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Ruto's Mt Kenya MPs develop cold feet

Ongoing vicious purge of DP allies in Parliament forces Tanga Tanga brigade to go silent, scamper to the President's corner for political survivial



963 confirmed Covid-19 cases
358 recovered
50 deaths

51 tested positive in the last 24 hours.

46,984 samples tested since the first case was reported in Kenya

Corona takes toll on Kenyan workers

Uncertain future: New government survey says 9 of every 10 employees pushed out by pandemic are unsure of when they will resume duty as a quarter unable to pay rent in April PGS 4 & 5

At a glance



91.2% people locked out of work and not sure when to return



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New dawn for maize sector amid reforms



EUREKA PAGE 21

A listening ear at the touch of a button

WEATHER TODAY

Nairobi	24°	Nyeri	23°
Mombasa	28°	Kitui	27°
Kisumu	28°	Wajir	35°

Echesa substitutes bail with Sh2m bond

A magistrate yesterday allowed former Sports Cabinet Secretary Rashid Echesa, who is facing a Sh39.5 billion fraud case to substitute his cash bail of Sh1 million with Sh2 million bond.

At the same time, Milimani Senior Principal Magistrate Kennedy Cheruiyot gave the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) two days to respond to Echesa's application seeking to compel police to release his motor vehicle, a Range Rover, impounded during his arrest over the alleged fraud linked to military arms.

Echesa and five others are facing 15 counts of making documents without authority and attempting to obtain over Sh39.5 billion by false pretences.

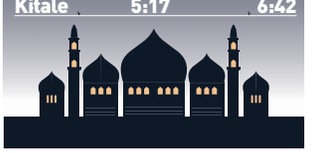
Through his lawyers Cliff Ombeta, Evans Ondieki and Brian Khaemba, who is also a former senior judiciary officer, Echesa (*below*)filed the application urging the court to compel detectives to also return his two firearms namely pistol P-Barreta F092 and Ceska CZ as well as ammunitions which were confiscated by officers under instruction of the DCI.

Yesterday, lawyer Ondieki told the court that prosecution has not yet responded to the defence application which was filed in court two months ago. The matter will be mentioned on Thursday. **– Alphonce Mung'ahu**



RAMADHAN TIMETABLE (20/05/2020)

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Nairobi	05:13	06:31
Mombasa	05:05	06:16
Kisumu	05:19	06:41
Machakos	5:10	6:27
Isiolo	5:07	6:31
Nyeri	5:11	6:32
Eldoret	5:17	6:40
Kakamega	5:19	6:42
Lamu	4:58	6:14
Malindi	5:04	6:17
Marsabit	5:04	6:34
Kitale	5:17	6:42



Why lawmakers want Duale kicked out of Assembly seat

Legislators say the Leader of Majority working at cross purpose with the government of the day

by PD Reporter
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As the purge on Deputy President William Ruto's allies from top leadership positions in Parliament continues, National Assembly Leader of Majority Aden Duale may not after all survive the axe.

People Daily has reliably learned Duale, a close ally of the DP, could also be shown the door after President Uhuru Kenyatta was prevailed upon to drop him over what has been termed as "hypocrisy and lack of respect".

Sources, who spoke in confidence said while he was to be spared initially in the elimination of Ruto's allies occupying key positions in the National Assembly, his "double speak" would derail Uhuru's agenda as his term enters the homestretch.

Lack respect

"Duale, has done a magnificent job, but he has to go because, at any given time there will be only one boss not two, he has been working in cross purposes with the government of the day," intimated a source privy to the ongoings in the troubled Jubilee Party house.

The sources also indicated that though the Garissa Township MP enjoys a cordial relationship with the two Jubilee principals, the President and his deputy, he is alleged to have helped in mobilising senators allied to DP to boycott the President's meeting at State House.

"We have credible information that he was part and parcel of the shenanigans that refused to attend the PG convened by the President. This clearly shows lack of respect to the party and its leadership," the said the source.

Wajir Woman Representative Fatuma Gedi, one of those backing Duale's ouster, accused the Majority leader of "working at cross purposes with the President."

