machinery Sheds, Soil Laboratory and Ablution Block at Agricultural Mechanical Services-Uasin Gisu	-Detailed Tender Document with Evaluation criteria may be downloaded from the County Website:, ***www.uasingishu.go.ke,*** and /or the IFMIS tender portal : ***www.supplier.treasury.go.ke*** or ***www.tenders.go.ke*** using the unique **IFMIS Negotiation Number indicated** -Closing/Opening on 30/10/2019 through the IFMIS Portal at 10:30am

CATEGORY C: FRAMEWORK CONTRACT. (MANUAL –OUTSIDE IFMIS)

TENDER No.	TENDER NAME	INSTRUCTION TO BIDDERS
CGU/FIN/FRM/001/2019/2020	Two Years Framework Agreement for advertisement Services	Detailed Tender Document with Evaluation criteria may be downloaded from the County Website:, ***www.uasingishu.go.ke,*** and /or the IFMIS tender portal : ***www.supplier.treasury.go.ke*** or ***www.tenders.go.ke*** -Dully filled tenders to be submitted manually on or before on 30/10/2019 at 10:30am in the Tender Box next to Room 19 Ground Floor- County Head Quarter
CGU/FIN/FRM/002/2019/2020	Two Years Framework Agreement for Legal Services	
CGU/FIN/FRM/003/2019/2020	Two Years Framework Agreement for Air Ticketing	

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Director, Supply Chain Management.
FOR: - ACCOUNTING OFFICER

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YOU CAN'T HAVE JUSTICE WITHOUT

Like Kenya, Spain has had a history of political violence. Spanish Amb **Javier Viedma** says it calls for a degree of recognition to victims but at the same time, you cannot be stuck in the past



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There is more to Spain than La Liga, the popular Spanish football league. In a one-on-one interview with the Star, **Amb Javier Viedma** spoke about Spain-Kenya relations, drawing close historical links and mutual areas of cooperation between the two states.

Who is Amb Javier Viedma?

I am a career diplomat and this is my first embassy and posting in Africa in 30 years of service. I arrived in the country two and a half years ago and I was very pleased and surprised by the fact that Kenya is a very vibrant democracy and energetic economy and the regional business hub in East Africa.

When Spain's Foreign Affairs minister Joseph Borrell came to Kenya in June this year, it was the first of such high-profile visit in 40 years. This is despite establishing diplomatic relations in 1965, Spain opening an embassy in Nairobi in 1967, and Kenya reciprocating 50 years later in 2007. Why this distance?

I must admit that I am a bit sad for the fact that the relations between the two countries are not to the point where they should be, considering the size and importance of Kenya as well as Spain to the world, I think there is a lot to improve, and that is part of our main task. However, we must be fair in the sense that there were various attempts to have the Foreign Affairs minister come to Kenya, which was not possible for various reasons, one being security. There were Spanish citizens who were kidnapped in Kenya by al Shabaab, at a time when there was a planned visit that had to be cancelled because of this sensitive issue. There were also events like the violence that took place after the 2007 election. There was an unfortunate chain of events that made it difficult.

That's why I made it my priority since I arrived in 2017 to make this visit possible. The minister finally came and it was a very productive visit. He was received by President [Uhuru] Kenyatta and a lot of things are going to come out of that meeting. He also met with CS [Monica] Juma, the then Treasury CS Henry Rotich and Tourism CS Najib Balala to talk about tourism and protection of wildlife. From this, we are starting to see lots of things because these visits are one of the main instruments to promote diplomatic relations. Among the MoU's signed was on political consultations between the two countries and CS Juma is scheduled to reciprocate the visit later this year or early next year to continue and maintain these relations at the highest level.

The kidnapping of the Spanish couple also brought to the fore how terrorism remains a threat to the two countries and their nationals. How do you think the two countries can cooperate against this threat?

International terrorism and violent extremism are something that unfortunately links us and makes us look at it from a common point of view. We are strong democracies with similar values and suffered severely from the scourge of terrorism.

In this regard, Spain is committed to the security of the Horn of Africa. We are part of the anti-piracy operations on the Coast of the Horn of the Indian Ocean, as well as the troops based in Somalia, which is part of the military capacitation by the European Union.

We are strengthening our relations and soon, we will open an Office of Interior within the Embassy and this has been made possible by the European Union programme executed by the Spanish foundation. We are enhancing the rule of law in the Horn of Africa. This project affects nine countries and it is intended to reinforce the fight against terrorism and ensure the rule of law in the Horn of Africa.

Looking at the trade numbers, there is not much to talk about. What are you doing during your term to fix this and ensure a balance in trade and investments between Kenya and Spain?

It's not that bad. Among the EU member states, we are the fourth in trade. We have an interesting volume that keeps on increasing. It is true that the balance is in favour of Spain, but I think there is a lot of potential to promote Kenyan goods in Spain and Spanish goods in Kenya. This is growing.

In terms of investments, we have more companies investing here. Since the 1990s, Spain has invested more 100 million euros in the energy sector alone made possible by the will and interest of the Spanish companies and also instruments of public financing that have been fruitful to both countries.

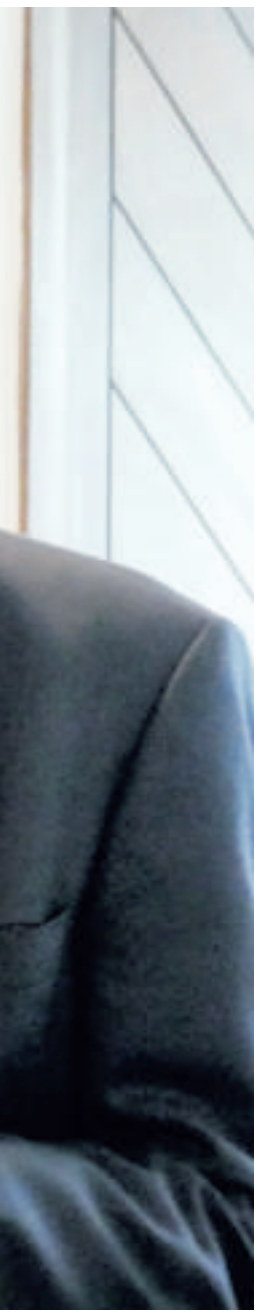
Spain is aligning itself with the Big



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'SPANISH COUNTRIES ARE LEADING IN INFRASTRUCTURE AND WE ARE PRESENT IN MANY COUNTRIES IN THE CONTINENT, CONSTRUCTING AIRPORTS AND HARBOURS, MOTORWAYS AND RAILWAYS'

CERTAIN TRUTH – SPANISH ENVOY



Spanish Amb Javier Garcia de Viedma during the interview /ERICK THUO



Spanish Ambassador Javier Garcia de Viedma, Spain's Foreign Affairs minister Josep Borrell, President Uhuru Kenyatta and Foreign Affairs CS Monica Juma during a visit by the Spanish delegation to State House, Nairobi /PSCU

Four agenda in orientating investments in Kenya.

Spanish countries are leading in infrastructure and we are present in many countries in the continent, constructing airports and harbours, motorways and railways.

Spain can also help in manufacturing because we are leading in this. In food security, we are the second-largest producers of fruits and vegetables in the EU and one of the largest in the world. We can assist in the use of water in agriculture. We have the third-best health systems in the world and we can advise, not just in building and building capacity but also on but in organising the health system.

And being one of the largest fishing powers in the world, Spain can help in developing the blue economy. We not only catch fish but also process it and eat it, making it the second country in the world with the highest consumption of fish.

To this extent, Spain has built three full laboratories in Kisumu, Mombasa and in Nairobi to analyse the fish from the sea and the lake to help Kenyan fishers to export to the markets of the highest standards in the world such as the EU.

During the Borrell meeting, the housing pillar was discussed, looking at how Spain's expertise in building cheap and environmentally clean social housing can be of use in Kenya.

Tourism is the third major contributor to Spain's economy. On the other hand, it is Kenya's second-largest foreign exchange earner. How are the two states cooperating to boost respective sectors? What should be done to promote this sector?

One is building infrastructure around tourism. It is crucial that tourists come, but it is more important that they want to come back. There is a need to ensure stratisation of demand. We have a lot of visitors in the summer and not so many in the rest of the period.

So. We help in promoting all the kind of tourism such as industrial tourism: Visiting industries. We also developed green tourism cultural tourism not on the coast but inside Spain with a lot of cultural heritage and well as internal tourism and I think we can help Kenya in that domain.

There is also cooperate in tackling terrorism, international and national, and terrorists tried to hit the tourism sector. When this happens, you need to prevent and fight it and make the tourists and the public, in general, understand that the threat is controlled and isolated.

We were able to fight national terrorism and we receive visitors from all over the world. Infrastructures such as hospitals. In Spain, when foreigners fall ill during their visit, they can go to public hospitals and everything is well organized because there are agreements with other countries to cover for their assistance.

Does Spain have a development agency and which are the project Spain is lacking Kenya?

No. However, the are some established by the private and by the church. Several NGOs in Lamu offering health and education, one working in Murang'a providing free services teams of doctors operating free for two weeks from different hospitals across the country donating items and medicine. Every year, we have at least four excursions to counties such as Murang'a and Turkana. This is what I call to-people cooperation.

Kenya and Spain are well known for their athletics and your country in regards to football. What is the cooperation in this field?

I am happy the Kenyan people love Spanish football and identify with more teams and players than I can. The Spanish people admire the deeds of Kenyan athletes and they are closely following the [Eliud] Kipchoge Challenge of doing the marathon in less than two hours.

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In deepening our sports links, there are some Spaniards working in Eldoret helping athletes in their training as coaches. And thanks to Minister Borell's visit, we are exploring the possibility of opening a football academy here. La liga already has a delegation here, sort of an ambassador of La Liga in Kenya on a permanent basis because of an agreement signed between the professional league here in Kenya and in Spain to manage how to deal with transmission rights.

Spain has more than eight years of experience in devolution. What lessons can Kenya take from Spanish's system?

Spain is a complex country made up of different people not in the sense of Kenya – we don't have an ethnicity problem – but we have people from different traditional cultures and languages. So how do you harmonise these differences to ensure unity? We decided to go for devolution. A study by Oxford University shows Spain is the second most decentralized country in the world after Germany.

We can learn from each other. We recently organized an event with Strathmore University trying to study the two models and we drew some parallels and drew some interesting conclusions on how to learn from each other.

Devolution is both a good thing and a bad thing. It is a good thing if you do it the proper way. It is not an absolute, it has to be properly done, and this is one of the conclusions we drew from this seminar.

Once implemented correctly, it dramatically improves economic development, inclusions of regions and enhances the attention to the citizens because it brings administration closer to the people.

Late last month, the Supreme Court in Spain ordered that the remains of dictator Francisco Franco be moved from the Valley of the Fallen for the sake of healing and moving on. This mantra has also been used in Kenyan politics. Does it work?

The Spanish transition took place more or less 40 years ago. People feared to repeat the mistakes of the past, in our case, with the civil war in which many lives were lost and left the country divided very badly. There were also fears about the future.

The issue of justice and remembrance. You can't make justice without certain truth, and you can't have truth without some justice. You need a degree of recognition to victims and both sides but at the same time, you cannot be stuck in the past. You need to look into the future and reconciliation. We have seen that in South Africa, in Eastern bloc countries and hose that are from authoritarian rules into democracies.

There has to be a wise combination of forgiveness, remembrance, justice truth, and the future. The Spanish model has proved right in the last 40 years because there has not been a longer period of prosperity for Spain.

INVESTMENT

Investors want Capital Gains Tax held at 5%

MARTIN MWITA/ Private Equity funds want the Capital Gains Tax retained at five per cent and not the 12 per cent proposed in the Finance Bill 2019, to boost investment

The East African Venture Capital Association (EAVCA) said a punitive tax regime will put off investors yet this is critical in attaining the Big Four Agenda.

"PE funds are key in supporting investments in the country. We need to make Kenya an attractive investment destination," EAVCA executive director Eva Warigia, said yesterday.

Treasury has proposed an increase on CGT to 12 per cent to raise more revenue from investors, who widely make high returns upon exit.

PEs have received backing from the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) which has affirmed its commitment to creating an enabling environment for PE funds, including safeguarding capital gains when they exit various ventures.

"As a regulator we supported the PE sector in retaining the capital gains tax at five per cent for PE exits," CMA regulatory policy and strategy director Luke Ombara said.

Speaking during the launch of the 'Private Equity Investment Guide' Ombara said an increase of CGT to 12 per cent would create uncertainty and negatively affect middle to long term PE investment appetite.



EAVCA executive Director Eva Warigia /FILE



Nakumatt staff at work /FILE

SURVEY

Family–owned businesses lack a defined succession plan — study

Less than a third of respondents believe their families share a common vision for the firm's future development. They instead take a reactive approach to unfolding events



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Majority of family –run businesses lack any clear long term succession plans, with 24 per cent of them completely clueless, latest survey by Deloitte shows.

According to the Global Family Business Survey 2019 released yesterday, family business leaders traditionally focus their strategy on a two to five year period and have no 10 0r 20 year plans.

They instead end up taking a reactive approach to events as they unfold.

The audit and consultancy firm sampled 791 companies with an annual revenue of at least $1 billion (Sh103 billion) in 58 countries and established that only 41 per cent of them were confident about succession, with 35 per cent opting to remain neutral while the rest had no plan.

Of the 791 participants, 43 per cent had annual revenue of less than $50 million, 37 per cent between $50 million and $250 million, 16 per cent between $250 million and $1 billion, and five per cent $1 billion or more.

Furthermore, despite 68 per cent of executives saying they intend to keep the business in the family, only 26 per cent have a stated plan for the CEO position.

Moreover, less than one third of respondents believe their families share a common vision for the business's future development.

The same amount of respondents would be willing to trade at least some measure of family control over the business for greater long-term financial success.

This, according to the study, has seen most businesses collapse after death of founders. In Kenya, only 17 per cent of family businesses survive past the third generation.

The survey comes just a day after the Paunrana family unwillingly handed over its 45-year old Athi River Mining (ARM) company to rival Devki Group which bought it off at Sh5 billion due to huge debt.

Other solid family businesses in Kenya that are struggling less than a decade after death of founding leaders include assorted businesses worth billions of shillings belonging to former Defense Minister Njenga Karume and that of former assistant minister and Nairobi tycoon Gerishon Kirima.

Nakumatt Supermarket a family business is also struggling and is currently under an administrator.

"This highlights a latent problem in many family businesses: family members' goals often conflict. Goals set the direction of the business, and a lack of commonality can create fertile soil for family disagreements,'' the report said.

The study also faulted poor leadership structures to crumbling of family owned businesses, saying that founding leaders overstay.

"Another urgent priority is to prepare the next generation for leadership by helping them understand the business and encouraging their intellectual curiosity,'' the study said.

THE DATA

103.79

The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

The Kenyan shilling strengthened against the dollar on Tuesday with in–flows from diaspora remittances and tightening liquidity in the local money market easing dollar demand from merchandise importers, traders said.

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell	Mean
US DOLLAR	103.6900	103.8900	103.7900
STG POUND	130.4644	130.7567	130.6106
SA RAND	7.0244	7.0412	7.0328
KES / USHS	35.4702	35.6351	35.5526
KES / TSHS	22.0907	22.2297	22.1602
JPY (100)	95.6903	95.8926	95.7914
IND RUPEE	1.4566	1.4598	1.4582
EURO	114.3317	114.5833	114.4575
CHINESE YUAN	14.6658	14.7011	14.6835
AE DIRHAM	28.2265	28.2863	28.2564

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
CARBARCID INVEST	7.92	10.00
KENYA AIRWAYS	2.73	7.48
MUMIAS SUGAR	0.29	7.41
LONGHORN LIMITED	7.40	5.11
TOTAL KENYA	29.95	5.09

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
SCANGROUP	12.30	9.89
HOME AFRIKA	0.45	8.16
CAR S GENERAL	20.00	7.41
SAMEER AFRICA	3.00	6.25
I& M HOLDINGS	44.00	4.45

Harvard Business Review

TIP OF THE DAY

WHEN HIRING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES, LOOK BEYOND THE OBVIOUS CANDIDATES

When deciding who to promote into a leadership role, most executives look at how candidates have performed in their current job. But past performance isn't always the best predictor of success. Individual contributors are usually measured on their ability, likability, and drive — but leadership demands other traits, including integrity and emotional intelligence. So don't just promote your highest performer. Instead, think about what good leadership looks like at your company. Do you need people who can drive results? Bring everyone together? Listen and develop others? Innovate and evolve the business? Then think about who has the skills you're looking for — and take another look at employees who "may not be ready." Reconsider them on the basis of their ambition, reputation, and passion for your business. Sometimes the youngest, most agile people turn into capable leaders when given the chance.

TAX REVENUE

Lenders remit Sh207.2 billion to KRA, now push for incentives

The revenue constituted tax borne as corporation tax and irrecoverable VAT by the lenders and revenue collected from taxpayers on behalf of the government



Equity Bank corporate banking – SME associate director, Jeremy Kamau, together with other winners during the Global SME Finance Awards /COURTESY



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Banks and micro-finance institutions paid Kenya Revenue Authority Sh 207.2 billion in 2017 and 2018, indicating high compliance, according to a study by Pricewaterhouse-Coopers (PwC).

This constituted of corporate tax and irrecoverable VAT by the institutions and taxes collected on behalf of the government such as PAYE and withholding tax.

A report by the audit, consultancy and tax services firm shows direct costs incurred by the institutions as tax dropped from Sh62 billion in 2017 to Sh48.4 billion in 2018.

This was attributed to reduction in corporate tax paid from Sh52 billion down to Sh39 billion .