Gedi, a fierce critic of Duale, says as soon as the House reconvenes from the short recess on June 2, the Majority leader should be shown the door.

"Hear our cries Mr. President, for us to have a united and a peaceful country, put the two Houses in order," she said.

Gedi added: "We cannot have Aden Duale as a majority leader prosecuting government business yet day-in-day out has been abusing and disrespecting the President. He must go."

Supporting Duale's removal, Tiaty MP William Kamket said the country cannot have a government working at cross purposes that is shouting at each other, where the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing.

FATUMA GEDI

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National Assembly Leader of Majority Aden Duale at a past event. PD/FILE

MP faults ouster of Ruto allies from key positions

by Harrison Kivisu
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Nyali MP Mohamed Ali yesterday faulted the ruling Jubilee Party's decision to kick senators allied to Deputy President William Ruto out of the House leadership, terming the move dictatorial and insensitive to Kenyans.

Ali said the move by Jubilee was an indication that the leadership has no interests of Kenyans at heart.

He said it was heartless for the leadership to continue with party politics at a time like this when the nation is facing Covid-19 crisis.

"How the hell do you carry on with politics while people are suffering from Covid-19? We are seeing demolitions and people are busy plotting about leadership," said Ali who claimed that schemers of Ruto's downfall "will be met with shocking defeat."

The lawmaker, who spoke while handing over relief food to the Kenya Red Cross for distribution in Nyali, was accompanied by Mombasa Jubilee party politician Mohamed Salim.

"Rather than thinking of injecting money to grow the economy, we are here playing politics," added Ali.

Challenge ouster

Salim, alias Tenge, said the changes in the Jubilee party are illegal as the party has had no elections, therefore, any decision made without consultation of key party members is null and void.

Kipchumba Murkomen, the former Senate Majority leader was ousted after a lengthy meeting at State House on Monday, May 11, attended by some Jubilee Party members, according to State House.

Murkomen was replaced by West-Pokot Senator Samuel Poghisio while Murang'a Senator Irungu Kang'ata took Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika's place. The duo moved to court to challenge the ouster.

Ali also renewed calls for enhanced transparency and accountability of Covid-19 resources by the Ministry of Health.

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Boy drives 1,300 km across Australia all alone

Just to get the grip of the matter, driving from Nairobi to Moyale, will take you around 11 hours and 772 kms, one way. Now this Australian boy drove the distance similar to travelling to Moyale and back...alone!

Driving is quite a tough task even for experienced adults. With the minute details that one needs to take care of, it is also quite risky to drive alone if you don't have a good grasp of the skill.

In April 2017, a 12-year-old boy took his father's car and had drove it for almost 1,300km until the police stopped him. The boy was more than 1,000km into his trip when police noticed the car's bumper dragging on the ground.

The boy was taken into custody until his parents picked him up. "His parents reported him missing immediately after he left home, so they were looking for him," a detective told the press.

Reportedly, the boy was attempting a 3,000km drive from Kendall in NSW to Perth, Western Australia.

He also stopped at a petrol-filling station in Cobar, and the manager said he took $19 (Sh 2,000) worth of fuel but left without paying.

He also added that he thought that the boy was around 19-20 years old.

While he committed an offence, several people on social media were impressed with his driving skills and tagged him as a "clever kid".

14-year-old crashes car on busy Eldoret Highway

With schools closed for obvious reasons, children are idling at home and engaging in all manner of mischief, some silly pranks, and others with dangerous consequences such as this one.

On Sunday last week, a car driven by a 14-year-old crashed along a busy highway and rolled into a ditch.

The 14-year-old had companion in two other minors: 9 and 16 years old.

It is said the parents had left the car at home for the children to wash when they developed the curiosity to drive the machine to town for some sweets or whatever it was.

Luckily, the boys did not suffer any injuries.

Curious people rushed to the scene and were horrified to find out the car driver was a minor, who could not explain how he ended on the steering as he was too terrified by the accident.

The owner of the car must not only dig deep in his pockets to repair the badly damaged automobile, but also has some explanation to do to the police for letting minors drive, which is a serious traffic offence.

Things could get worse if he chooses to inform insurance...



When kids take to the wheel, the end game can only be very unpleasant....

Kids know more that we think they do, and will do fairly weird things to have their way, including taking those car keys...

The one who stole dad's car to buy cheeseburger

Ever craved something so badly you could do anything to get it? Then you may sympathise with an 8-year-old Ohio boy who learned to drive a car in minutes just so he could go to McDonald's for a cheeseburger, the *Weirton Daily Times* reports.

Police in East Palestine said the kid watched driving instruction videos on YouTube before putting his 4-year-old sister in his dad's van.

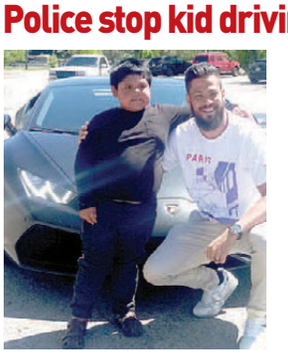
The young driver managed to safely get through four intersections before getting to a McDonald's drive-through about 1.5 miles away. "Whenever he pulled up to the first window, employees thought they were being pranked.



The workers thought that the parents were in the back. Once the employees figured out the kids were on a joy ride by themselves, the police were called to the restaurant.

After police questioning he admitted he had never driven before, but learned by watching YouTube.

Police stop kid driving to buy Lamborghini with only Sh320



A highway policeman stopping a car with a suspected "impaired driver" on a US highway last week was shocked after finding a 5-year-old in the driver's seat. According to Utah State police tweet, after seeing a vehicle driving slowly and weaving in the left lane of the Interstate 15 freeway, the trooper turned on his siren, and the driver neatly pulled over to the side of the road.

Dashboard camera video posted by the police captures the conversation between the trooper and the driver. "You're 5 years old?" the trooper says. "Wow!" He then asks the child where he learned how to drive and takes down other details.

The boy, who was not identified as he is a minor, said he had left home in his parents' vehicle after arguing with his mother, who had told him she would not buy him a Lamborghini.

He decided to take the car and go to California to buy one himself," the police said in a tweet.

"He might have been short on the purchase amount as he only had $3 (Sh 320) in his wallet."

11-year-old drives 300km to meet stranger from Snapchat

This story goes along to show the dangers of social media consumption on children. In September last year, an 11-year-old boy from South Carolina stole a family car and drive about 200 miles (300kms) in order to meet up with a stranger he met on Snapchat!

The boy pulled over in a cab company's parking lot and alerted an officer that he was lost, the police said.

The 11-year-old told police that he took the road after he used his father's tablet to follow the GPS instructions to Charleston in order to live with a man he knew from the social media app Snapchat.

The distraught boy told the officer that he lost the address where he had to meet the man because the app deletes messages after 24 hours and his father's tablet lost signal. Police called the boy's father.

Survey: 91pc Kenyans unsure of job future

New KNBS study also shows 21.5 per cent were unable to pay rent owing to effects of coronavirus

by Irene Githinji and Zachary Ochuodho
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Nine of every 10 Kenyans who are out of employment because of the Covid-19 pandemic disruption are not certain when, and if, they will resume work, a new survey shows.

Findings by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) established that those unsure of their future comprise 91.2 per cent compared to 3.9 per cent who are optimistic of returning to work in one to three months, while 2.8 per cent expect the layoff to last three to six months.

The report on socio-economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Kenyan households released yesterday shows that almost half of the 15,840 respondents, about 49.9 per cent, who were absent from work attributed it to stay home instructions as guided by the government and employers.

Other reasons include temporary slack for technical or economic reasons at 16.6 per cent while temporary layoff or work reduction stood at 13.4 per cent.

"Persons who reported that they were absent from work due to stay away or lockdown were asked when they expected to return to work. Nine out of ten were not sure of when they would be returning to work."

The survey also paints a dark picture of the country's economic situation, showing that 21.5 per cent of Kenyans were unable to pay rent last month while 24.6 per cent of students were unable to access home learning.

Of those unable to pay rent, 30.5 per cent failed to do so because of reduced income. Other reasons documented for inability to pay rent were temporary loss of job at 22.4 per cent, unemployed at 13.9 per cent while delay in income stood at 9.1 per cent.