"The reduction in 2017 profits corresponds with the full year of interest rate cap coupled with a prolonged electioneering period," PwC tax services director Titus Mukora said.

Tax collected on behalf of the government rose from Sh46.1 billion to 50.7 billion in 2018 representing a 10 per cent growth.

Over the period, the excise duty collected by banks grew to Sh8.3 billion from Sh5.9 billion while total excise collected in the financial sector services increased to Sh18.8 billion from Sh13.7 billion, representing a 42 per cent growth in both segments.

Finance Act 2018 provisioned for a two per cent rise in fees and commissions charged by the banking industry.

In addition, the excise duty rate for non-funded income increased from 10 per cent to 20 per cent.

According to the report, total corporate tax paid in the country was Sh247.4 billion, out of which Sh91 billion was from the banking industry.

As a result, for every Sh4 of corporate tax paid in Kenya, about Sh 1 was paid by the banking sector.

This translates to 36.8 per cent of the corporate taxes collected by KRA, tagging the banking sector as the largest taxpayers.

According to KBA chief executive Habil Olaka, the high contribution showed high levels of compliance in the sector.

"Banks operate in a highly regulated environment and this has led to very high levels of transparency," Olaka said.

The sector has also raised concerns over lack of incentives attributing to the high huge sums of imposed tax unlike other industries such as automotive and manufacturing which enjoy flat rates to encourage investments.

FOLLOWING THE MONEY

Farmers opt for cash crops, abandon food crops — report

CYNTHIA ILAKO / Commercial agriculture earnings are likely to exceed Sh500 billion this year largely driven by a growth in the performance of cash crops.

"The growth in commercial agriculture revenue has been uneven between various categories of crops and agricultural products," ICEA LION Asset Management head of research Judd Murigi said.

The firm's 4th Quarter 2019 Investor Pulse shows annual earnings from the agriculture sector grew 48.21 per cent over the five-year period to 2018, rising to Sh498 billion compared to Sh336 billion in 2013.

While annual revenues from horticulture grew by 84 per cent in the review period, income from cereals (predominantly maize and wheat) realised a low 18 per cent growth.

According to the report, a 20 per cent drop in market prices has largely driven the slow down in revenue from cereals since 2013.

This signals an excessive reliance on tea and horticulture, which could result in a risk of overreliance on the key revenue earners, dampening production of cereals in the market as farmers move to more lucrative crops.

"There is need to urgently diversify the commercial agriculture base, partly by stimulating domestic consumption," Murigi said.

He added that diversification in commercial agriculture had dropped over the five-year period, with tea, coffee and horticulture comprising over 75 per cent of the value of marketed agricultural produce in 2018 compared to 67 per cent in 2013

Kenya could already be witnessing the overreliance risk as data by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics shows the sector grew by 4.1 per cent during the second quarter of 2019, declining from a 6.5 per cent growth recorded over the same period in 2018.

According to KNBS, the slowed growth was mainly attributed to delayed long rains that somewhat curtailed agricultural production.

Data shows the sector's growth was hampered by an 18.9 per cent drop in tea production as well as marginal declines from fruit and vegetable earnings, which contracted by 0.5 and 2.2 per cent, respectively.



COMMENTARY

RAJUL–MALDE

Consumer value: The new marketing force globally

Gone are the days when production of various goods solely focused on certain functional and aesthetic qualities. Today's, consumers look beyond price and traditional factors like tastes and preferences. Factors like safety, health, and transparency are increasingly shaping consumer behavior and purchase decisions.

Today's consumer has more access to product information through modern communication platforms like social media. They also have a powerful voice and have assumed a greater control over conversations on goods and brands. They are demanding more answers on how products affect their health and lifestyles.

These are the new trends that manufacturers have to pay attention to for sustainability. Producers of consumer goods, cannot ignore the emerging reality around consumer value. Price alone is not enough, meeting consumer expectations is now the dominant paradigm.

Economist Klaus Schwab in his book, The Fourth Industrial Revolution, notes that manufacturers are adopting more efficient and technologically advanced processes that ensure goods are produced faster thus enabling businesses maximise customer value and profitability.

But even that being the case, consumers are demanding more in terms of value and information on products. A report by consulting firm Deloitte titled Capitalizing on the shifting consumer food value equation notes that factors like health, safety, trust and transparency go hand–in–hand with price, taste and preferences in influencing consumer choices.

Consumers are becoming more health conscious and expect businesses to be more transparent about product attributes like nutritional content and ingredients. Buyers are also keen on ensuring products do not contain harmful substances or ingredients.

There are growing concerns on the rising cases of obesity and non–communicable diseases like diabetes, cancer and cardiovascular diseases, and the link to food/diet. In today's digital world, it is virtually impossible to conceal material information about the health and safety of a product. Doing so attracts consumer backlash and severely damages brand reputation.

In developed markets, environmental considerations now plays a major role in influencing consumer choices.

Manufacturers must therefore focus on the consumer and not just the product. This is where the commercial and production functions of manufacturing intersect. The government on the other hand should ensure that products whose origin and ingredients are dubious do not get into the market. This not only makes the local manufacturing industry more competitive but also protects consumers from harmful products sold by unscrupulous traders.

Certification by credible third parties like the Kenya Bureau of Standards should also be strictly enforced before goods are allowed into the local market. Consumers should be sensitised on the need to buy only products that meet quality, health and safety standards.

Malde is the commercial director at Pwani Oil

NEWS WORLD

SHACKLED IN CHAINS

67 freed from abusive 'school'

Freed captive says instructors beat, raped and even killed the men and boys

REUTERS/ Hundreds of captives who were beaten, abused and held in squalid conditions at a purported Islamic school in northern Nigeria escaped prior to a raid this week, police said yesterday.

Nearly 300 men and boys had been at the facility in the Daura area of Katsina, the home town of President Muhammadu Buhari, where police said they discovered "inhuman and degrading treatments" following a raid to free the remaining students.

It was the second such school in less than a month to be raided by police, after hundreds were freed from similarly degrading conditions in neighbouring Kaduna state.

The 67 inmates who were freed by Katsina police were shackled in chains, and many were taken to hospital for treatment, police superintendent Isah Gambo told Reuters.

"I tell you they were in very bad condition when we met them," he said.

A freed captive told Reuters on Monday that the instructors beat, raped and even killed the men and boys held at the facility, who ranged from seven to 40 years of age.

While the institution told parents it was an Islamic teaching centre that would help straighten out unruly and wayward family members, the instructors instead brutally abused them and took away any food or money sent by relatives.

Islamic schools, called Almajiris, are common in the mostly Muslim north of Nigeria. Muslim Rights Concern, a local organisation, estimates about 10 million children attend them.



Men and boys rescued by police in Sabon Garin, in Daura local government area of Katsina state, Nigeria, on Monday / REUTERS



Syrian army soldiers gesture as they stand in vehicles in the town of Ain Issa, Syria, on Monday / REUTERS

WORLD'S DEADLIEST ONGOING WAR

Trump's sanctions fail to slow Turkey assault on NE Syria

Turkish lira actually went up, traders noted he spared banks

REUTERS/ Turkey ignored new sanctions from the US to press on with its assault on northern Syria yesterday, while the Russia-backed Syrian army entered one of the most hotly contested cities, filling a void created by Donald Trump's abrupt retreat.

A week after reversing U.S. policy and moving troops out of the way to allow Turkey to attack Washington's allies in northern Syria, Trump announced a package of sanctions to punish Turkey.

But financial markets shrugged off the announcement, and Trump's critics said the moves were too feeble to have an impact. The Turkish lira actually went up, with traders noting Trump had spared Turkish banks from punishment.

Trump's unexpected decision to withhold protection from Syria's Kurds after a phone call with Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan a week ago swiftly upended five years of US policy in the Middle East, giving a free hand to Washington's adversaries in the world's deadliest ongoing war.



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VOICES



Meru Governor Kiraitu Murungi (R) flags off athletes to mark the launch of the Mt Kenya Mountain Running Championship 2020 at the Kenya School of Adventure and Leadership (Kesal) in Kisima ward, Meru on October 10
/PHOEBE OKALL

LETTERS

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In politics, survival trumps principles, love for fellow man

President Uhuru Kenyatta and his foe turned friend, ODM leader Raila Odinga, have shown us that in politics you don't need principles; only the interests matter. From last year's passage of the Finance Bill raising taxes to last week's raising of the country's borrowing cap to Sh9 trillion, one thing has remained constant, ODM has portrayed itself as the single most important entity the President relied on to propel such unpopular bills. Forget the fact that it's the same ODM that went round the country lampooning the jubilee government over its unbridled appetite for debts and overburdening citizens with high taxes. Today, because they feel they have been accommodated enough in the government, they sing the same songs they would not want to listen to a year or so ago, and their supporters are cheering them on. Save for ANC's Musalia Mudavadi and at times Ford Kenya's Moses Wetang'ula, the rest of the opposition are dancing to the horrible tunes they once said would plunge the country into an abyss. In fact, they are no longer surreptitious about it even if what they do goes against their well-known stances on major issues. DP William Ruto merely needs to propose to ODM an idea and the latter will quickly take the opposite direction without looking at its merits or otherwise. That's how low we have sunk in this era of 'peace through the handshake'. Nobody enjoys this political fluidity than Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko. Today he is ready to disobey court orders to keep away his perceived enemy, county speaker Beatrice Elachi, tomorrow he embraces her and is even believed to have hired goons to escort her to City Hall. With all these shenanigans, will Kenya meet greatness any time soon?

ODHIAMBO JAMWA
Economic and political analyst

State can do more to keep up drop in maternal mortality

Kenya has recorded a decline in maternal mortality from 342 deaths in 2000 to 211 deaths in 2017. This decline is attributed to delivery by a skilled birth attendant, elimination of delivery charges in public health facilities as well as access to information on family planning. We must have equity in resource allocation and service provision especially in the treatment of haemorrhage and cervical cancer. In addition, we must address other factors that contribute to the death of women including unsafe abortion, HIV and pregnancy-related complications

DANIEL OTIENO
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Dark streets in Mombasa expose road users to risk

The road from Kongowea Market in Mombasa towards Nyali Bridge on your way to Mombasa town is in total darkness, the same as the drive towards Kongowea Market from town. This has become dangerous because a driver can miss the guard rails while driving along the bridge and cause an accident. Also, a driver can fail to see other motorists joining the road from adjacent lanes, resulting in an avoidable accident. Therefore, it is a high time the county government of Mombasa and the national government allocated funds the same way Thika Superhighway has an allocation to repair the guard rails, road and the bridge. To save on electricity, let the county or national government buy solar lights which will make use of the sun all day and light up the streets in the night.

VERONICA ONJORO
Mombasa

Kibra poll should not destroy peace built by handshake

The upcoming Kibra by-elections are a test that is in sight of two leaders; President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM leader Raila Odinga, on the response to the handshake that took place between them a year ago. The two leaders have to commit themselves to guard and protect the handshake which was a sign of unity and peace to this nation. We have seen the peace and harmony that had never been seen since last year on March 9 when the two leaders called a political truce. In Kibra, the party leaders have to strengthen their bonds and rally their supporters to respect the spirit of unity and peace which they promised each other for the betterment of this country. Jubilee's McDonald Mariga should tread carefully with the tactics he uses to lure in voters in order to gain trust from the constituents. He has no legacy done to the youth when he was a player and a big earner during his tenure in football. He is believed to have earned more than sitting MPs and some great veterans who have lived before and started earning before him. And since he started his career as a highly paid footballer, he has no development agenda for the youth. Imran Okoth, being a manager and an insight to his late brother's development agenda, should strive to continue with the legacy of his brother. This probaly gives him a bigger hand in the constituency. He should engage close people who know the in-depth problems of Kibra and do what would otherwise be perceived as impossible to win hearts. ANC's Eliud Owalo, having been Raila's aide, knows the circles of politics and how to speak the language of politics. He should campaign tactfully to beat Okoth who knows the circles of Kibra. Other candidates should work extra hard to make a name.

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Kasarani, Nairobi

VOX POP

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Should frustrated tea farmers uproot their crop?



No: The farmers should directly petition President Uhuru Kenyatta to address their grievances. Tea is a cash crop in Kenya and destroying it isn't a solution.

JOHN OWINO
Homa Bay



Yes: They spend a lot of money on production. Let them engage in other crop farming if tea is unprofitable. The government has neglected them.

DENIS MUGA
Homa Bay



Yes: The government has failed to address the problems the farmers face for far too long. They should uproot the crop and venture into other businesses.

NICK ODWAR
Homa Bay



No: Uprooting their crop would automatically kill the tead industry and aggravate unemployment, which is already too high. Let the farmers seek legal redress instead.

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I CANNOT REGRET HAVING A BABY, SAYS MCA TRICKY

ELIZABETH MUSYIMI/ Comedian MCA Tricky says he has no child, neither has he ever impregnated any woman in Kenya or anywhere in the world.

Tricky was responding to rumours on Twitter that he is a dad and even made an introduction of his alleged baby mama to his family.

"When I want you to see my child, I will show it to you. But the part about introducing a woman to my family is not true. That's my private life," he said.

"I don't have a child but the time I will get a woman pregnant, you will know. I don't have a kid in Kenya or anywhere. Maybe I gave out and I wasn't told."

Tricky said the recent photo he shared with a woman and her son was only but his relatives.

"I don't want to be a liar. That's my cousin and that's her son. My girlfriend is young and doesn't have a baby," he said.

Tricky, however, says he is yearning for a baby. "Honestly, right now I'm craving for a baby, but I can't get her pregnant because she has her own plans. I don't have deadlines, though. However, I cannot regret having a baby."

He says his habits of posting photos with other people's kids once landed him in trouble.

"There is a photo I took with a little baby at Parklands, I shared it on Instagram and the mother really argued with the husband. That guy started saying that that was my kid instead. Right now, I don't like playing with things like those," he said.

"I have been taking many photos with other people's kids and people think they are mine."

The comedian is currently educating schoolkids on the need to avoid early pregnancies.



MCA Tricky / COURTESY

"I have a partnership I'm doing with a certain NGO to educate kids not to have early pregnancies. It's called Niache Nikomae," he said.

"Also, it educates young men not to impregnate young girls, especially right now that kids have closed school. Kids need to learn."

'THE PART ABOUT INTRODUCING A WOMAN TO MY FAMILY IS NOT TRUE. THAT'S MY PRIVATE LIFE'

Mother-in-law made my life hell, says Kamene Goro



ELIZABETH MUSYIMI/ Kiss 100 radio presenter Kamene Goro has dug into her dark past as she remembers how her mother-in-law frustrated her.

Kamene, who was dating a Tanzanian man, said this on "The Morning Kiss".

"I was living in my house under constant pressure. Am I making him happy? And even worse, was I making him happy by her standards?" she said.

"She used to hate me. So she would send in food to the house because she did not want him to eat my 'bad' food. I confronted her to stop it and then it became a war. She later moved to calling my house girls and commanding them on how to make food for my husband."

The radio presenter went on to talk about charm. "I was a young frustrated bride. She even went to the extent of calling the watchman and requested him to be told when I leave the house so she can send a house girl to put charm under the bed so that my husband hates me and we do not get children. It was bad."

This year, Kamene would have been celebrating her third wedding anniversary.

"I was to get married on this day three years ago but I dodged the bullet. I would have been miserable today," she said.

"I would have been in Tanzania right now with a lot of money even if I was not working, but miserable and not able to live my dream."

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WITH ELIZABETH NGIGI
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Zari Hassan claims she spent over Sh244,000 for a flight from Dubai, only to land and find out that her four expensive perfumes were stolen.

"So disappointed in Kenya airlines. I've been loyal, but you always do me wrong. The other times I've ignored, but not today. All the perfumes I received as gifts from my friends in Dubai just disappeared," she wrote on Instagram. Zari sent the official of Kenya Airways a warning.

"You have my return date, better make sure someone finds me in the lounge and returns what belongs to me. I didn't travel for free, you set me back $2,440, now I want what's mine back period! And we will end this relationship in peace."

She said the new suit she was supposed to wear for a meeting was also missing. "What am I supposed to wear for my meeting? Let's not ignore the fact that your flights are always delayed and no explanations given to passengers, still I ignored. Shame on you."

Xtreem Awards nominees out

ELIZABETH MUSYIMI/ The list of nominees for Xtreem Awards is out. This year, they have added the "gengetone" category, which will award secular artistes. In previous years, these awards were only given to gospel artistes.

Some of the nominated artistes include Ethic, Rico Gang, Ochungulo family, Sailors, Boondocks Gang, ZZero Sufuri and Chris Kaiga.

Others are David Wonder, Timeless Noel, Guardian Angel, Paul Clement, Burna Boy, Masauti, Kush Tracey and Tanasha Donna.

The award categories include gengetone group of the year, reggae, ragga and dancehall songs of the year, socialite of the year and blogger to watch out for.

Some of the songs nominated include 'Figa', 'Kimonyoski', 'Wamlambez', 'Zimenice', 'Mboko Haram' and 'Kaa na Mamayako'.

The awards will be held in November.

VOICES

EDITORIAL

Ministry can't pay for pads, we all must help

Education experts are unanimous that many schoolgirls stay away from class monthly because their families can't afford sanitary pads. Their absence disadvantages them academically, however, they are entitled to the pads by law.

In 2017 MPs amended the Education Act making it mandatory to supply free sanitary napkins. But yesterday Education CS George Magoha announced — to the dismay of girls and parents — that his ministry cannot afford to supply towels to the 1.4 million adolescent girls. **(See Pg11)**.

He made the announcement while dispatching pads for 800,000 girls who'll be writing the KCPE and KCSE examinations. The pads were donated by the M–Pesa Foundation.