"Overall, 30.5 per cent of households were unable to pay rent on the agreed date with the landlord. About 21.5 per cent who usually pay rent on agreed date with the landlord were unable to pay rent for the month of April 2020 on time. Approximately 59.8 per cent of those who usually pay rent on agreed dates were able to pay rent for the month of April on time," indicated the report released by National Treasury Cabinet secretary Ukur Yatani.

On home schooling, the report shows that the highest proportion (48.2 per cent) of households used home schooling as a coping mechanism to continue learning in the time of Covid-19.

So bad is the situation that the education sector recorded the highest variance of 40 hours between usual and actual hours worked in a week compared to other sectors such as accommodation and food services, which had a variance of 30 hours.

"Notably, 24.6 per cent of households with members who usually attend any learning institution were not using any method to continue learning at home," says the report.

Speaking while launching the report, Yatani said the Covid-19 pandemic has had an adverse socio-economic impact on households.

"In Kenya, the government has introduced a raft of measures including the banning of all passenger flights, temporary closure of bars, suspension of learning in all education institutions, dusk to dawn curfew, cessation of movement in and out of some high-risk areas," he said.

The report says the uncertainty reported in various sectors of the economy has seen introduction of coping measures for businesses to remain afloat.

"Enterprises have had to delay investments, purchases of goods and hiring of workers, while others have resorted to salary cuts for their employees, temporary layoffs and some resorted to total closure. This continues to have knock-on effects on incomes, particularly for informal and casual workers," indicates the report.

Similarly, the report shows that almost half (49 per cent) of the working population is running own businesses while 31.7 per cent were paid employees.

"On average, workers across all industries reported having worked fewer hours in reference period as compared with usual hours worked per week," reads the report.

On health, one in every five households in Kenya reported to having members with pre-existing medical conditions which made them more vulnerable to coronavirus than those without.

Majority of households that reported having a member with a pre-existing medical condition cited hypertension at 34 per cent, diabetes at 19 per cent and asthma at 16.7 per cent.



National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani when he launched the Report on Socio-Economic Impact of Covid-19 on Households, yesterday. COURTESY

At least 12.4 per cent of households reported that a member of a household sought health services over the period under review.

Among these, at least a third (30.5 per cent) said they visited government hospitals, 24.5 per cent cited private hospitals while 17.9 per cent went to government dispensaries.

Respondents were also asked to state the economic activity they were engaged in seven days preceding the survey, industry they worked in and number of hours.

Participation rate of population aged 18 years and above was 56.8 per cent, with males accounting for 65.3 per cent of those in labour force.

Females accounted for slightly more than half, 51.2 per cent of those outside labour force during the reference period.

Almost all, 99.4 per cent, persons aged 18 years and above have heard about coronavirus pandemic.

Majority of those who had heard about the disease said they acquired information through radio and television at 82 per cent and 63.3 per cent, respectively.

At least 97.2 per cent of households cited soap and water for hand-washing as the main method one can use for protection against coronavirus.

For the transport sector, respondents said there was a 51.7 per cent increase in cost of transport on most frequent routes.

Migori recorded the highest increase in amount of cost paid with 77.2 per cent while Turkana recorded the least with 24.4 per cent.

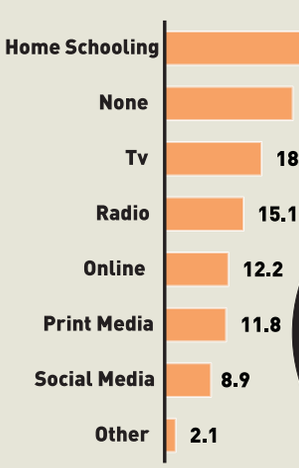
About 32.2 per cent of persons who used any means of transport said they walked, 25.5 per cent used Public Service Vehicles and 18.9 per cent, motorbikes.

The 15,840 people were interviewed with the response rate standing at 97 per cent.

Data collection was undertaken between May 2 and 9, implemented using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews (CATI) approach where interviews are conducted through telephone and responses captured in tablets and transmitted to a central server for data processing.

The second wave of data collection across the country is expected to begin on May 21 and run for 6 days.

COPING MECHANISMS USED TO CONTINUE LEARNING AT HOME



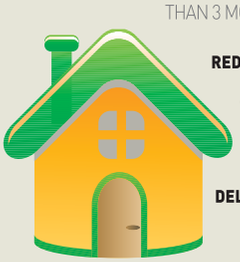
The highest proportion (48.2%) of households used home schooling as a coping mechanism to continue learning at home. Notably, 24.6 per cent of households with members who usually attend any learning institution were not using any method to continue learning at home.

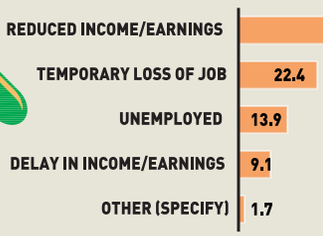
EXPECTED TIME TO RETURN TO WORK



91.2% Distribution of persons absent from work by are not sure when to return







52.9% of the households' inability to pay rent for the month of April 2020 was the reduced income/earnings.

24.6 The percentage of students who were unable to access home learning as schools remain shut due to coronavirus.



A medical worker takes blood samples of a client during a free medical camp. Among the diseases tested was diabetes and hypertension. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

Thousands could die of Covid-19, survey reveals

KNBS study shows 17 per cent of households have a person with pre-existing health condition

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Nearly a quarter of Kenyan households have a member with pre-existing health condition, thus predisposing them to the vagaries of coronavirus.

According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) report, 17 per cent of households have a member with a pre-existing condition.

New data show thousands could die of the respiratory disease if the government relaxed social distancing measures in a bid to achieve herd immunity.

It further revealed that communicable diseases are still a major concern in the country with the deaths far outpacing those from Covid-19.

Leading conditions

For example, deaths caused by stroke in Kenya reached 11,976 of total deaths a year while coronary heart diseases killed 7,771, 2.76 per cent of total deaths.

According to the WHO, malaria killed 11,922 people in Kenya in 2017 which translates to an average of 32 deaths per day.

The KNBS survey revealed that a majority of the households that reported having a member with a pre-existing medical condition cited hypertension, diabetes and asthma as the leading conditions.

The burden of lifestyle diseases across the country is alarmingly high with about 34 per cent saying they had a member of the household who had suffered from hypertension, followed by diabetes at 19.9 per cent and asthma at 16.7 per cent.

Meanwhile, 12.4 per cent of the households reported that a member of the household sought health services over the period under review painting a picture of how "our health seeking behaviour had changed in the shadows of coronavirus."

Radio information

Among those households, majority cited government hospitals as the health care service provider that was visited at 30.5 per cent, private hospitals and clinics at 24.5 per cent and government dispensaries at 17.9 per cent.

Pharmacies or chemists came at a distant fifth at 6.8 per cent.

According to the survey, many Kenyans still rely on radio to access information.

According to the survey, almost all adults — 99.4 per cent —aged 18 years and above have heard about coronavirus.

The survey further noted that nearly all 97.2 adults aged 18 years and above were aware that washing hands with soap and water is a preventive measure against the virus.

Fever and dry cough were reported by majority of individuals as the most known symptoms of coronavirus at 87.4 per cent and 78.5 per cent, respectively.

The highest proportion of 48.2 per cent of households had benefited from home schooling as a coping mechanism to continue learning.

But 24.6 per cent of households with members who usually attend any learning institution were not using any method to learn at home.

The survey carried between May 2 and 9, interviewed 15,840 individuals with a response rate of 97 per cent with a distribution of 52 per cent female and 48 per cent male.

Majority of respondents were aged between 18 and 39 years.

SURVEY FINDINGS

- **Coronavirus awareness:** According to the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics survey, almost all adults — 99.4 per cent —aged 18 years and above have heard about coronavirus.
- **Corona symptoms:** Fever and dry cough were reported by majority of individuals as the most known symptoms of coronavirus at 87.4 per cent and 78.5 per cent, respectively.

Budget increased by Sh53b to cater for pandemic, city

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National Treasury has revised its budget estimate by Sh53.7 billion in the 2020/21 financial year to include Economic Stimulus Package during the Covid-19 crisis, with Sh26.4 billion allocated to the Nairobi Metropolitan Services (NMS) that has been cash strapped since it was established.