Magoha estimates his budget of Sh470 million can only supply towels for four months a year.

Our country takes great pride in the spirit of harambee. If the government can't do its duty, we call upon all well–wishers to come forward, share the load and help our girls.

We also call upon MPs through their NG–CDF budgets to help needy girls study without interruption and achieve their dreams.

Relying on the state alone creates unnecessary delays and bureaucracy. We should give schoolgirls peace of mind and time to focus on their studies, especially since exams are around the corner.

HISTORICAL QUOTE

"If you had better sense you'd have learned by now that nothing thrives so well as wickedness."

KATHLEEN WINSOR
The American author was born on October 16, 1919.

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COMMENT



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The former journalist and urbane businessman simply stated the obvious: that it's the National Executive Council that holds the ultimate say on party elections, and not the Deputy President



TUJU TAKES BLOWS FOR JUBILEE OWNER

In the tumble of rambling partisan politics, of freeloaders and footloose party functionaries, a gentleman can still be found. The gentleman of the Jubilee era, Raphael Tuju, the party secretary general, often finds himself between the feuds of the owners of the shared presidency.

Since one shareholder does not want to confront the other principal, not directly just yet, the gentleman of the Jubilee regime is often the target of misdirected ire. Tuju, the eye of the super–owner of the party, President Uhuru Kenyatta, is the scapegoat. Every time there are issues that should be directed at the super–owner, the former Rarieda MP takes the blow. He does so with strategic grace, knowing he is cushioned against malignant politicians.

Tuju remains diplomatic and measured, even when his critics are boiling with misplaced aggression. They have referred to him as a member of the party by 'invitation', without directly hitting out at Tuju's host. The subtext is in the ethnic formation of the Jubilee wagon, which makes him an outsider.

There are signs the shots for the control of the party could intensify as the countdown to the 2022 presidential election narrows. This is inevitable when ambition overwhelms reason. Ambition is everything for a politician. Victims of such ambition can do anything to live their dreams. They have defied presidential authority with impunity. Even the President's stop–the–loitering–jab wasn't heeded, instead it bred the Tangatanga campaign squad.

SINCE ONE SHAREHOLDER DOES NOT WANT TO CONFRONT THE OTHER, NOT DIRECTLY JUST YET, THE GENTLEMAN OF JUBILEE IS OFTEN THE TARGET OF MISDIRECTED IRE

Sometimes observers doubt who owns the ultimate executive authority in the party and nationally. No matter how bright some stars could be, they know better than appearing in the company of the sun. This time some stars have the audacity to outshine the sun. Guardians of the sun are scandalised.

Former Gatanga MP David Murathe, a Jubilee insider, was the first top party official to rattle the presidential succession works. He has repeated this after his February statement disturbed Jubilee succession waters.

Murathe, a confidant of the President, who should know how the system works, said the Deputy President William Ruto might not be eligible to run for president because he would have served two terms, alongside President Uhuru Kenyatta. Each principal claims a 50 per cent stake in the Jubilee presidency.

Murathe's contention has been modified: Ruto is free to run for president, but he should not treat the possibility with a voluble sense of entitlement.

Then followed the short–lived hakuna deni tune, from a Central Kenya artiste. Central Kenya, Murathe said, before a musician picked it up, does not owe the DP anything. By 2022, the co–president would have enjoyed a full nusu mkate of the proceeds of State power.

While the DP is free to run for president, Murathe had said then, that right may imperil strict adherence to the Constitution. It was a long shot, but potent, and ominous to the victim and agents of untethered ambition, coming from a presidential insider.

This was Murathe's supposition: What if the DP runs for president and then picks President Kenyatta, who will have served his second and final term, as his running mate? If they won, and anything happened to the former DP, would the former president be the automatic successor, occupying the office for the third term? Murathe said they would seek Supreme Court interpretation.

Tuju's crime was, he hosted former party deputy chairman Murathe, in Rarieda, when he began deep–sea fishing around presidential succession. Murathe, a former Gatanga MP, said Ruto would not be the automatic Jubilee successor of President Kenyatta.

Murathe had to resign, under pressure, as deputy party chairman. He did so, perhaps, to restore calm in Jubilee. Turbulence has returned, this time around party presidential candidate in the 2022 general election. There are also party elections due next year. Tuju, a former journalist, and urbane businessman, is at the centre of Jubilee succession rambles, for simply stating the obvious: that it's the National Executive Council that holds the ultimate say on party elections, and not the DP.

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Nearly 70,000 children have been displaced since hostilities in northeast Syria escalated nearly a week ago. UNICEF renews its calls on all parties to the conflict and those who have influence over them to protect children at all times.

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COMMENT

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As campaigns hit crescendo, prospects of the handshake getting destabilised look real

KIBRA POLL A LITMUS TEST FOR HANDSHAKE

If ever there was a time that the handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and opposition leader Raila Odinga's faced a real balancing act, then it may as well be in the Kibra by-election. It is probably the greatest test yet on the pact between Uhuru and Raila.

As the political situation unfolds, and with the 2022 political equation being calculated by political formations, both old and forming, it is getting hotter in the kitchen. And it promises to get uglier as we move towards 2022.

Since the handshake on March 9, 2018, it is not lost on political minds that it unsettled many. NASA co-principals felt shortchanged, while its supporters felt abandoned in their quest for justice.

In Jubilee, some see Raila as a good friend, others see him as someone out to to rock the boat from within to spoil the party for Deputy President William Ruto's 2022 presidential ambitions.

This is further complicated and compounded by the uncertainty of whether Raila will be on the ballot in 2022 or not. The potential entry of Raila into the 2022 presidential contest will complicate Ruto's game plan when he is on the doorstep of the highest political office.

The handshake politics, depending on where one looks from, has sidelined other agendas in Kenya's development framework and President Uhuru Kenyatta's agenda. From the war on corruption to parliamentary oversight role, the handshake narrative has been central—those for and those against.

Indeed, any pronouncement has been viewed under this political lens - Raila and the handshake have been used as a pawn in the political chessboard.

And now the Kibra by-election has provided a perfect opportunity for those who are against the handshake. Although opposition to the handshake got off to a slow start, the tempo has been rising explaining why it is already sailing in unchartered political hot waters now than ever before.

As campaigns for the Kibra seat hit crescendo, prospects of the handshake getting fatally destabilised look real and the aftermath may be worse depending on the outcome.

Earlier efforts to have ANC and Ford Kenya field one candidate to face the Jubilee and ODM candidates flopped. It is understood in certain quarters that these rival parties within NASA may have fielded candidates to get back at ODM or Raila because of their exclusion in the handshake.

The sibling rivalry between ANC and Ford Kenya will worsen the situation for the handshake and the moribund NASA. Jubilee is likely to exploit this situation in NASA and make what is now fashioned as a Ruto-Raila duel, which further threatens to undermine the handshake.

And the situation can only get murkier but it all depends on how Uhuru handles the by-election politics in Kibra. Whatever action or words he makes about Kibra will be taken weightily by both sides of the divide. Whether he will come out in the open and campaign for McDonald Mariga, the Jubilee candidate against ODM's Imran Okoth is another matter. Were it to happen, it will completely change the politics of Kibra, and perhaps the outcome.

More importantly, it will change the handshake and politics in the country, depending on how either side reacts to the outcome of the by-election. Simply put, the Kibra by-election may just be NASA's Waterloo and a real litmus test for the handshake.

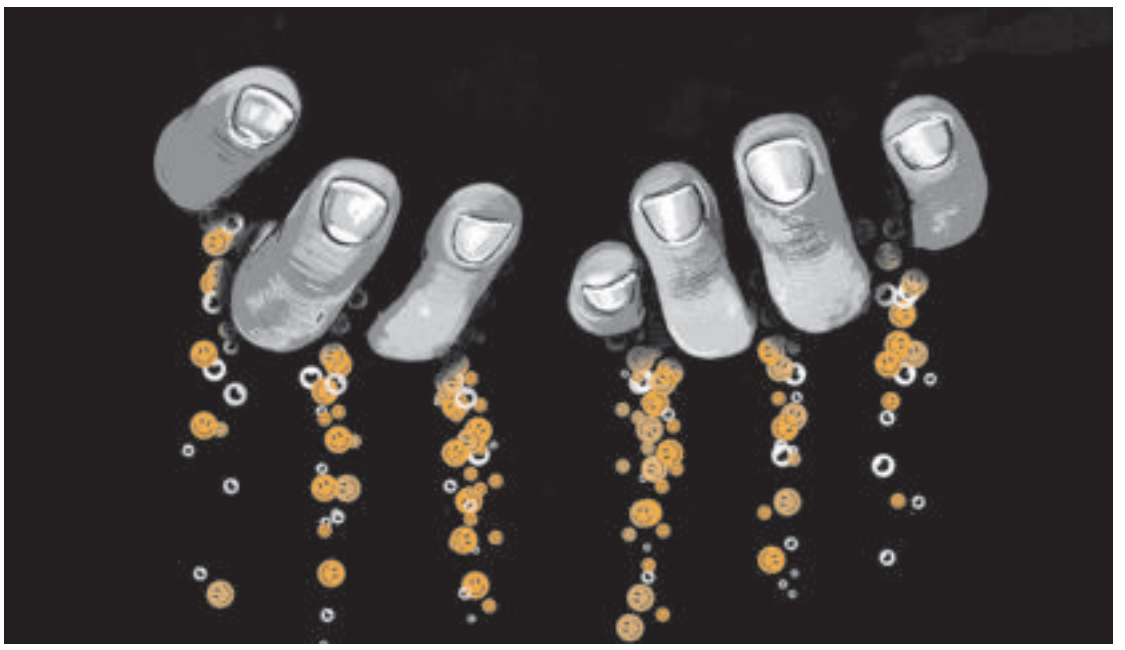
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With technology, it has become easier for taxpayers to file returns, information is accessible and tax gatherers have better surveillance tools; but technology's disruptive nature is a tax agent's nightmare



TAXING DIGITAL ECONOMY HEADACHE

At the KRA first University Tax Symposium 2019 on October 4, brilliant minds converged to discuss viable ways of taxing the digital economy, a discussion that has thrived across experts globally.

Scholars and students from universities countrywide as well as tax experts from varied tax fields appreciated the efforts by KRA to automate processes. The group was excited about KRA's intelligence-driven compliance methods such as the use of data to drive compliance.

Nonetheless, taxation of the digital economy remained the puzzle in the room that needed unravelling. KRA is focused on taxing the digital economy, given that the world has gone digital; this is a noble move meant to bring more taxes into the tax net.

Going digital could mean digitisation, which is changing from an analogue process to a digital one. It could also mean digitalisation—adoption of modern-day technology to change a business model. With these definitions in mind, we have an understanding that the digital economy is where the money is, since the world is either digitised or digitalised.

On the positive side we see digital technology as an enabler. With technology, it has become easier for taxpayers to file tax returns, tax information is much more accessible, and tax gatherers have better surveillance tools.

The ugly side is the disruptive nature of technology, which is every tax agent's nightmare. Digital economy is the fastest-growing sector, with technology based companies commanding 56 per cent of the world's market capitalisation in 2018 from a 16 per cent share in 2009 according to UCTADs digital economy report 2019. This is evidenced by the number of dollar billionaires in the Forbes list, the Top 10 is dominated by the Tech Gurus.

Most of these fast-growing Fortune 500 companies with their celebrity founders have literally taken governments on a chase for their money. Google, for instance, virtually paid no taxes in the UK in 2018 with more than $6.5 billion (Sh674.5 billion) worth of transactions. Facebook, in the same year, paid £15.8 million (Sh2.1 billion) in tax in the UK despite collecting a record £1.3 billion (Sh169.8 billion) in British sales. Between 2008 and 2015, Apple earned $305 billion (Sh39.8 trillion) before taxes and paid a foreign tax rate of only 5.8 per cent.

There are two guiding concepts from the Income Tax Act CAP 470 laws of Kenya on taxing income. One is in Section 3 (2) which states income is taxable in Kenya if it is accrued in or derived in Kenya. The second aspect is permanent establishment, which implies physical presence. Tax laws in Kenya and in many other countries create the distinction between doing business in a country and doing business with a country.

To explain this further, a Japanese firm for example with a branch in Kenya selling to Kenyans through that branch is doing business in Kenya so the income is derived in Kenya therefore taxable in Kenya. That would be different if the goods are bought by Kenyans from Japan, a case of doing business with Kenya which has no income tax implications.

MOST OF THESE FAST-GROWING FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES HAVE LITERALLY TAKEN GOVERNMENTS ON A CHASE FOR THEIR MONEY

Considering this example, think of a digital service like advertising made available in Kenya by a foreign company that has its presence in the clouds. Where is that business carried on? Kenyans did not go to another country to buy it; it was brought to Kenya through technology.

France has enacted a three per cent digital tax especially targeted at Google and Facebook on sales generated on such media. Uganda has a tax on social media meant to discourage idle talk. India in 2018 enacted law to include significant economic presence, expanding the definition of permanent establishment to include virtual presence. Kenya should note that revenue or profits generated by the digital economy do not accumulate with an agent or at some place to be repatriated later. The nature of digital transactions is business to customer (B2C), no agent, no government.

VAT Act Sec 8 (3) brings to tax electronic services for example on delivery of software, artistic work, games, self-education software, access to databases and other services of digital nature. That gives the revenue authority powers to charge VAT, but that would be possible if they can trace the transaction.

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GP KARTING RACE DETERMINES F1 TRIP GOER

The second leg of Johnnie Walker GP Karting championship started this weekend at The Great Rift Valley circuit in Mai Mahiu.

Seventeen teams battled out for the opportunity of a lifetime to watch a live Formula 1 race in Etihad Airways, Abu Dhabi.

Sam Karangatha of Team Sim-U-Nation topped the races after recording the best time of 1.11.438.

The teams had to complete six laps in a 10 minutes length circuit tucked in the archipelago of Rift Valley.



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1. PR consultant Patrick Githinji and KBL head of premium spirit Grace Nshemeire-Gwaku **2.** Team Bollocks' Samuel Gitau takes the lead **3.** KBL brand manager Josephine Katambo awards Team Bollocks' Mudasar Chaudry, one of the championship winners, with the help of shopper manager Njeri Murage **4.** Rapper Khaligraph Jones entertains fans **/DOUGLAS OKIDDY**

(+) NIGHT OF GOLD AND BLACK AT STAR-STUDDED CODE HENNY PARTY

Hennessy recently held its third "Code Henny" invite-only party. Top influential personalities came together in an exclusive Hennessy lovers circle at a secret villa in Nairobi, Lava Latte.

The red-carpet event was led by Moet Hennessy's Eastern Africa manager **Alexandre Helaine** and luxury PR consultant **Lucia Musau**. Guests were treated to live performances from **Miss Karun, Steph Kapela** and **Ochunglo family**.

The Code Henny parties are about creating the Hennessy lover's circle, to give them their own experience with Hennessy. Other notable personalities included **Buddha Blaze**, actress **Sarah Teshna** and celebrity make-up artist Phoina Tosha.



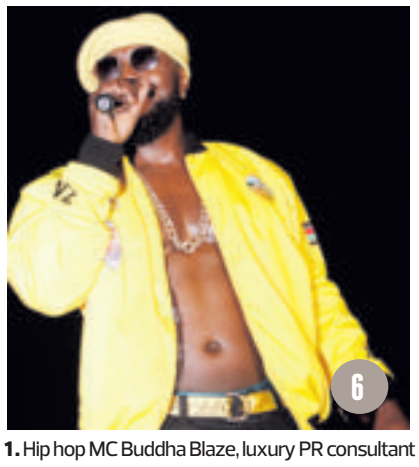
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1. Hip hop MC Buddha Blaze, luxury PR consultant Lucia Musau and Eastern Africa market manager for Moët Hennessy Alexandre Helaine **2.** Guests at the event **3.** Make-up artist Phoina Tosha **4.** Actress Sarah Teshna **5.** Miss Karun **6.** Steph Kapela **7.** Ochunglo Family **/MOSES MWANGI**

COUNTIES

COUNTIES NAIROBI

BEST GOVERNOR

Bishop urges church leaders to support Sonko, says he's done commendable job

CAROLYNE KUBWA/ A city-based cleric has called on all religious leaders to support Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko's administration in weeding out corruption and developing the county.

Bishop John Nduati of God's Power Church and Ministry on Sunday said Sonko has done a commendable job in helping the helpless, especially the elderly who had lost land to cartels in the city.

"Let's all support our governor because he works for all of us and he shows no discrimination. We have all seen him partnering with the national government in eradicating cartels in the city, hence he deserves support from all stakeholders," Nduati said during a pastors seminar in Kiambu.

Nduati said Sonko's administration has protected churches, mosques and learning institutions from land grabbers.

The cleric also supported Sonko on the suspension 16 county officials following last month's collapse of a school building, which left eight pupils dead and over 60 injured.The accident occurred at the Precious Talent School in Ngando ward, Dagoretti.



John Nduati, presiding bishop of God's Power Church and Ministry in Nairobi **/FILE**





Jubilee's Maina Kamanda and ODM candidate Imran Okoth at PCEA Karanja, Kibra constituency, on October 6 **/EZEKIEL AMING'A**

Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa of ODM and Jubilee candidate McDonald Mariga on October 2 **/DPPS**

THINGS DIFFERENT ON THE GROUND

Parties in dilemma over rebels backing rivals in Kibra election

Politicians take advantage of the handhsake to flout Political Parties Act with impunity



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The leading political parties are facing a major headache in cracking the whip on errant members campaigning for rival parties in the upcoming Kibra by-election.

The Star has established that the ruling Jubilee Party, Orange Democratic Movement and Amani National Congress are reluctant to discipline members defying party positions.

The indecision is due to the handshake between President Uhuru Kenyatta and ODM chief Raila Odinga, amid reports any action might ruin the truce.

Yesterday, their leaderships appeared to suggest they would not be instituting any disciplinary action any time soon as campaigns get down to the wire for the November 7 by-election.

Jubilee secretary general Raphael Tuju said any adverse action against the MPs who are contravening the Political Parties Act can only be sanctioned by the National Executive Council.

The Cabinet Secretary without portfolio said he was aware MPs pitching for Jubilee rivals in Kibra were going against party policies.

"I cannot take action that can lead to the expulsion of a member unless I have a decision from NEC which is chaired by President Uhuru Kenyatta," Tuju told the Star.

He went on : "Yes , its is true that goes against the Political Parties Act. I have received different letters from people complaining about the issue but I cannot make a decision as Tuju unless NEC meets and makes a decision which I will then communicate to the members."

Some of the Jubilee politicians campaigning for ODM's Imran Okoth include Maina Kamanda (nominated), Maoka Maore (Igembe North) and Nairobi speaker Beatrice Elachi.

ODM secretary general Edwin Sifuna said the party was only aware of Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa who is backing Jubilee candidate MacDonald Mariga.

ANC secretary general Barrack Muluka said nominated MP Geoffrey Osotsi who backs ODM was not a member of the ANC since he was expelled.

"We cannot take any action against him because he is not a member of our ANC party," he said.

JUBILEE, ODM AND ANC RELUCTANT TO PUNISH ERRANT MEMBERS FOR FEAR OF FALL-OUT

(+) LAW PROHIBITS SUPPORTING RIVALS

The Political Parties Act 2011 prohibits a member of a political party from advancing the interests of another. "A person who, while being a member of a political party, promotes the ideology, interests or policies of another political party shall, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) or the provisions of any other written law, be deemed to have resigned from the previous political party," reads section 14 (5). Tangatanga team that is pushing for DP William Ruto's presidency in 2022 has been calling for the expulsion of Jubilee lawmakers campaigning for rival candidates in Kibra.

COUNTIES CENTRAL

WANT NEMA TO ACT

Residents protest disposal of wastewater into River Chania

Say children are contracting skin diseases and suffering from typhoid and diarrhoea

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A section of Thika residents has accused several companies in the area of releasing raw sewage and industrial effluent into River Chania.

Matharao village residents said the foul-smelling sewage and effluent pass through their village and into River Chania, their only source of water.

The aggrieved locals said the Kiambu government and the National Environment Management Authority had failed to control factory waste disposal.

"The pungent smell emanating from the sewage and toxic industrial waste has rendered this village uninhabitable," Francis Kilonzo said.

Kilonzo said children were contracting skin diseases and suffering other ailments like typhoid, diarrhoea and cholera due to massive pollution.

"Action must be taken immediately or we will take the law into our hands. Both Nema and county officials visit the factories to collect their kickbacks and that's why we have been protesting against pollution for years," he said.

The locals said that the toxic wastewater that's flowing freely into River Chania has rendered it useless to them.

They can no longer depend on it for water for both domestic and irrigation purposes.

They said that pollution has caused fish, frogs and even hippos in the river to die from toxic substances.



Milkah Wanjiru in Matharao village, Thika, yesterday/ **JOHN KAMAU**

"The river has turned into white foam and some parts are green due to heavy pollution. A foul smell emanating from the water can be felt 500 metres from the river," Githii Mwangi said.

Mwangi said they had stopped farming using the water because their crops wither within days.

"This issue must be addressed immediately because our health and that of our livestock are at stake," Mwangi said. He urged the relevant agencies mandated to protect the environment to act before the matter goes out of hand.

Last month a Chinese national was arrested for discharging raw industrial effluent into River Chania during a crackdown on polluters.

The multi-agency team inspected factories in Thika town suspected to be behind the pollution of environment in the region.

Lin Hua, the proprietor of Benco Investment Ltd that makes tissue papers was arrested by the team led by Kiambu county commissioner Wilson Wanyanga.

Wanyanga said that the factory lacked a proper system to treat its wastewater before releasing it to the environment. Hua was charged in court with discharging raw sewerage into the environment and operating without Kenyan work permits.
He denied the charges and was released on bond.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE

Farmers turn to natural remedies for pest control

Radiant stickers on tomatoes trap insects



Farmers on a demonstration farm in Kagio, Kirinyaga county /**COURTESY**

KNA/ Multiple yellow stickers hanging over a tomato farm near Kagumo town, Kirinyaga county attract the attention of farmers.

The radiant stickers are used as a pest control method to attract insects such as aphids and whiteflies that attack tomatoes.

They are smeared with an adhesive which traps and then kills the insects.

Every six months, the stickers are changed because once they trap dust, they become ineffective.

Elijah Njaria, the farm owner, says hanging the yellow stickers is one of the bio pest control methods he has adopted for his farm.

His farm serves as a demonstration for farmers in the county on the use of environmentally safe biopesticides.

"No synthetic pesticides are used in the one-acre portion of land under the tomato cultivation," Njaria says.

He says many synthetic pesticides contain hazardous chemicals that are a threat to human health and the environment.

Globally, pesticides have been blamed for plummeting bee populations which are crucial in food production as they pollinate close to three-quarters of all crops.

Fredrick Mutuota, a bee expert in Kirinyaga says the declining bee population led to the total ban of the widely used insecticide deneonicotinoids, by the European Union in 2018.

In contrast, he says, the biopesticides, made of naturally derived substances, microorganism and plant-based protectants, targets specific pest and insects and do not pollute the surroundings

To sustainably control moths that plague tomatoes, Njaria uses sex pheromones which frustrate the insects mating efforts. Female moths produce pheromones to attract males.

Kirinyaga county executive for Agriculture Jackline Njogu says they are encouraging the farmers to adopt the integrated pest management as Njaria has done.

She says the use of natural pest control encourages the growth of healthy crops with minimal possible disruption to agroecosystem. Extension officers are teaching the farmers other natural pest control methods.

INHERITANCE DISPUTE

Elderly Kinangop couple slashed with pangas over land

NDICHU WAINAINA/ A two-decade long land dispute almost turned fatal after an elderly couple was slashed with pangas at Cuma village in Engineer, Kinangop.

Duncan Waruingi, 68, and his wife Racheal Njeri, 55, were attacked by Waruingi's elder brother George Mwangi, his wife Gladys Wanjugu and son, Kagiri Mwangi, on Wednesday last week.

Njeri is currently admitted at Kinangop Mission Hospital where she has been undergoing treatment.

Speaking from her hospital bed on Monday afternoon, Njeri said the assailants attacked her in the morning with pangas, metal bars, and a big stick.

They arrived at their compound at 6am and she went out to meet them without suspecting anything.

They pounced on Njeri, accusing her of pushing her husband to persist in pursuing the land dispute which is at a Naivasha court.

''They cut me twice in the head, face, and legs. I screamed for help and my husband came to my rescue. They turned on him too,'' she said

The assailants, she said, dragged her husband to their compound where they wanted to kill and frame him as the attacker.

''It is by the grace of God that neighbours who came to answer to our distress call arrived in time. We were bleeding profusely. They cleaned us, gave us first aid and rushed us to Engineer hospital,'' she said.

HEATING UP

Arrest ODM 'rogues' inciting violence in Kibra — Wahome

ALICE WAITHERA/ Kandara MP Alice Wahome has called for the arrest of ''rogue'' ODM politicians making inflammatory remarks in the Kibra by-election campaign
Wahome, from Murang'a county, said on Monday that some politicians have been inciting violence against candidates opposing ODM candidate Imran Okoth.

Violence broke out on Saturday when Jubilee candidate McDonald Mariga's vehicle was stoned.

Opposition politician s have been making heated remarks that some people say could lead to violence.

Wahome said the events in Kibra demonstrate that ODM is fighting hard not to be defeated in party leader Raila Odinga's backyard. Wahome spoke while issuing bursary cheques on Monday.

''I want to hear Raila Odinga's stand on the issue as the party leader. His party has rogue members who should face the law,'' she added.

She said it is outrageous for the party to front a candidate and expect no opposition. She asked Inspector General of Police Hillary Mutambayi to take action against those inciting crowds, saying actions are dangerous to Kibra residents and to Kenyans.

COUNTIES COAST

'LONGER TRAVELS'

Work on 135km Lamu-Garsen Road too slow, say commuters

CHETI PRAXIDES/ Commuters plying the Lamu-Garsen Road are disappointed with the slow pace with which the construction is being conducted.

Most parts of the 135km stretch are in deplorable condition, which commuters say has made travelling a nightmare. The Sh10.8 billion tender for the construction of the road was handed to the H-Young company in 2017 but nothing much has happened since.

Road users are now concerned and many suspect the project will never be completed. Commuters have complained about the state of the road especially during the rainy season when parts of it become impassable.

They attributed the increased road accidents and recent fatalities to the state of the road.

CAUSED BY OBSTRUCTED LABOUR

Taita Taveta health workers trained in drive against fistula

SOLOMON MUINGI/ More than 500 Taita Taveta community health volunteers have been trained on Obstetric Vesicovaginal Fistula.

The CHVs will be tasked with educating the community in an intensive campaign to end fistula, a condition that can affect the mental, physical, social and sexual life of a woman. In a partnership between the county government, Fistula Foundation and Bomu Hospital, patients will receive free screening and treatment.

Speaking during the CHVs training at the Kenya Medical Training College in Voi, Bomu Hospital fistula field coordinator Safina Mwalimu said the campaign is geared towards eradicating the ailment through free screening and treatment.



Community health volunteers during a training session on fistula at KMTC Voi campus yesterday/**SOLOMON MUINGI**



Abdallah Faiz, one of the victims of police brutality, in his house in Lamu /**PRAXIDES CHETI**

MURDER OF A COP

Compensate Lamu victims of police brutality — Timamy

Condemns the killing of a police officer but is against the torture of residents



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Former Lamu Governor Issa Timamy has demanded compensation for the over 60 victims of police brutality who were tortured after their colleague was murdered in Lamu East.

Timamy also wants the government to intensify investigations to recover a G3 rifle that belonged to constable Hesbond Okemwa Anunda that is still missing.

In a press conference in Lamu Island on Sunday, Timamy said he learnt of the murder of the officer with "deep shock and disbelief". His body was retrieved at Pate Island

However, the former governor condemned the brutality meted on innocent civilians in Tchundwa and Muyabogi.

"This heinous and beastly act directed calls for condemnation in the strongest terms possible by all right-thinking and law-abiding Kenyan citizens,'' he said.

Timamy also said lawlessness and extrajudicial killings directed at security agents had no place in the civil society and that was unacceptable. After the body of the slain officer was retrieved, security officers launched a major operation and tortured locals, including women and young children, in search of the killers in a manner that has been criticised by rights groups as well.

Timamy appealed to security agencies to thoroughly investigate the killing and bring the perpetrators to book as soon as possible. He also sent a message of condolence to the family and friends of the slain officer. The former governor, who was out of the country when the incident occurred, toured the villages affected to console the victims. He questioned the manner in which police handled civilians in Tchunda and Myabogi villages.

"This collective and communal torture of citizens because of the death of a security officer is abhorrent and has no place in modern society," he said.

He said extrajudicial enforcement of the law whether by the security forces or wananchi must be condemned in equal measure.

He called on the Independent Police Oversight Authority to investigate the matter and ensure appropriate legal action is taken against those responsible.

"I also call for adequate compensation to the affected victims. I similarly take the opportunity to wish all the victims a speedy recovery," he said.

'COMMUNAL TORTURE OF CITIZENS BECAUSE OF THE DEATH OF A SECURITY OFFICER IS ABHORRENT'

DEPOSIT RULES BREACHED

Sh2.5m Uwezo Funds dormant in accounts

SHABAN OMAR/ People have been repaying Uwezo Fund loans using incorrect procedures, making it difficult for the government to retrieve the money, Empowerment Centre manager Solomon Kasoa has said.

A total of Sh2.5 million will remain dormant in bank accounts after depositing rules were flouted, disrupting the disbursement of loans in Matuga subcounty.

Speaking on Tuesday in Kwale town during the disbursement of Sh4.5 million, Kasoa said the majority of secretaries were depositing the funds using their names instead of the groups' icons as required by law.

"It came to our attention that some group administrators actually used their names and information while repaying the money, which is against the loan and terms repayment procedures," he said.

Kasoa said the government will have to find the depositors to verify their identities to be granted access to the money, which is cumbersome and time-wasting.

The manager said the blunder has made more than eight groups miss out on the fund in this cycle.

"As we are giving out this money today some have been left because of mistakes made by others and I fear it might take a lot of time to reclaim those funds."

He said to avoid such incidences from reoccurring, he has advised bank managers not to allow deposits from people who don't know their groups' names and code numbers.

ADMITTED TO APPROVED SCHOOL

Girl expelled thrice over lesbianism claim

MAUREEN MUDI/ A girl has been admitted to an approved school following expulsions from different schools over "corrupted morals" and lesbianism allegations.

This is after reports from the children's department, probation office and the courts confirmed she has been out of school, and neighbouring institutions are reluctant to admit her for fear she could influence other pupils.

The case was before Mpeketoni resident magistrate, Pascal Nabwana who directed the minor be admitted at the Kirigiti Girls rehabilitation school in Kiambu. Earlier, the headteacher of Mangu Primary School, Abdi Huko, informed the court the pupil was violent and forced female students to engage in sexual acts with her.

The court had directed the Std 5 pupil be admitted after she had been expelled from two previous schools.

"The school is unable to contain her. She has shown her true colours. She has become violent to fellow learners and insults any female learner who declines her sexual advances," Huko told the court.

A report by Maxwell Titima, the county children coordinator Lamu county, noted that the girl's mother is a small-scale farmer and casual labourer and that the girl usually runs away from home. Counselling was also done but to no avail.

COUNTIES EASTERN

CAMEL HERDERS FROM ISIOLO?

Bandits kill CS Munya's relative, steal 120 goats in Tigania East

GERALD MUTETHIA/Bandits have attacked a village in Tigania East, killing one man and stealing 120 goats.

The attackers suspected to be camel herders from neighbouring Isiolo county invaded Lanyiru area on Sunday night where they fatally shot Akindoo M'Imathiu and stole his 120 goats.

Akindo is a relative of Trade CS Peter Munya. Akindoo, 69 from Nkathuine in Lanyiru was tethering his goats in their shed when the attackers shot him dead.

Lanyiru area chief Japhet Mwenda said Akindoo was a well-known pastoralist from the Antubaita family clan, which is Munya's clan. Tigania East DCIO Benson Omondi said officers were investigating and pursuing the attackers.

Residents, CS Munya and EALA MP Mpuru Aburi have accused MP Gichunge Kabeabea of failing to keep his promise to secure banditry-prone areas of Muthara and Karama.

Resident Mugambi Esra asked the government to rearm the National Police Reservists who were disarmed, leading to increased insecurity.

"People are losing lives to bandits. For how long can we continue crying over insecurity?" he asked.

He said it is the role of the MP to improve security but he has failed. If he is unable to lobby for measures to curb insecurity, why can't he support the community with manpower? Whoever ordered the withdrawal of KPR security guns is making people suffer," he said.



Residents redirect raw sewage from a burst sewer line at Jam City estate in Athi River on Sunday /GEORGE OWITI

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT

EPZA says it will disconnect polluters from its sewer line

Authority says pollutants include raw sewage and industrial effluent



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The Export Processing Zone Authority has warned industries connected to its main sewer line that they will be disconnected if they pollute the environment.

EPZA Chief Executive Officer George Makateto said on Monday that everyone discharging into their sewerage system must meet all legal standards — or be disconnected.

Makateto said they will disconnect all the industrial companies connected to their trunk lines and discharging waste and sewage into River Athi.

He told the Star in his office that these companies had given the EPZA a bad name.

"Anybody discharging into our system must meet requirements as per the law. We cannot allow those connected to our sewer lines to continue tainting our name," Makateto said.

"Companies at the EPZA are inspected by foreigners thereby making them maintain high environmental standards. It is therefore impossible for the firms to pollute the environment in whatever way since that might lead their foreign clients to deny them orders," Makateto said.

Makateto said their sewer line is usually clean while within the zone but gets polluted by residents and industries once it leaves the property.

He said a multi-agency team should come up with a sustainable solution to environmental pollution in Athi River and environs to ensure the environment is protected.

He said PR stunts alongside unending blame games were unwelcome. He made the comments a few weeks after a line connecting London Distillers (K) Limited to Epza's main sewerage trunk was disconnected over pollution claims.

Makateto said the sewer line will remain disconnected until the firm complies with all environmental laws and regulations.

A document seen by the Star indicates that the Authority started disconnecting such industrial establishments as early as 2010.

A letter addressed to managing director, Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company, dated September 6, 2010, and signed by Maria Ouya, then EZA's chief executive, with reference Disconnection of poor quality wastewater into the EPZA trunk sewer line reads," Further to our letter dated July 6, 2010, on the same matter, your organization through this letter is informed that EPZA has no alternative but to immediately disconnect wastewater discharge emanating from your pump station 1 and 2 as earlier indicated. This is with effect from Monday September 13, 2010 to enable all the stakeholders to work promptly to rectify the current situation."

Makateto said residents who use River Athi waters for domestic and farming purposes should be given alternative water sources, calling the discharge into the river a "time bomb".

He said industrial wastes interfere with the efficiency of their treatment plant at Kinanie in Mavoko subcounty. Makateto said some of their sewer lines had been vandalised.

"Sixteen of our manholes have their metallic covers stolen and we are forced to replace them with concrete."

He said they will overhaul the entire trunk system. "We are unblocking our Athi River line and we are going to enlarge the Kinanie treatment plant," Makateto said.