According to a letter addressed to National Assembly by the National Treasury, the amended funds will be used as the economic stimulus package.

Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yatani said the President had approved a post-Covid-19 economic stimulus package of Sh53.7 billion.

Yatani, who is seeking to amend the 2020/21 budget for State department for Interior, the Presidency and the National Treasury, further asked Parliament to include the budget estimates for NMS whose budget is estimated to be Sh26.4 billion.



Nairobi Metropolitan Services director Major General Mohammed Badi. PD/FILE

Money dispute

"We request for inclusion of Nairobi Metropolitan budget estimates in the National Government budget under the presidency," he wrote.

The NMS has been suffering cash flow issues after Governor Mike Sonko declined to assent to the Nairobi City County Supplementary Appropriation Bill 2020.

Sonko said he refused to sign the bill because it proposed allocations of funds to functions which had not been transferred to NMS whose director is General Major Mohammed Badi. Other funds requested by the National Treasury CS to be passed include Sh1.5 billion which will go to the Mukuru Renewal Project under NMS.

Other which are also included in the amendments are Sh4.55 billion transfer of funds for the leasing of motor vehicles for the State Department for Interior to the National Treasury, Sh1.35 billion for enhancement of operation and maintenance and development budget under the presidency.

Yatani said apart from the NMS and the stimulus package, some of the amendments will be funded through a combination of budget realignment, additional funding from development partners and mopping of surpluses from the parastatals.



Ruto's Mt Kenya MPs develop cold feet

Pro-DP politicians said to be reaching out to those in President's camp in what appears to be a change of tune in Uhuru's favour

by Eric Wainaina
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After making what was seen as significant inroads into President Uhuru Kenyatta's Mt Kenya political base, tables are fast turning on Deputy President William Ruto, whose allies in the region seem to have developed cold feet.

This follows the ongoing brutal purge of the DP's allies from key positions in the Senate and National Assembly, a move that has sent shockwaves in Ruto's camp, with some of his supporters now seeking to return to the President's corner.

Politicians associated with the President, who spoke to the *People Daily*, revealed that their opponents, who have been vocal in the pro-Ruto Tanga Tanga group, have been reaching out to them in what appears to be a change of tune in Uhuru's favour.

The President has lately been on the warpath, firming up his control of the region and instilling discipline in the governing Jubilee Party. Some of Ruto's supporters from Mt Kenya region, who were previously vocal in defence of their boss, have faded from the public arena, with some fearing that the President might take the war to their constituencies and lock them out of Parliament in the next General Election.



Some of the Jubilee MPs who were allied to DP Ruto led by Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria during a press conference at Parliament on March 11. PD/FILE

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Number of MP from Mt Kenya region who are now in support of President Uhuru

Uhuru supporter

Kieni MP Kanini Kega, a staunch Uhuru supporter, yesterday said some of his counterparts from the DP's camp have been approaching him for accommodation after Uhuru's purge started. "The moderate ones we have welcomed them back. The extremists are still out there and today out of 75 MPs in the region, 62 are behind the President. What are these numbers they keep talking about?" posed Kega.

His Nyeri Town counterpart Ngunjiri Wambugu, said Mt Kenya MPs, who have been drumming up support for the DP's 2022 presidential ambitions, are "very scared" and some have been approaching him seeking to shift their loyalty.

"Some have confessed that they blindly followed the DP after being misled by a few Tanga Tanga diehards that Ruto and Uhuru were working together and that is why the numbers appeared big. But from what is happening, they have realised they were fighting the wrong battle. I have actually been talking to my colleagues on their behalf so that they can be pardoned," said the MP, a fierce critic of the DP.

Former Agriculture Cabinet secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri, who had projected himself as the face of rebellion in the region and a possible Ruto running mate come 2022, has gone silent despite his declaration that "he was going nowhere" following his sacking late last year.

The *People Daily* has established that apart from the MPs who had shifted allegiance to the President, nearly all governors from the region have thrown their weight behind Uhuru.