Construction of a modern effluent plant in Kinanie started a year ago.

'WE CANNOT ALLOW THOSE CONNECTED TO OUR SEWER LINES TO CONTINUE TAINTING OUR NAME'



Ngomeni residents who have camped at Ngomano after a government order to vacate game reserves /LINAH MUSANGI

DOUBLE STANDARDS?

We're kicked out yet camels remain in park — residents

LINAH MUSANGI/Residents are accusing the police of selectively evicting them from Mwingi North Game Reserve, while allowing Somali herders to continue grazing camels.

Residents of Ngomano area in Kyuso subcounty along the border of Kitui and Tana River counties are accusing security officials of double standards.

They are infuriated by the ongoing operation to flush out people who have encroached on the game reserve.

The outrage mounted after a Kamba man, 35, was fatally shot on Saturday in Ngomeni by herders.

The operation to kick out encroachers began more than two weeks ago. Police say it will continue until all encroachers — including herders — are evicted.

Eviction is one of the measures taken to permanently end the conflict between Kamba farmers and herders of Somali origin.

Resident Kakuli Mwangu from Ngomano who was evicted said they have camped at Ngomano market and live under trees. He said children spend the night in the cold and haven't been attending school.

"Camel herders are still herding their cattle in the reserve and when we often go back to look at our shambas, they threaten to kill us," Mwangu said.

Resident Kakee Mutemi said that after the eviction, camels have been grazing on their shambas which were recently cultivated in the rainy season.

He said some houses were also set ablaze and foodstuffs left behind were eaten by bandits.

"Which government do we belong to? We have not seen any elected leaders come to our rescue? Was the eviction meant to benefit camel herders? " Kakee asked.

Mutisya Kitheka, a mother, asked where and how they would restart their lives when their children, including newborns, spend the night in heavy rain.

Kyuso subcounty police commander Charles Machinji said the eviction in Kora National Park and the Mwingi Game Reserve is aimed at flushing out all encroachers, regardless of tribe or place of origin.

Machinji said that the operation will continue until everyone — including camel herders — are moved out.

"There are hundreds of Kamba families illegally residing in the game reserve who are resisting moving out," Machinji said.

The police boss said it's "a big lie" that the exercise isn't fair, yet all people have been ordered out of the park.

(+) TIMELINE

12/10/19 Kamba man, 35, fatally shot by camel herders in Ngomeni

4/10/19 Government issues an eviction notice for encroachers in the Kora National Park and Mwingi National Game Reserve

COUNTIES NORTHEASTERN

11 GSU OFFICERS KILLED

Change tack in the fight against terror, MP urges

Dadaab lawmaker Dahiye asks security officers to adopt more foot patrols to avoid improvised explosives planted on roads



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An MP has asked the government to adopt foot patrols in a change of tack to combating al Shabaab.

Dadaab lawmaker Mohamed Dahiye on Tuesday said al Shabaab militants have devised explosives to attack vehicles and that it was time Kenyan soldiers adopted a new strategy in the fight against terrorism.

On Saturday, 11 GSU officers were killed after their vehicle ran over an Improvised Explosive Device between Liboi and Damajaley.

The officers were from HarHar camp and were on patrol using a land cruiser. They all died on the spot.

A joint operation involving the Kenya Defence Forces, the Kenya Police, the Rapid Response Police Unit and the Administration Police is being carried out in the larger Dadaab subcounty to hunt down the attackers.

They are believed to be members of the Somali based al Shabaab group. Authorities believe the attack was planned and executed from the Dadaab refugee camp.

Addressing reporters in Garissa town on Tuesday, Dahiye said the militants are known to renew their evil activities during the rainy season.

"Because they get plenty of water while trekking on foot, they can move freely and far. Our officers should adopt foot patrols," Dahiye said.

"Vehicles have become extremely dangerous for our officers. They should change tack and do more foot patrols in localised areas."

The MP said the closure of the Kenya-Somalia border could be contributing to terror attacks because there is "a massive movement of goods through the porous border."

He said militants and their sympathisers were generating revenue from goods shipped to Kenya by scaring away security officers along the border through staging attacks to allow entry of smuggled goods.

Dahiye said it was time the national government made the Dadaab-Liboi road an all-weather road to ease patrol by security agencies because "its current state makes movement difficult."

The MP was with Liboi MCA Hussein Ahmed. They said militants were taking advantage of bad roads to plant IEDs targeting security officers on patrol.



Dadaab MP Mohamed Dahiye in Garissa town yesterday /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

FIVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL DEFILED

Rising cases of rape and murder alarm Wajir residents, activists

STEPHEN ASTARIKO/Wajir residents and activists have raised alarm over rising cases of rape and murder and want action taken against gender-based violence offenders.

On Saturday, a five-year-old girl was defiled by a 13-year-old boy at Adam Awale in Wajir West. The boy has been arrested and the case in court. It is being handled at the children's department because the accused is a minor.

Activists say cases of defilement have risen over the last one month.

On September 28, a mother of five was attacked while herding goats in the outskirts of Diif border town. Saadia Omar's head was chopped. She was eight months pregnant.

The woman said to have been in her early 30s was allegedly attacked by a step son who has since crossed over into neighbouring Somalia where he is hiding.

The previous week, Ethow Khalif was raped and murdered in Wajir West. Her case was not reported to the police. the body was buried within hours in accordance with Somali culture and traditions. Ethow was a mother of six.

Activist Fatuma Yussuf says many such cases go unreported.

"Hundreds of our daughters, sisters and mothers are subjected to gender-based violence of different kinds on a daily basis. The worst part is that most of the cases are swept under the carpet," the former nominated MCA said in an interview on Tuesday.

"The most disheartening part is that you will find that is some of cases, state officers including chiefs and the police, who should be on the forefront in ensuring that justice is served to the victims, are the ones being compromised and end up turning a blind eye."



Former nominated MCA and activist Fatuma Yussuf in Wajir town yesterday /STEPHEN ASTARIKO

Wajir town businesswoman Rukia Abdile said it was high time the community takes a collective responsibility to ensure GBV cases are completely eradicated.

"It is like our society is rotten to the core and girls and women are no longer treated as human beings. These case really break my heart. We want Muslim scholars and Sheikhs to wake up and pronounced themselves on this matter," Abdile said.

Elder Mohamed Osman, 80, said killing the offenders was the only way to arrest the problem. "If anyone rapes and kills, there is no reason to take such a person to court and have him jailed, fed and guarded by the police. It is a waste of time and money. Let him also be killed," Osman said.

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COUNTIES WESTERN



Cheptais Municipality /JOHN NALIANYA

'LEFT OUT'

Sabaots feel like aliens for being neglected, says activist

JOHN NALIANYA / Bungoma county has neglected Mt Elgon and the Sabaot community "feels like aliens," a rights activist has said.

Daniel Chemaket wants Cheptais town elevated to a municipality so,that it is eligible for more funding and development aid. "We are sad to report the Sabaot community has been left out yet there are deliberations to elevate towns like Chwele and Webuye while Cheptais and Kapsokwony have been left out," he said on Monday.

Chemaket said there is a "disconnect" between the county government and the Mt Elgon region. "When plans are underway to elevate those towns into municipalities, Elgon has been forgotten and we no longer get services from the county government."

IRREGULAR RECRUITMENT CITED

Vihiga shuts public service board offices to allow vetting

MARTIN OMBIMA / The Vihiga government has shut the County Public Service Board offices to allow the assembly to conclude vetting of new board nominees.

The previous board members left office in May after their term ended. The closure comes a week after the governor stopped payments to over 500 health workers who were recruited by the previous board, citing irregularities in their enrolment. The county at the time needed 149 health workers, but the board recruited 500.

Public Service executive Paul Mbuni on Friday said the closure will allow inquiries into the alleged irregular deployments by the previous board. He said the offices will remain locked until a team to investigate why there was a recruitment of excess workers steps in.

FORCED OUT

Kakamega seeks to replace retired clerk

Has operated without a clerk for close to a year



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The Kakamega county assembly has started the process of replacing retired clerk Patrick Kamwesser.

The assembly in an advert announced the shortlisted candidates for the position.

Those shortlisted are acting clerk Laban Atemba, Edward Anguche, John Simwah, Yvonne Shiganga and Emily Sitati.

They will be interviewed on October 29 at Bishop Nicholas Stam Pastoral Centre.

"The applicants should also bring with them current clearance certificates from Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), Helb, certificate of good conduct, the EACC and the Credit Reference Bureau (CRB)," the advert signed by speaker Morris Buluma read.

The assembly has operated without a substantive clerk for close to a year after the County Assembly Service Board forcibly retired Kamwesser, three years before his retirement age.

The board did not give reasons for its actions. Kamwesser went to court to seek redress. The two parties, however, agreed to settle the matter out of court where they negotiated an exit package for him.

Three months ago, the MCAs filed a motion to impeach the speaker for being truant and disrespecting them.

Governor Wycliffe Oparanya talked to them after they were taken for retreat in Kisumu.

Oparanya is said to have told the MCAs that they would rather remove the entire service board, not the speaker alone.

Some MCAs have in the past accused Oparanya of micromanaging the assembly affairs.

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SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INTERVIEWED ON OCTOBER 29



Retired clerk Patrick Kamwesser in Kakamega town on March 6 /FILE

'FISHY' MEETING

Former civic leaders divided ahead of expected payment

Ex-councillors' group accused of trying to swindle non-members out of gratuities

HILTON OTENYO/ Former councillors have split into two factions ahead of the expected payout of gratuities that they have begged for and demanded for years.

Some fear they'll be swindled, forced to join a sacco and their registration ID details stolen to access their lump sum payout and Sh30,000 monthly stipend.

Most former councillors are languishing in poverty as they never earned salaries but only received allowances before devolution. There's no law on how to handle retirement benefits. But payday is coming.

The Senate passed the Councillors' Bill 2018 requiring ex-civic leaders who served between 1963 and 2013 to be paid Sh1.5 million in one payout and a Sh30,000 monthly stipend.

Yet former Kakamega councillors distanced themselves on Monday from a conference for all past civic leaders, calling it "fishy". It is to be held Thursday in Nairobi and is convened by the Kenya Former Councillors Association (Kefoca).

Speaking at Kakamega social hall, officials of the Kenya Former Councillors Forum said they would not attend. They accused Kefoca of plotting to access their gratuities after it became clear that they will finally receive retirement benefits.

The officials are Modekai Nandwa (chair), Meshack Luchendo (secretary), Daniel Tuvei (treasurer) and Henry Shikami (organising secretary). In a letter dated September 18, Kefoca secretary general Stephen Kaberia asked Governor Wycliffe Oparanya to facilitate the four to attend the conference.

But the officials threatened to sue Kaberia for "attempting to extort from the governor by using their names without their consent".

COUNTIES NYANZA

BOOSTING HEALTHCARE

Kisumu to spend Sh63m on 179 new health staff

More residents increasingly seeking services

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Kisumu will spend Sh63 million in annual salaries on 179 health employees to be hired to boost the piloting of universal health coverage.

Health executive Judith Attyang yesterday said they will use the UHC funds disbursed by the national government. The county is keen to improve services to keep abreast with the increased number of people visiting health facilities. "For us to offer quality health services, innovative approaches are needed to fill the gap in human resources," she said.

The county conducted a detailed gap analysis that revealed that only 26 per cent of the needed workforce is in service. Those to be recruited are community health extension workers, radiographers, medical laboratory technologists, pharmaceutical technologists, nurses, clinical officers and nutritionists.

Since the launch of the UHC pilot, many residents are seeking services from public hospitals has increased. Of the targeted 1.2 million people, the county has registered 843,683 (85 per cent).

Kisumu is one of the four counties in the pilot programme. It was included because it has a high prevalence of infectious diseases. The other counties are Nyeri, Isiolo and Machakos.

Attyang said those registered are now able to access free services in public hospitals. She said figures from the department of health show that the demand for services has doubled since the pilot programme was launched. This has strained the health sector, hence the need for more staff, she said.

The national government plans to scale up the programme countrywide. Attyang said they are working with stakeholders to bridge the gaps in human resources and infrastructure, among other needs. The county is committed to improving health infrastructure through additional facilities. It will modernise and equip existing hospitals for successful implementation of the UHC.

Jaramogi Oginga Odinga Teaching and Referral Hospital is already being upgraded. Modern theatres have been commissioned in Kombewa, Ahero and Muhoroni subcounty hospitals, with one under construction in Pap-Onditi, Nyakach, to handle primary healthcare and referrals.

The county has put in place a modern ambulatory system for referral cases in seven subcounties. It has acquired ambulances worth Sh75 million. They are equipped with emergency life support machines that are equivalent to an ICU.



PHOTO STORY

Boda boda operator ferries a passenger and sugarcane on Kanyadhiang-Pala road in Karachuonyo constituency on Monday. Many operators put the lives of their customers and other road users at risk by overloading in blatant disregard for traffic rules /ROBERT OMOLLO

DEFY DIRECTIVES

Kisii schools reopen after closure over poor facilities

MAGATI OBEBO/ A section of schools closed by the government in Kisii over poor infrastructure and lack of trained teachers have reopened in suspicious circumstances.

At least two private schools in Nyaribari Chache's Irondi area were in session yesterday, despite having been closed. Education director Pius Ngoma said he would investigate the reopening of the schools.

At St Anania's Academy, a handful of pupils and teachers were still in class barely a week after education officials closed it. During the inspection, five of its eight teachers had been absent. But yesterday, a teacher at the school told the Star the colleagues had returned and learning had resumed.

"The assessors did not find them and there were others who didn't have TSC numbers, but that has since remedied," the teacher said.

The school director was away when the Star visited. Classes also resumed at the nearby Kenyerere Academy. Villagers said several schools lack qualified teachers. They blamed the problem on poor pay that ends up attracting only the untrained.

"Few teachers can operate without money, which is a major problem here," Titus Mogire said.

In Bobasi, however, Riambase DEB Primary remained closed. It was among the 52 schools closed last week in the ongoing crackdown. Most of the schools are private.

AT ST ANANIA'S ACADEMY, A HANDFUL OF PUPILS AND TEACHERS WERE STILL IN CLASS



Matata Hospital in Oyugis /COURTESY

ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS

Woman dies from electrocution in Oyugis as she hangs clothes

ROBERT OMOLLO/ A 26-year-old woman died yesterday morning from electrocution in Oyugis town, Kasipul constituency.

Cynthia Akoth had been doing laundry and had gone to hang clothes on a line attached to an iron sheet on the roof of a house with electricity. "Neighbours said her wet hands came into contact with a nail attached to the wall. She sustained injuries, which made her unconscious," Oyugis town chief Nelson Odiwuor said.

The woman was from Kokal sublocation but resided in Oyugis town. She was rushed to Matata Hospital in Oyugis but was pronounced dead on arrival and transferred to the facility's mortuary. Residents blamed the tragedy on illegal power connections in the town.



COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY

CASE TO ANSWER

Transgender athlete denies impersonating MTRH nurse

The former US–based athlete was arrested in a nurse's uniform



Shieyes Chepkosgey, whose real name is Hillary Kiprotich, in court on Monday /MATHEWS NDANYI



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An amateur athlete arrested for allegedly impersonating a nurse at the Moi Referral Hospital has been put on her defence.

Shieyes Chepkosgey, 26, was on Tuesday charged with impersonation before Eldoret chief magistrate Charles Obulutsa.

Chepkosgey was arrested in a nurse's uniform in ward 14 on June 14. The former US–based athlete had presented herself as Pamela Mulupi, an intern, yet she had no relevant training.

At the Eldoret Women's Prison where she was taken after her arrest, she was found to be a man in a woman's clothes.

"The court has found that you have a case to answer," Obulutsa told her after the prosecution said she had presented herself as a medical student from KMTC Mombasa branch.

'THE COURT HAS FOUND THAT YOU HAVE A CASE TO ANSWER'

The name on Chepkosgei's ID is Hillary Kiprotich.

The nurse in charge of ward 14 became suspicious after observing the way she handled patients and alerted the hospital's security officers, who did not find the name Malupi in the interns' register.

"Upon interrogation, we found that the name tag which the suspect was using was fake. All other documents the suspect gave were also fake," security officer Cheruiyot Rotich told the court.

Chepkosgey was released on a Sh30,000 bail.

The suspect has filed a constitutional case at the High Court in Eldoret through lawyer Colbert Ojiambo seeking to be recognised as transgender and as such not to be held in a normal jail facility.

Women Prison superintendent Margaret Waithera asked the court not to order the suspect to be detained at her facility because the runner was a man.

The magistrate declined to oblige her as the case before him was that of impersonation.

In the transgender case, the accused argues she has a right to belong to a gender of her choice. She claims the MTRH subjected her to a medical test to determine her gender without her consent.

Chepkosgey has participated in a number of international athletics events as a woman.

"It is my right to associate myself with gender of my choice and nobody should force me to confess to belong to the gender that I am not comfortable with," the petition in the court reads.

Audrey Mbugua, the chairperson of Transgender, Education and Advocacy organisation has been enjoined in the case. The organisation champions the rights of transgender people in Kenya.

The impersonation case continues on October 18.

NO MORE HANDOUTS

Turkana's Loima residents now food secure after help from UN agencies

HESBORN ETYANG/ Residents of Nanyee in Loima, Turkana, will soon be food secure after the intervention of UN agencies Food Agricultural Organisation and World Food Programme.

FAO is training farmers on crop production and kitting them with farm equipment funded by the European Union, according to Daniel Irura, officer in–charge of Turkana. WFP has assisted in the construction of a 1.2km canal from Turkwel River and a 4.6km perimeter wall to keep away animals, the organisation's area programme officer Gabriel Ekale said.

Each of the 760 farmers in the Turkwel Belt has been allocated 0.5–acre plot on which to grow maize, sorghum, cowpeas and vegetables throughout the year. The project covers 235 acres.

Regina Atabo says she has been able to pay school fees for her son in high school from the proceeds of her farm and also feed her family. Nanyee Irrigation Scheme chairman Moses Emuria, thanked both FAO and WFP.



Nanyee farmers in Loima remove sand from a canal following heavy rains /HESBORN EYTANG

PARENTS EMPLOY TUTORS

West Pokot leaders raise red flag over teacher shortage

MARRYANN CHAI/ The shortage of government teachers in West Pokot has forced parents to employ their own tutors. Some have had to sell their property to ensure that teachers are paid on time, some local leaders, among them Governor John Lonyangapuo said.

They asked the national government to increase the number of teachers to marginalised counties.

"We should be given special consideration. We should not be given the same slots as other counties during recruitment," Lonyangapuo said.

The governor said that the shortage was 75 per cent three years ago and parents had to employ teachers to prepare their children for national exams.

LIVESTOCK STOLEN

Two ex–police reservists injured in Laikipia bandit raid

ELIUD WAITHAKA/ Tension remained high at Wangwachi in Laikipia West yesterday after raiders shot two people and stole 70 animals on Monday evening.

The more than 10 bandits made away with the livestock among them cattle and sheep during the raid.

The injured are former National Police Reservists. They are recovering at Sipili Medical Hospital.

They had been pursuing the stolen animals along the Baringo–Laikipia border when they were ambushed, according to Ol Moran MCA George Karuiru.



OFFICIAL STATUS

Investors want clear identification of Lake Naivasha corridors

GEORGE MURAGE/ Lake Naivasha flower farmers and hoteliers want the Ministry of Lands to clearly map out corridors around the water body.

They say there has been unnecessary tension between them and the locals with the lack of official government maps further complicating the situation.

Their concern follows a recent High Court order closing Karagita beach and the opening of a corridor between Sopa Hotel and Flamingo Flower Farm by the White Eagle community.

Lake Naivasha Growers Group chairman Richard Fox (pictured) told a meeting of investors and various stakeholders at Naivasha sub–county offices that lack of maps and government plans had affected the process of identifying the corridors.

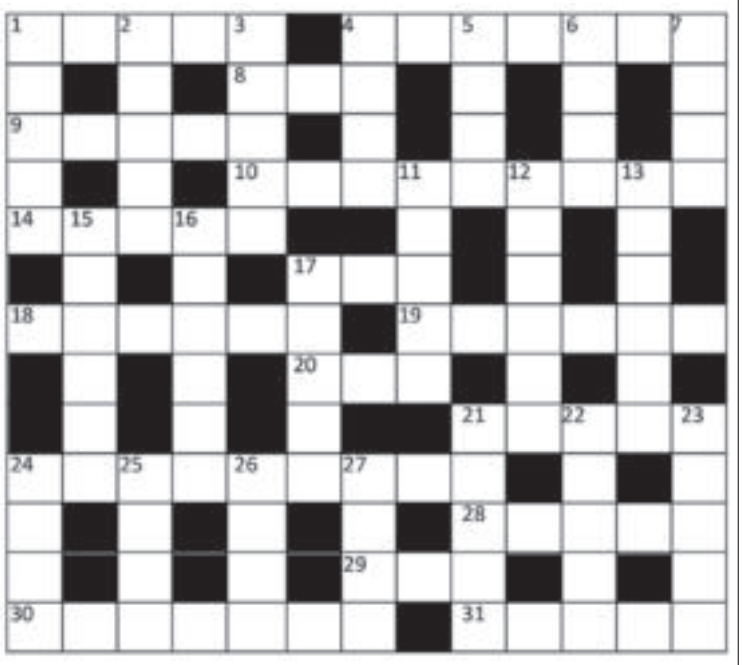
Fox said that flower farms were ready and keen to work with the state in identifying and opening the gazetted corridors to resolve the impasse with the locals.

"Some quarters claim that there are 17 corridors around the lake but the documents we have only identify five of them," he said on Monday.

Lake Naivasha Boat Owners Association chairman David Kilo said they would obey the court order pertaining to the closure of Karagita landing beach "as we seek the way forward and as seek to resolve the issue of corridors."

COFFEE BREAK

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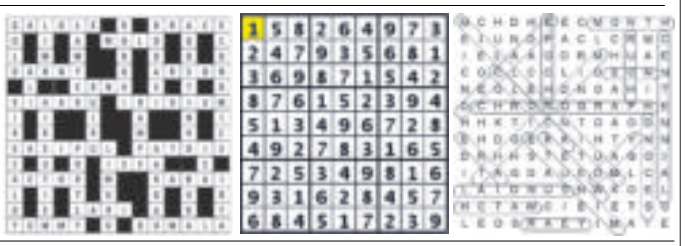
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19. Constituency in Nandi county (6)
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21. Wash (5)
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29. Hard-shelled fruit (3)
30. Constituency in Nairobi county (7)
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Yesterday's Solutions



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ODDLY ENOUGH



Australia bars entry to Vietnamese woman for failing to declare raw pork

DAILY MAIL/ Australia has refused entry to a Vietnamese woman for failing to declare 10kg of raw pork, seafood and poultry on arrival in Sydney, its first expulsion under a more strict biosecurity law, authorities said on Tuesday.

Already known for its tough biosecurity regulations, Australia has increased its vigilance to prevent the devastating African Swine Fever from hitting its $3.65 billion (Sh378.6 billion) pork industry.

The woman, 45, was stopped on Saturday after she flew into Sydney with 4.6kg of pork and smaller amounts of quail, squid, pate, raw eggs and garlic in her luggage, authorities said in a statement.

"In the midst of what is potentially the biggest animal disease event the world has seen, it beggars belief that someone would deliberately attempt to bring pork meat past our border," Agriculture minister Bridget McKenzie said in a statement, referring to the outbreak that has ravaged pig stocks worldwide. In the past six months, Australia has stepped up surveillance to keep out the swine fever.



Pigs in a sty **/FILE**

ALL IN THE STARS



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September 24 – October 23

Be discreet about your feelings, and hold back until you find out a little more about the person who's coming on to you.

SCORPIO
October 24 – November 22

Empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans. You might have some problems balancing your books.

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November 23 – December 21

Take a second look; difficulties with appliances, water, or electricity in your home may be evident.

CAPRICORN
December 22 – January 20

Keep important information to yourself. You may have a problem with coworkers if you try to tell them what to do.

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January 21 – February 19

Problems with skin, bones, or teeth may mess up your schedule. Overindulgent people will cause disruptions in your life.

PISCES
February 20 – March 20

Opportunities for new and exciting relationships will be yours if you get out and join groups.

ARIES
March 21 – April 20

Travel and communications will not run as smoothly as you had hoped. Children will want to help, too.

TAURUS
April 21– May 21

Avoid any intimate involvement's with coworkers or employers. Don't let relatives stand in the way of your personal plans.

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May 22 – June 21

Avoid getting involved with married individuals. Avoid extravagance or risky financial schemes.

CANCER
June 22–July 22

Hide your cards and learn to say no. Overexertion and negligence will be your worst enemies.

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July 23 – August 22

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7.	NISSAN LAFEST	KCU 608G	2011
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9.	MERCEDES C200	KBM 274W	2003
10.	TOYOTA AXIO	KCE 587B	2008
11.	TOYOTA VITZ	KCT 514L	2011
12.	ISUZU MU	KAV 367E	2004
13.	MAZDA AXELA	KCN 301W	2010

CONDITIONS OF SALE
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principal, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned Motor vehicle o**n Saturday, 26th October 2019, 11: 00a.m at Pangani Auction Centre, Murang'a Road opposite Guru Nanak Hospital.**
RE: CMCC 9806/2018: Bell Kenya Company Limited -VS- PAUL MACHARIA KARUGA & STEPHEN WANJOHI

REG NO.	MAKE	FUEL	COLOUR	YOM	BODY
KCC 417M	ISUZU NQR	DIESEL	WHITE	2014	BUS/COACH

CONDITION OF SALE:
1.All interested are requested to view the motor vehicles during normal working hours at Pangani Auction Centre.
2.Bidders are require to obtain a refundable deposit of Ksh. 50,000 to obtain a bidding number.
3.The declared highest bidder must pay **25%** of the bid price at the fall of the hammer and the balance strictly within **7 days** from the date of the auction failure to which the deposit shall be forfeited.

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NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEWED AT
1	KCL 173Q	TOYOTA RUSH	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD
2	KBM 786P	MITSUBISHI	STARTRUCK INVESTMENT YARD

CONDITIONS OF SALE
1)Interested bidders can view the vehicles at Startruck Investment Yard, Kiambu Road.
2)Interested bidders to deposit a refundable amount of Kshs. 50,000 by way of banker's cheque to obtain a bidding number.
3)Sale is subject to reasonable reserve prices.
4)Cash at the fall of the hammer.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our Principal, we shall sell by public auction the under mentioned motor vehicle on **FRIDAY 25th October, 2019** at **11:00am at outside our offices in Kisumu.**

M/V VEHICLE	MAKE/MODEL	VIEWING
KCS 940E	TOYOTA FILDER WHITE IN COLOUR	ADVANCE AUTO KSM

CONDITIONS OF SALE:
1.Interested bidders are required to pay a refundable deposit of kshs. 100,000
2.Sale is subjected to a Reserve price. **NB: LOG BOOK AVAILABLE**
3.The sale is strictly Cash at the fall of the hammer.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principle, we shall sell the under mentioned motor vehicles by public auction on **24th October 2019** from **10.00am** on the place as indicated below:
IN THE MATTER OF REPOSSESSION
1.FINANCIER – VS- CHRISTOPHER KAVYATI MUIA (RE-ADVERTISED)

REG NO:	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT/ SALE
KBU 278V	NISSAN XTRAIL	LEAKEY'S STORAGE-LUNG ALUNGA ROAD

2.FINANCIER –VS- PAUL NG'ANG'A MUIGAI

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT/SALE
KCF 422U	TOYOTA PREMIO	KIFEDHA YARD-KAN'GUNDO ROAD

3.FINANCIER –VS- STEPHEN THAIRU NGIGI

REG NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT/SALE
KAT 854P	TOYOTA COROLLA	KIFEDHA YARD-KANG'UNDO ROAD

CONDITION OF SALE
1.Cash/bankers cheque at the fall of the hammer.
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from Chief Magistrate court, we shall by Public Auction sell the under mentioned goods on Wednesday 23rd October, 2019 in Leakey's Storage Limited at 11:30 am.
CMCC NO. 7131 OF 2017
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CONDITIONS OF SALE
Cash at the fall of the hammer

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The owners of this Plot **NAIROBI/-BLOCK 82/7397 & NAIROBI/BLOCK 82/7398 (Amalgamated)** located in **Donholm Area** off **Savannah Road**, Nairobi, proposes to Change its Use from **Single Dwelling Residential to Multi-Dwelling Residential (Apartments) cum Commercial (Shops)** subject to approval by the 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:

County Secretary,
Nairobi City County,
P.O. Box 30075,
NAIROBI.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE

THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF PLOT LR NO: **14274/47**, WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN KIAMBU SUB-COUNTY PROPOSES TO DO A **SUBDIVISION OF THIS PLOT** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY KIAMBU COUNTY GOVERNMENT. INDIVIDUALS, INSTITUTIONS, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ETC. WITH ANY COMMENTS AND OR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS SHOULD FORWARD THEIR COMMENTS WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THIS NOTICE TO:

THE DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANNING, URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT
KIAMBU COUNTY
P.O. BOX 2344
KIAMBU

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Plot No. **Bukira/Buhiringera/ 167** located in Kurytiyiange area along Naora primary road off main Migori – Kehancha road wishes to change the use from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Gold Tailings Reprocessing & Illusion Plant)** subject to the approval by the County Government of Migori. Individuals, organizations or institutions with comments and/ or objections should forward such in writing stating grounds of objection within 14 days of this notice to: -

The County Physical Planning Officer.
Migori County Government.
P.O box 195-40400,
Suna-Migori

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of **ndumberi/ndumberi/T1028** located at ndumberi Township opposite ndumberi primary school off ndumberi road, kiambu County, Intends to change the use from **agricultural to residential multi-dwelling units (flats)** subject to approval by kiambu County Government. Individuals, Institutions, etc with obje tion(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of this notice to:

The director, county planning
Kiambu county government
P o box 2344-00900
Nairobi

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
EXTENSION OF USER

The owner of land parcel **Nandi/Cheptarit/44**, along Eldoret-Kapsabet Road intends to extend use of his land from **Agricultural use to Include Industrial use (timber treatment plant)** subject to approval by County Government of Nandi. Individuals, Institutions, etc. with objection(s) to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

The County Secretary
County Government of Nandi
P.O Box 802-30300
KAPSABET

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

THE OWNER OF THIS PLOT NO: **JUJA/KALIMONI BLOCK 22/503** LOCATED WITHIN JUJA SUB-COUNTY PROPOSES TO DO A REGULARIZATION OF CHANGE OF USE FROM **RESIDENTIAL SINGLE DWELLING USE TO RESIDENTIAL USE (MULTI-DWELLING UNITS-FLAT)** SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU. INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, INSTITUTIONS ETC WITH COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS OR OBJECTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL ARE ADVISED TO FORWARD THEM, STATING GROUNDS FOR THE SAME IN WRITING, WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THIS NOTICE TO THE;

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The owner of Plot No. **Suna West/Wiga/2797** located in Masara township along Masara - Mikei road wishes to change the use from **Agricultural to Light Industrial (Gold Tailings Reprocessing Plant)** subject to the approval by the County Government of Migori. Individuals, organizations or institutions with comments and/ or objections should forward such in writing stating grounds of objection within 14 days of this notice to: -

The County Physical Planning Officer.
Migori County Government.
P.O box 195-40400,
Suna-Migori

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of Parcel No. **Sergoit/Koiwoptaoi Block 3 (Shamtrek)/724** situated in **Marura Trading Centre** wishes to Change its Use from **Commercial to Industrial (Petrol Filling Station) Use** subject to approval by the County Government of Uasin Gishu. Individuals, Institutions, Organizations e.t.c. with comments and or objections to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of this notice to:

County Executive Committee Member,
Land, Housing, Physical Planning & Urban Development,
Uasin Gishu County Government,
P.O. Box -40-30100 Eldoret.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO. 13 OF 2019
CHANGE OF USE

The owners of plots **RUIRU/KIU BLOCK 2 (GITHUNGURI) 18556-18564** Consecutively is proposing to change the user of this property from **Agricultural to Residential multi dwellings (Townhouses)** subject to approval by Kiambu
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SPORTS

SPORTS LOCAL



Shabana's Dennis Zakaria (L) vies for the ball with Gideon Abucheri of Talanta / **ERICK BARASA**

FOOTBALL

Shabana keen to end Vihiga's unbeaten run

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA / Shabana's interim coach Vincent Nyaberi is hoping for a positive start when he takes charge of his first game against Vihiga United today at Gusii Stadium.

"It is a very important game for me as a coach and for the team. Vihiga is so far unbeaten but we want to end their unbeaten record to maintain our unbeaten run at home this season," said Nyaberi after taking over from Gilbert Selebwa, who resigned on Monday.

"Life must go on. I have spoken with the players and they are now focusing on the game against Vihiga," Nyaberi said, adding that he is keen to stay and replace Selebwa on a permanent basis and he has exuded confidence that he is up to the task.

"Young coaches should be given a chance to express themselves. I have been in the game for 19 years and I think I have what it takes to guide Shabana back to the Premier League," noted the former Shabana and Thika United defender.

"The gap between us and the top team in the league is nine points. My immediate target is to reduce it to three points because the top teams will definitely drop points."

Shabana chairman Jared Nivaton yesterday denied owing Selebwa any salary arrears. He said the club management is in the process of looking for a new coach.

A top of the table clash between log leaders Nairobi City Stars and Nairobi Stima at Karuturi grounds in Naivasha will be the highlight of today's midweek fixtures with Bidco United battling Kibera Black Stars at Hope Centre. Ushuru welcome Edward Manoah's Vihiga Bullets at Ruaraka grounds.



KCB's Elphas Adunga, Andrew Amonde and Michael Wanjala corner Nakuru's Monate Akuei / **FILE**

FOOTBALL

KCB set bar high

Bankers turn focus on this weekend's Safari Sevens and Kenya Cup



BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA
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Fresh from winning the Impala Floodlights Sevens, KCB have turned their attention on this weekend's Safari Sevens at the RFUEA ground.

By virtue of winning the circuit last month, the bankers have a chance to rub shoulders with various international teams at the rugby extravaganza.

Speaking yesterday, assistant coach Dennis Mwanja was confident his charges will be competitive in the two-day event.

"I want my boys to enjoy the tournament. Playing against these international teams is not easy but we are not afraid of matching them," said Mwanja, who may be forced to dig deep into the KCB talent pool with several of his star players called up to the two Kenyan squads — Morans and Shujaa.

"A good number of players are with the national team but with the depth and talent in the KCB side, we will still have a good team," he added.

On the upcoming Kenya Cup season, Mwanja was confident his side will be motivated to go all the way and win their fourth crown.

"The players and management know what's at stake. We have our targets for this season set and the players are up to the challenge," he added.

The bankers have included youngsters like Samuel Asati, Samuel Osumba, Isaac Njoroge and Geoffrey Okwach into the squad. Mwanja expected the quartet to have big games this season.

"They have come through the ranks from our feeder teams to Northern Suburbs and will play significant roles come this season," he noted.