Notable leaders who were initially vocal in the DP's favour but have since changed tune, include Muran'ga Governor Mwangi wa Iria, his Nyeri counterpart Mutahi Kahiga, former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu, Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege and nominated Senator Isaac Mwaura.

Those who have toned down their pro-Ruto rhetoric, include Laikipia Woman Rep Cate Waruguru, who has been one of the faces of defiance, and her counterparts Faith Gitau (Nyandarua) and Rahab Mukami (Nyeri).

Dozens of MPs who have been accompanying Ruto to public rallies in the region have also gone silent.

Currently, the only vocal MPs in Ruto's camp are Mathira's Rigathi Gachagua, Moses Kuria (Gatundu South), Ndindi Nyoro (Kiharu) and Kikuyu's Kimani Ichung'wa, who has declared that he will "support the DP to death".

Bahati MP Kimani Ngunjiri, a tough-talking supporter of the DP, yesterday acknowledged that the President's actions had sent shivers down the spine of some of the Mt Kenya leaders, but doubted if it will have long-term effects to Ruto's disadvantage.

"If you are going to change through the mouth, are you going to change the position of your heart? You can change your stand publicly to save yourself or to escape a problem but the heart of the people you are silencing cannot change. When the government is dissolved (for the elections), where will those hearts be?" he posed.

Ichungw'a said no amount of intimidation will move him. "If you think you will intimidate me by removing me from a committee or even recalling me as a Member of Parliament to change a stand I believe in, please try another one," he said.

Mathira's Gachagua said: "Intimidating leaders will not work. In fact, it will work in the opposite way."

But political analyst Dr Michael Mugo said most of the DP's foot soldiers in Mt Kenya had developed cold feet after the President made good his threats to "deal with the noises in the mountain and take control of the party" and the effects will be long-term.

"The thing is that most of the MPs who have been speaking against the President are scared after Uhuru warned that he would deal with them. They had underrated Uhuru and mistook the power of the person they were supporting (DP)," he said.

Spirited fight

Recently, Waititu declared support for Baringo Senator Gideon Moi's Kanu party barely months after Ruto's lieutenants put up a spirited fight to oppose the impeachment motion that threw him out.

And in January, Kahiga who has been supporting the DP, ditched the camp, saying he regretted the position that saw him being left out of a list of governors from Mt Kenya region who met Uhuru in Mombasa for meeting on the Building Bridges Initiative.

A week before, his Murang'a counterpart Wa Iria who had hosted the DP on several occasions, warned that his county will no longer be used as a platform to insult Uhuru.

FIRMING CONTROL

- The President has lately been on the warpath, firming up his control of the region and instilling discipline in the governing Jubilee Party.
- Some of Ruto's supporters from Mt Kenya region, who were previously vocal in defence of their boss, have faded from the public arena.
- Some of the politicians are said to be fearing that the President might take the war to their constituencies and lock them out of Parliament in the next General Election.

Kindiki Speaker post ouster begins as Kang'ata tables motion

by Eric Wainaina
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The process of removing Senate Deputy Speaker Kindiki Kithure (*pictured*) started in earnest yesterday after the newly-elected Majority Whip Irungu Kang'ata tabled the motion to eject him from the coveted post over alleged disloyalty to President Uhuru Kenyatta.

The Murang'a Senator, who has become the driver of Uhuru's warhorse in the Senate, tabled the motion under Article 106 (2) of the Constitution, which provides for election and removal of House Speaker and deputy.

"I beg to move that this House resolves that Senator Kithure Kindiki be removed from the Office of the Deputy Speaker," reads the notice by Kang'ata. According to Section C of the Article, the office of Speaker or Deputy Speaker shall become vacant if the relevant House so resolves by resolution supported by the votes of at least two-thirds of its members.

In his motion which requires at least 45 out of 67 senators, Kang'ata is hoping to benefit from the recently-signed post-election deal between Jubilee Party—which has 34 senators—and Kanu (three) as well as Opposition which have an axe to grind with Deputy President William Ruto.