He cited Menengai Oilers, Kabras, Impala and Nakuru as their biggest threat in Kenya Cup.

"For me, Oilers will be a handful for most teams. Judging from the game we played over the weekend in the final, they are no doubt on the right path and I won't be surprised if they make the playoffs," added Mwanja.

He expected a competitive season ahead with several teams having made changes in their respective technical teams.

HOCKEY

Butali pull out of continental club championships

BY EVANS OUSURU / Butalii Warriors have withdrawn from the African Cup of Club Championship scheduled for December 1–10 in Ismailia, Egypt due to unavailability of players.

Team Manager Kamal Sembi said the management had agreed to foot the players' travel and upkeep but most of them are committed at their workplace.

He said: "It is very unfortunate that we won't be going for the tournament because most of our players are working and cannot get a release for that period from their employers. We were prepared to fund them if they were all available."

Sembi said despite the setback, the defending champions will fight to retain the league title. Butali are top of the table with 33 points—four more than second-placed Wazalendo with five matches left.

As much as he expects competition from Police and Wazalendo, Sembi tipped his side to once again run away with the crown. He said they are counting on their experience and style of play to carry the day.

"We are hoping for another league title. However, the team will have to win another three games or so and we are aware it won't be easy. Opponents always make life difficult for us although we have an upper hand because of our experience. Police and Wazalendo are waiting in the wings in case we falter," he said.

There will be no men's team going for the tournament as Police had withdrawn earlier, citing logistical challenges. The ladies side will be represented by defending champions Telkom who are optimistic of winning their 11th continental title.



Maxwell Fuchaka of Butali Warriors in action against Parklands in a past match / **FILE**

FOOTBALL

Toby stays patient

Midfielder plays the waiting game as he continues to shine for Gor Mahia



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Gor Mahia midfield enforcer Tobias Otieno is losing no sleep despite being overlooked for the national football team, Harambee Stars squad that lost to Mozambique last Sunday.

The former Sony Sugar hard man has been a revelation in his first few months at the 18-time league champions and has been touted as a future national team regular.

"I am happy to continue working hard and helping my club achieve their objectives. The matter of being selected for the national team is one that the coaches have to make. I know if I continue playing well, eventually, God willing, I will get a chance," he said.

Four of Tobias team-mates at Gor Clifton Miheso, Lawrence Juma, skipper Kenneth Muguna as well as defender Joash Onyango were in the starting line up for the Mozambique friendly—something that thrilled the 21-year-old.

"It is a motivation to see players you are with every day in training playing for the national team. It gives me belief that if you work as hard as they do, you will also get an opportunity to play at that level. It is every footballer's dream to represent his country and I am no different," remarked Toby.

Though he is mainly used as a defensive shield by coach Steven Pollack, Toby's ball-handling skills enable him to venture further forward and he revealed that he is working hard to add goals to his game.

"Football has evolved. It is no longer the sole responsibility of strikers to score. Goals are something that I am working hard to bring into my game," he explained.

Gor will be back in action this weekend to defend their perfect start when they take on Kariobangi Sharks at Kasarani. The defending champions remain firm favourites to win an unprecedented fourth successive league title having amassed twelve points in an unblemished title defence so far.



Gor Mahia's Tobias Otieno battles for the ball with Aimen Mahious of USM Algiers during their CAF Champions League qualifier at Moi Stadium, Kasarani on September 29 / **ERICK BARASA**

ATHLETICS

Mama Sarah Obama road race shelved, says Ochieng

BY ANGWENYI GICHANA / The annual Mama Sarah Obama 15km road race earlier scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed indefinitely.

Athletics Kenya (AK) Nyanza North chairman Joseph Ochieng did not reveal reasons behind the postponement of the annual event. "I wish to inform athletes that the event scheduled for October 20 will not be held. New dates will be announced later," he said.

At the same time, Ochieng announced that the annual World Aids Marathon will be held on December 1 in Kisumu. He appealed to corporates and well-wishers to support the race. "This is the only marathon across the world which is held on the World Aids Day. We risk losing it due to limited sponsorship," Ochieng added.

The Richard Brodsky Foundation sponsors the race. Brodsky and his wife Jodi are expected to participate in this year's event. Last year, Brodsky finished the race in 5:04.46 with Jodi crossing the finish line in 5:44.45.

Ochieng also announced that the Safaricom Kisumu 10km road race will be held on December 15. The event was cut down from full marathon due to reduced sponsorship. Ochieng challenged county governments of Siaya, Kisumu and Homa Bay to sponsor sports events in the region.

SWIMMING

Kenya swimming elections postponed to a later date

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / The eagerly awaited Kenya Swimming Federation (KSF) elections earlier scheduled for next month have been shelved due to various objections from FINA and stakeholders.

The elections were earlier slated for October 26 and were to be preceded by the Annual General Meeting this weekend. The polls, according to insiders, will now be held on another date subject to the stakeholders' agreement.

FINA have twice this year threatened to ban Kenya from all swimming activities worldwide if elections are not held by the end of the month. Sources said November or December look likely as the options for new dates for both the AGM and elections. In a statement from the Interim Management Committee (IMC), the world governing body, FINA Compliance Committee has raised objections with the proposed constitution.

The statement from the Compliance Committee said: " The Fina legal department requires some minor amendment to the contents of the Compliance form for clarity purposes. Two other clauses require an amendment to comply with the FINA rules on voting rights of Bureau members attending the AGM of the federation."

" IMC also need to insert and stipulate in the draft Constitution that no amendment of the Constitution or change of name of the federation can be effected without the prior written approval of FINA."

Following the dissemination of the draft, the divergence of opinion appears to have arisen in regard to certain aspects of some clauses and structures contained in the draft-constitution which require further consultation both from within the swimming fraternity as well as with CANA and FINA.

HANDBALL

Mwathi blames KHF of stalled Olympic qualification preps

BY CONSOLATA MAKOKHA / Kenya risk performing poorly in the men's handball 2020 Olympic Games qualifiers-cum-Africa Cup of Nations if the current preparation pace is anything to go by.

With 10 weeks to the event, Kenya Handball Federation are yet to put together the national team's training program. The qualifiers are set for between January 15 and 25 next year in Tunisia. The tournament draws will be done on October 19 in Tunis, where 16 countries including Kenya have already entered.

The top two teams (finalists) at the tournament will represent Africa at the Tokyo Olympics, while the third and fourth finishers will have another chance to hunt for a slot at the inter-continental showpiece later in the year.

Kenya will be gunning for a chance to debut at the quadrennial sports carnival after two (2004 and 2016) unsuccessful attempts. National coach Peter Mwathi acknowledged that the country is running out of time and preparations kick-off is long overdue.

He admitted that 10 weeks may not be enough given the calibre of teams and the international experience their pool of players have over the years.

"Two and a half months is not too long as we may think. We are going to encounter equally tough teams so it would be ideal to start preps as soon as possible. Other countries are already training overseas and we are yet to draw our schedule," noted the veteran tactician.

He remains hopeful that KHF will hasten the logistics for the team and have the provisional squad of about 30 named later this week to commence training."We have to field a strong side at the qualifiers and we'll need ample time to sharpen their skills ahead of the continental games," added Mwathi.



Patrick Njagi and Sydney Omondi of Black Mamba tackle Peter Maina of Wariors during a KHF league match at Kaloleni on September 22 /**ERICK BARASA**

SPORTS LOCAL

GOLF

Ooko, Ngige take lead at Royal Club

Duo tied at 2-over par after Round 3 of Safari Tour leg

BY STAR REPORTER/ Royal Nairobi's Erick Ooko rediscovered his form in Round 3 of his home leg in the ongoing Safari Tour Golf Series, carding a round leading score of 3-under par 69, to tie at the top of the leaderboard with Thika's Simon Ngige with a round of 2 over par.

Ooko, who had a share of the lead after Round One before crumbling in the second round, recovered superbly yesterday to make the most of the overnight leader's slip up.

The home pro started his round in strong fashion, hitting two birdies in the opening five holes while holding par through the rest.

He then hit a bogey on the par-3 sixth before recovering immediately with a birdie on the 7th to wrap up his front nine with another bogey on the ninth for a 1-under par score.

His conservative approach in the second nine paid off as he hit two birdies at the par-5,15th and par-4,18th while holding par through the rest of the holes to return around score of 3-under par 69.

Speaking after his round, Ooko expressed delight in getting his form back after yesterday's slip up as he looked forward to the final round.

"I needed to play well today, especially after yesterday. I am happy with my performance and look forward to an even better showing tomorrow."

On his part, Simon Ngige played a round of 2 over par 74, after a double bogey on the par-3 13th, which he failed to recover from.

The duo sits five shots ahead of the chasing pack led by Golf Park's Tony Omuli who played a round of par to take his gross score to 3 over par, 219, one shot ahead of Johnnie Walker-sponsored Dismas Indiza who has had a slow tournament so far.

Kennedy Abuto and Amateur Daniel Nduva are tied in 5th place on gross scores of 5 over par, 221 while the quartet of Golf Park's David Wakhu (Golf Park), Mohit Mediratta (Sigona), Keneth Bollo (Royal Nairobi) and Riz Charania (Windsor) tied in 7th place, on 6 over par, 222. Action in the final round will tee off at 8:30 am with the winner of the third leg of the 2019/20 Safari Tour, set to be crowned at around 2 pm. The 2019/2020 Safari Tour Series is sponsored by Magical Kenya and Absa.



Royal Golf club's Eric Ooko in previous action **/COURTESY**

FOOTBALL

Uasin Gishu set for public scrutiny ahead of FKF polls

BY EMMANUEL SABUNI / Leaders seeking Football Kenya Federation positions in Uasin Gishu County will be scrutinised at a public debate this Friday at Eldoret Social Hall.

Those seeking the position of chairman, secretary, treasurer, women and Youth representatives will have to put their agenda and manifestos on the table for scrutiny by members of the public if they are to get the mandate.

Scrutineers will include —team officials, referees, coaches, players and football stakeholders. The event co-ordinator, Fredrick Owino, said Uasin Gishu County, which is now a branch, came up with the idea to enable the public to elect the best man or woman into office.

"We had a big problem in Uasin Gishu after electing leaders who have no football at heart. They also lacked focus in all football matters that is why we came up with debate idea," said Owino. Owino said the whole idea is to have leaders who can articulate issues at the national level.

"With the new constitution, the branch will be funded from the national office and we want people with integrity to serve in that branch office. We want an office with structures and they have to tell us what they will offer," he added.

Uasin Gishu chairman Paul Tororei and his secretary Edwin Barasa will be defending their seats. Tororei is set to face off with his vice-chairman Peter Chesang, Solomon Tanui and John Muiruri while Barasa will be up against former secretary Joshua Ariko of Eldoret Falcons women's team, Oliver Kiptoo of Langas Super Stars and Enock Mukoma.

FOOTBALL

Makolanders to struggle after defender Masika's departure

BY IVY KHAVAI / Kenya women's Premier League side Makolanders will have a busy transfer window before the next season begins.

This comes after the departure of Mediatrix Masika, their reliable defender, who secured a scholarship to study in the United States.

Head coach Florence Dua said Masika's exit has cost the team a great deal since they are still struggling to get a replacement from their current squad.

"We had hoped to get able players from the team to take up her place but it has been quite difficult. We have been struggling to get someone to perform to her level which puts a strain on us," said Dua.

Masika is currently at the Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, United States where she will stay for two years as she pursues nursing as well as play for the school team. Thereafter, she will stay another two years to complete her university studies.

The 19-year-old said she landed the scholarship opportunity through her coach, Dua. She hopes to depend on both football and her nursing career to sustain her in future.

"I am keen to balance football and my career. I do not want to be too dependent on either to avoid being disappointed. I wanted to do nursing after school so I am glad I am doing two of the things I love," noted Masika.



Kenya Police's Willis Okeyo drives the ball past Wazalendo's Isaac Nandukule during a recent KHU Premier League match **/ ERICK BARASA**

HOCKEY

Police midfielder Okeyo considers international retirement

BY MESHACK KISENGE/ After returning from a month-long training with Germany's VFB Stuttgart, Kenyan international Willis Okeyo is contemplating retiring from international hockey.

Okeyo, alongside Wazalendo's Dunston Baraza, was privileged to train with Stuttgart courtesy of an exchange programme between the Kenya Hockey Union (KHU) and their Germany counterparts. The duo jetted back on Monday night.

The player, who doubles up as USIU-A Spartans coach, revealed that he had served the national team for years and feels the time is up to pave way for younger players. He said the Olympic qualifiers held in South Africa two months ago would be his last appearance in the Meshack Senge's coached team.

Apart from the two, five more players are set to jet to Germany for a similar training beginning next year. Gilly Okumu of Strathmore University Scorpions is among the five and will be making her return to Eintracht Frankfurt. Lilian Aura, Maureen Okumu and Flavia Mutiva are also beneficiaries of the programme alongside Butali's Moses Ademba.

Okeyo, who is attached to Kenya Police, said he is considering retiring from the national team to concentrate on fine-tuning Spartans and club duties which include both Police and Stuttgart as he is a registered player with the latter. He said he had played four competitive matches for the club this year.

"I have had good times with the national team and I think the Olympic qualifier match against Namibia was my last match," he added. "I am still open and ready to undertake any assignment the union will deem fit for me. Even though I am yet to fully decide, I feel it's time I give younger players a chance.

ATHLETICS

Troubled sport?

Athletics facing more questions than ever after recent performances

BY DAN ROAN/ To get an idea of the challenging place athletics finds itself in right now, the media centre at Chicago's Hilton hotel immediately after the city's marathon on Sunday was an instructive place to be.

On a platform sat Brigid Kosgei, just minutes after running into the history books by becoming the fastest female over 26.2 miles the world has ever seen. The Kenyan's astonishing performance completed a momentous weekend for distance running, coming just 24 hours after compatriot Eliud Kipchoge's historic sub-two-hour effort over the same distance in Vienna. On paper at least, both feats breathe new life into the sport, generating front-page coverage, lighting up social media, capturing the imagination and inspiring genuine awe among the general public, at a time when athletics is crying out for positive stories and new stars after the retirement of Usain Bolt.

Kipchoge's achievement was not without controversy of course, with many seeing it partly as a marketing stunt for the benefit of Nike, whose prototype shoes the Kenyan legend wore, and a publicity coup for petrochemicals giant Ineos. Its logo was prominent throughout, the company's lavish funding ensuring nothing was left to chance, from the rotating pacemakers and laser-beaming support vehicle to the perfectly flat running surface.

Such artificial advantages meant Kipchoge's milestone did not count as an official world record. Kosgei's, meanwhile, most certainly did. Paula Radcliffe, the British woman whose 16-year-old record she obliterated, was at the finish line to congratulate her. But on Sunday in Chicago, Kosgei could not escape questions from journalists about precisely which running shoes she had been wearing, and if they were the same as Kipchoge's.

Her performance, coming so soon after his, intensifying the mounting controversy over whether the latest technology results in too great a marginal gain, and makes comparisons with previous eras of running unfair.

And she had to reassure those present that such a performance could be trusted, given the recent spate of doping scandals involving high-profile Kenyan runners. After all, Kosgei has the same agent — Federico Rosa — as a number of banned Kenyan athletes, and while there is no suggestion of any wrongdoing by either of them, the association led to some awkward questions, the softly spoken world record holder insisting she was clean.

There was no sign of Mo Farah. Just two days earlier in the same room, he had angrily blamed journalists for the scrutiny he was under following the downfall of his former coach Alberto Salazar, banned two weeks ago for various doping violations, even seeming to suggest a racially motivated agenda by the media. Neither Farah — nor any other of Salazar's athletes — were implicated in the scandal. But many will now wonder whether the fallout affected his performance on the streets of Chicago, the slowest marathon of his career. If so, perhaps he would not be alone. After all, two other athletes with links to Salazar — Americans Galen Rupp and Jordan Hasay — also struggled, both failing to finish. Both are also now looking for a new place to train after Salazar's Nike Oregon Project (NOP) was dramatically shut down on the eve of the race as the sportswear giant — a sponsor of the Chicago marathon — tried to get a grip of a crisis that has done serious damage to its reputation. Sadly, Nike CEO Mark Parker — implicated in the US Anti-Doping (Usada) case against Salazar for being aware of a testosterone experiment he conducted on the company's premises — was not made available to the media in Chicago, though he has said he did not believe the test was breaking any rules. This has been an extraordinary few weeks for athletics. Salazar's ban was announced in the middle of one of the most controversial World Championships, in Doha. The event will be remembered as much for the sight of empty seats and the oppressive heat as it will for the gold medals that Dina Asher-Smith and Katarina Johnson-Thompson secured so thrillingly for Great Britain.



Brigid Kosgei wins the women's race at the Chicago Marathon on Sunday / REUTERS

Equally, it is impossible to think of Christian Coleman's 100m gold in isolation from the ban he narrowly avoided on a technicality in the build-up after three missed doping tests. Nor can one celebrate the incredible 1500m-10,000m double of Sifan Hassan without acknowledging her association with her former coach Salazar and the NOP which she joined in 2016.

The fall-out from Salazar's ban is far from over. Not when the disgraced coach intends to appeal and denies any wrongdoing. And not when the IOC wants the samples of all athletes who trained at the NOP to be retested. UK Athletics (UKA) performance director Neil Black — who was in Chicago to help Farah — may be leaving his post after facing criticism but other officials at the governing body will also be asked to explain their links with Salazar, who acted as a consultant to Britain's endurance runners for several years.

Was the UKA review that cleared Farah to continue working with his former coach in 2015 after the allegations of unethical practices were first aired in a BBC Panorama investigation robust enough? And will UK Sport, or maybe UK Anti-Doping, now feel the need for a further inquest into the decisions taken by one of the country's best-funded governing bodies? But perhaps above all, the most important legacy of the Salazar case could be to force athletics to re-examine its relationship with Nike.

Whether in Doha, Vienna or Chicago, it is hard to avoid its presence. From shoe technology and sponsorship, through to its links with the media and senior officials, and the support it gave Salazar in his legal battle with Usada, the scale of the influence the company wields in this sport is apparent.

The Salazar scandal has brought this all into considerably sharper focus. And having been forced to defend the decision to take its flagship event to Doha, the IAAF must now start preparing for the 2021 World Championships in Eugene.

The Oregon city is closely associated with Nike, whose birthplace is only a few miles away. Expect fresh scrutiny of the IAAF's decision in 2015 to bypass the usual formal bidding process, and award hosting rights to the city, something that has since been the subject of investigations by both French prosecutors and the FBI.

Athletics finds itself in an era of exciting possibilities and brave new frontiers, but it also faces more questions than ever too.



South Africa's Caster Semenya with Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi and Kenya's Margaret Nyairera / COURTESY

ATHLETICS

IAAF now halve testosterone orders for trans female athletes

BBC / Trans female athletes must lower their levels of testosterone, athletics' governing body the IAAF has ruled.

Competitors must now keep their levels of natural testosterone below five nanomoles per litre of blood in order to compete in the female category. The IAAF's previous limit for natural testosterone was 10 nanomoles. The new regulation is the same as that which applies to athletes with differences of sexual development (DSD), including Caster Semenya.

Semenya is challenging the IAAF's new rules that she and other athletes with DSD must take testosterone-reducing medication in order to compete in track events from 400m to the mile or change to another distance. The new rules on natural testosterone levels were announced on Monday.

Under the new regulations a transgender female athlete is no longer required to be recognised by law in her new gender but should provide a signed declaration that her gender identity is female. She must demonstrate that the testosterone level in her serum has been less than five nanomoles continuously for a period of at least 12 months prior to being declared eligible, and must keep below that level to maintain eligibility to compete in the female category.

Whilst it could be said that most people support the long-held practice of separate male and female categories in sporting events, defining who exactly belongs to those two categories is now creating a huge ongoing debate. Many areas of society now see gender as wider than the traditional binaries of 'born male' and 'born female', yet official bodies in a variety of sectors are struggling to adjust — should they want to.

From physical examinations to genetic testing, this ruling is the latest in attempting to regulate the bodies of transgender individuals. Some hugely celebrated cisgender female (female born) athletes say it's for a good reason. Many have continually flagged their concerns about transgender athletes competing in their sports, such as Martina Navratilova and Sharron Davies, namely around unfair physical advantages.

SPORTS INTERNATIONAL

EURO QUALIFIERS



England's Raheem Sterling is tackled by Bulgaria's Petar Zanev /REUTERS

Show of character

England made big statement against racist abuse, says Southgate

BY ALAN BALDWIN/ England made a significant statement against racism by beating Bulgaria 6-0 in a Euro 2020 qualifier that was twice halted by the referee after abuse of the visiting players, manager Gareth Southgate has said.

The match in Sofia was a high-profile implementation of a three-step protocol from European soccer's governing body UEFA designed to tackle racist abuse from the crowd.

"I don't think that's ever been a situation that's happened before in international football," said Southgate. "For me, an even bigger statement was the way our players played. We've got players that have been through something they should never have to experience but have actually come off with a smile on their face because of how they've played.

"They always want the story to be about football but they've also been part of something that I think will be bigger."

England centre-back Tyrone Mings, who was making his senior debut and brought Southgate's attention to the first incident after being targeted, said the players had made a collective decision to continue after halftime.

"I think the way that we handled it, and the appropriate steps that were in place in the protocol that the team and us as players followed, was effective," he added. "I'm very proud of the way that we handled it and let the football do the talking. The second half was better. We obviously made a collective decision at halftime to come back out and play the game and see if anything changed."

His England team mate Raheem Sterling, who scored two of the goals, said on Twitter that he felt sorry for Bulgaria 'to be represented by such idiots in their stadium.'

Defender Harry Maguire added on his Twitter feed: "The best way to bounce back. Proud of the team. There's no place in football for that — disgraceful behaviour. Something must be done."

Jesse Lingard, who was not in the England squad for the match, said: "Every one of those @England boys are stronger than those who chose to destroy the beautiful game! @UEFA must do something about this! #Shameful"

His Manchester United team mate Marcus Rashford, who scored the seventh-minute opener, thanked England's fans for their support.

"Not an easy situation to play in and not one which should be happening in 2019. Proud we rose above it to take three points but this needs stamping out," he said.

RUGBY

No talk of Brighton Miracle, says Boks' tactician Erasmus

BY GREG STUTCHBURY / Playing a warm-up fixture against Japan had been deliberate in order to try and dampen down any talk of the Brighton Miracle if the Springboks met the tournament hosts during the World Cup, South Africa coach Rassie Erasmus said on Monday.

South Africa comfortably accounted for the Brave Blossoms 41-7 in Kumagaya on September 6 but the pre-match buildup had been dominated by Japan's shock 34-32 victory over the Springboks in Brighton at the 2015 World Cup.

"In all honesty, the reason for that warm-up game was to erase the Brighton game, so that if we do play them in play-off games, that game hopefully doesn't get mentioned again," said Erasmus ahead of their quarter-final on Sunday. "It's 1-1, and now we go into a quarter-final game against a really tough team. That (Brighton) game is in the past now."

Erasmus also acknowledged that their pre-tournament clash would have absolutely no bearing on how both sides played at Tokyo Stadium on Sunday. Japan were error prone in the humid conditions and did not stretch the defence as much as they have other sides in the World Cup, while South Africa chose to play without the ball for long stretches to work on their defence and counter-attack.

"I must say that in that warm-up game, there was no pressure," Erasmus said. "We definitely won't be able to go with the same plan that we went into the warm-up game with (and) we will definitely have to come up with a totally new plan.

"It will probably be something where we will have to match their pace and speed, and try to keep up with the way they play the game."

The former Springboks loose forward added that he had been impressed with the way Japan was developing and adapting for each game at the World Cup, while players like scrumhalf Yutaka Nagare were becoming the standouts of the tournament.

"Their number nine (Nagare) is probably the guy who gets their game going," Erasmus said. "He is probably the guy who cleans, at the World Cup, the fastest at the breakdown. They are such a well-balanced team that it is difficult to single out one specific guy. You can see they are aligned in their gameplan. So, as a unit, they are just really a formidable team."



South Africa head coach Rassie Erasmus during a recent warm up session /REUTERS



Bulgaria fans during the match / REUTERS

EURO QUALIFIERS

Bulgarian football chief quits in racism row in England clash

BY ANGEL KRASIMIROV/ The president of the Bulgarian Football Union has stepped down after prime minister urged him to quit following racist abuse from Bulgarian fans towards black English players during their Euro 2020 qualifier.

Prime Minister Boyko Borissov called for former goalkeeper Borislav Mihaylov to step down after Monday's match was temporarily halted by the referee to tackle abuse from the crowd.

"Today, the president of the Bulgarian Football Union Borislav Mihailov submitted his resignation, which will be presented to the members of the Executive Committee at the meeting on Friday," the BFU said in a statement.

The BFU announcement came only a couple of hours after a BFU spokesman said that Mihaylov would not resign because the state had no right to interfere in football.

"The football union cannot be held responsible for the hooliganism of a group of people," BFU's spokesman Hristo Zapryanov had said earlier.

Racist abuse cast a blight over the match at the Vasil Levski national stadium as the game was twice halted by the referee after monkey noises and chants from the crowd were aimed at black English players.

A group of black-clad Bulgarian fans, some of whom were making right-wing salutes, were moved from an area behind the dugout at the stadium with home team captain Ivelin Popov appealing to the supporters in a heated discussion at halftime.

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EURO QUALIFIERS

Accolades look for me, says Ronaldo

The records come naturally, claims Portugal star after 700th career goal

BY BRIAN HOMEWOOD / Cristiano Ronaldo has lost count of the number of records he has broken, the Portugal forward said after scoring the 700th goal of his career during a 2-1 defeat to Ukraine on Monday.

"The records come naturally, I don't look for them, the records look for me," he said after scoring his 95th goal for his country.

"It's not for anyone to reach this number and I thank everyone, teammates, colleagues, coaches and everyone who helped Cristiano become the player that he is."

However, Ronaldo said that the defeat to Ukraine in a Euro 2020 qualifier took some of the shine off the achievement.

"It's a nice moment in my career but there was a bitter taste because we didn't win," he said. "We played well, but we didn't win. We did everything we could and we had plenty of chances."

Ronaldo is the all-time leading scorer in the Champions League with 127 goals, holds the record for the most goals in a single Champions League season, is Real Madrid's all-time highest scorer and Portugal's most capped player and record scorer.

The first five goals of Ronaldo career were scored for Portugal's Sporting in 2002-03. He then scored 118 goals in 232 appearances during six seasons with Manchester United and, remarkably, averaged over a goal a game for Real Madrid, scoring 450 in 438 appearances over the course of nine seasons.

In just over one season with his current club Juventus, he notched a further 32 goals in 51 matches. Despite the defeat, Portugal remained second in Group G with 11 points from six games, one ahead of Serbia, and will qualify for Euro 2020 if they win their remaining matches, at home to Lithuania and away to Luxemburg.



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo gestures during their match against Ukraine /REUTERS

EURO QUALIFIERS

France denied early ticket after draw with pool leaders Turkey

BY JULIEN PRETOT / France must wait to claim a place at Euro 2020 after the world champions were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Turkey in a high-octane qualifying game on Monday.

Turkey's Kaan Ayhan equalised eight minutes from time after France substitute Olivier Giroud opened the scoring in the 76th as the visitors stayed top of Group H with 19 points from eight games, ahead of Les Bleus due to a 2-0 win in Konya last June.

Iceland are third on 15 points after goals by Arnor Sigurdsson and Kolbeinn Sigthorsson earned a 2-0 home victory over Andorra, with Albania fourth on 12 points following a 4-0 away win against Moldova.

French police were on high alert after president Emmanuel Macron said Turkey's military operation against Kurdish forces in Syria could lead to an 'unsustainable humanitarian situation' and threatened to 'help the Islamic State group re-emerge in the region'.

With up to 40,000 Turkey fans expected at the stadium, some 1,000 police officers were on duty in and around the Stade de France to prevent potential crowd trouble, but the atmosphere remained peaceful throughout the evening.

"We could have avoided that goal," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "We did everything we needed to win that game, we had the chances, they didn't, but it is what it is."

"It's a good point. We'll have to finish the job in November," he added, saying Turkey, who have picked up four points against France, deserved to top the group.

"We are the two best teams in the group. Qualifiers are always complicated, it's a long road. We should have been more efficient. They defended a lot and they deserve to be where they are."

LIGUE 1

Injured Neymar sidelined for four weeks, say champs PSG

BY JULIEN PRETOT / Paris St Germain forward Neymar will be out of action for four weeks because of a thigh injury, the Ligue 1 leaders said on Monday.

"Neymar underwent an MRI (scan) this afternoon... a medical check up will be done in eight days but his return to competition is expected in four weeks depending on the evolution (of the injury)," PSG said in a statement.

Neymar picked up the injury during Brazil's 1-1 draw against Nigeria in a friendly game in Singapore on Sunday. The striker is set to miss PSG's two Champions League games against Club Brugge next week and on November 6.

Meanwhile, former Paris St Germain boss Antoine Kombouare has been named Toulouse coach, the Ligue 1 club have said.

The 55-year-old, who coached PSG from 2009-11, replaces Alain Casanova after he and Toulouse ended his contract by mutual agreement last week.

Toulouse are 18th in the Ligue 1 standings with nine points from nine games.

Kombouare, who also coached RC Lens, Strasbourg and Dijon in France, will be in charge for the first time when Toulouse host Lille on Saturday.

PREMIER LEAGUE

Dutchman Vorm returns to Spurs as goalkeeping cover

BY RIK SHARMA / Tottenham Hotspur have re-signed Michel Vorm until the end of the season to provide additional goalkeeping cover with captain Hugo Lloris injured, the Premier League club said on Monday.

France international Lloris was ruled out until January after he dislocated his elbow in the 3-0 defeat at Brighton & Hove Albion on Oct. 5 and free agent Vorm has returned to compete with Paulo Gazzaniga for a starting spot.

Dutchman Vorm, 35, joined Spurs in 2014 from Swansea City and made 47 appearances in all competitions in five seasons before leaving the Londoners in June at the end of his contract.

"I'm very pleased, happy to be back. It's easy in a way -- nothing really changes... I've been here for five seasons so for me, it's just coming home," Vorm said. "Obviously I'm not up to game fitness yet so in that part we need to improve a bit, but I feel good."

Tottenham have made a disappointing start to the season, losing three of their eight league matches to sit ninth in the table on 11 points. They also suffered a record 7-2 home defeat by Bayern Munich in the Champions League stage.

Meanwhile, German club St Pauli have released Turkish midfielder Cenk Sahin after he posted a message on social media in support of his country's military action in northern Syria.

Sahin, 25, posted on Instagram to show solidarity after Turkish troops were sent into Kurdish-held territory. However, there was a strong negative reaction from the club's own supporters towards the player.



Tottenham's Michel Vorm in action during a past match /REUTERS

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ATHLETICS TRIO TO BATTLE IT OUT WITH EIGHT OTHER ATHLETES

Girls in the mix

Obiri, Kosgei and Chepkoech join nominees for IAAF Athlete of the Year Award

BY MESHACK KISENGE/ The Kenyan trio of Beatrice Chepkoech, Hellen Obiri and Brigid Kosgei will battle it out with other eight nominees for the 2019 Female World Athlete of the Year.

The three were shortlisted for the category courtesy of their exemplary performances put in across this year at the World Athletics Championships, Diamond League and on the marathon circuit among others. The awards will be held in Monaco on November 23.

Chepkoech, the reigning world 3000m steeplechase record holder capped a spectacular performance during the recently concluded championships in Doha, clocking 8:57.84.

She won her the maiden title in the biannual event after bitter memories of the 2017 edition, where she missed a water jump and had to backtrack and clear it.

Prior to the global competition, Chepkoech had won seven out of eight Diamond League events in her speciality.

Olympics 5000m silver medallist Hellen Obiri made the cut following her rich harvest this season. The Laikipia Airbase-based athlete fired from all cylinders in the season where she won the World Cross Country held in Aarhus, Denmark in March clocking 36:14 on her debut.

She extended the form in Doha and successfully defended her title in a championship record of 14:26.72 having faltered in her attempt to win the 10,000m race. Obiri had also recorded 14:20.36, the world-leading performance in 5000m during the London Diamond League in London.

Kosgei, on the other hand, was nominated after breaking the 16-year old women's marathon record during the Chicago Marathon held last Sunday. The 25-year-old athlete sliced Paula Radcliffe's record of 2:15:25 by a minute and 26 seconds. Early this year, Kosgei won the London Marathon where she timed 2:18:20. She ran a world lead in half marathon both in Bahrain (1:05:28) and Great North Run (1:04:28) respectively.

World 10,000 and 1,500m champion Sifan Hassan, Shelly-Ann Fraser of Jamaica who won has won seven of her ten 100m races and Great Britain's Katarina Thompson are among the opponents the three Kenyans will face. Others are —Mariya Lasitskene of Russia, Germany's Malaika Mihambo, Dalilah Muhammad of USA, Said Eid Naser of Bahrain and Yulimar Rojas of Venezuela.

The IAAF Council and the IAAF Family will cast their votes by email while fans can vote online via the IAAF's social media platforms. Individual graphics for each nominee will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram this week; a 'like' on Facebook and Instagram or a retweet on Twitter will count as one vote.

The IAAF Council's vote will count for 50% of the result, while the IAAF Family's votes and the public votes will each count for 25% of the final result.

Voting for the Female World Athlete of the Year closes on November 5. At the conclusion of the voting process, five men and five women finalists will be announced by the IAAF.

The male and female World Athletes of the Year will be announced live on stage at the World Athletics Awards.





World champions Hellen Obiri and Beatrice Chepkoech during the World Championships in Doha, Qatar **/REUTERS**

WOMEN'S RUGBY

Kenya Lionesses players moan over unpaid allowances

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA / Kenya Lionesses players have lamented over unpaid allowances and lack of support from the government despite qualification to next year's Tokyo Olympics Games.

Speaking on arrival from Tunisia at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (JKIA), a bitter Lionesses skipper Philadelphia Olando said they have several challenges and some of their players had been locked out by landlords owing to lack of rent in the last couple of months.

''We have had several issues to contend with and we are asking our patron and Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohammed to intervene ad improve our welfare,'' she said. The CS who was expected to receive the girls didn't show up as had been widely expected.

Olando said despite the heroic reception at the airport including traditional dancers, the players were hurting.

''It has not been easy and credit must go to the players for putting everything behind them and delivering good results. We have qualified for the Olympic Games which is a big honour not only the players but also for the country,'' she added.

Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) are still waiting for Sh190 million from the Sports Fund after the budget to cater for the various national teams was approved in July . The money is yet to hit their accounts.

Olando said the team need four to five tournaments if they are to medal c at next year's Summer Games in Tokyo. '' We need exposure and if we can get a couple of tournaments under our belt, then we can compete with the top playing nations in the world like New Zealand, Australia, USA or Canada,'' she said.

Head coach Felix Oloo said playing in Dubai tournament in December will be a good indicator to gauge their strength ahead of the games.

'' Dubai will be good as we will be paired with some of the best teams in the world and they will help us see where we can improve,'' added Oloo. The team will take a two-week break before resuming training early next month.

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