He said the Tharaka Nithi Senator wronged after he, together with



Ruto's allies refused to attend a meeting called by Uhuru at State House to change House leadership, and also failed to give explanation for skipping. Kindiki is perceived to be an ally of Ruto and those in his camp believe he is being targeted because of his allegiance to the DP. His removal comes just a week after that of Elgeyo Marakwet Senator Kipchuma Murkomen as Majority Leader and Nakuru's Susan Kihika as Majority Whip last week.

Change of loyalty

The move follows the careful change of loyalty to the President's side by Speaker Ken Lusaka, who was accused of throwing Murkomen and Kihika under the bus. Observers and leaders argue Kindiki thrust himself in the eye of the political storm by continuing to associate himself with Ruto's allies who have been accused defying Uhuru's directives.

Igembe North MP Maoka Maore, an ardent Uhuru ally, said the senator's continued stance in favour of the DP as shown by his actions had placed him on a collision path with the President.

"Kindiki holds a very sensitive position and from how he has been behaving, including his decisions while presiding the House sessions, shows that he is 100 per cent Tanga Tanga. If Uhuru was looking for allies to work with, I doubt Kindiki would be one of them," he said, adding that Kindiki's ruling against Uhuru's move to take over key operations of Nairobi County, through the Nairobi Metropolitan Services, could have angered Uhuru.


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CORONA VIRUS

Alarm raised over spike in home deaths

Government registers concern after figures of dying people grows in Mombasa, threatening to slow down gains in Covid-19 fight

by Noah Chepleon
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The government has raised the alarm over the rising number of people dying at home particularly in Mombasa county which now leads in the number of deaths, saying this is the latest impediment in the fight against coronavirus pandemic.

During his daily briefing at Afya House yesterday, Health Cabinet secretary Mutahi Kagwe said the trend, which is developing in the coastal city, is worrying adding this is a new challenge that medical experts and authorities have to grapple with in a bid to flatten the curve.

Accompanied by his East African Community counterpart Adan Mohamed, Kagwe cautioned Kenyans against staying at home with sick persons, saying this trend is going to speed up the spread of the disease in communities.

"People must not be kept at home. If you die at home it means the rate of infections would be a lot higher… If a person is unwell, please take them to the hospital," said Kagwe.

He said 30 per cent (15 cases) of the deaths so far occurred at home while 79 per cent of people who have tested positive are asymptomatic meaning they are showing no symptoms.

He said the government is going to step up psychosocial support and re-integration strategy to help patients overcome the disease and stigma associated with it.

"As I have said before, the government cannot fight this disease alone, every citizen as a role to play by adhering to the measures that have been set," he said.

He warned those taking care of sick relatives at home that they are likely to contract the virus because they don't have necessary expertise to handle such cases. "The war is far from being won but there is good progress…" he said adding that majority of Kenyans are now wearing masks.

During yesterday's session, Kagwe presented a detailed analytical report presenting the situation in the country since the first coronavirus case was reported in the country three months ago. Out of 1,933 samples in the last 24 hours, 51 tested positive; bringing the number of confirmed cases to 963, he said.

There was also a glimmer of hope after 22 more people were discharged from hospital bringing the total number of recoveries to 358, the number of deaths remains at 50. Although Nairobi leads in the number of infections at 470, Mombasa has reported more deaths 27.

According to the report presented by Kagwe, Nairobi and Mombasa contribute 83 per cent of the cases in the country with 23 out of the 47 counties having confirmed cases—Meru and Garissa counties being the latest to report.

Majority of the confirmed cases are males (62 per cent) while females are 38 per cent with the disease which causes respiratory complications cutting across all age groups. Mvita and Kamunkunji leads in the number of infections in Mombasa and Nairobi respectively.

With 331 confirmed cases—the second highest in the country—Mombasa has contributed more than half of death toll, a challenge that experts were yesterday trying to crack. There were a total of 555 active cases in the country as of yesterday.

Kagwe took time to highlight importance of social distancing citing a case where one person in Kilifi has led to several infections in neighboring counties such as Mombasa.

However, CS Mohamed attributed the high number of cases in areas inhabited by Muslim faithful to religious events such Ramadhan whereby communities come together to pray and break the fasting.

"As a Muslim, I know there is a lot of coming together during this period of Ramadan and we forget measures such as social distancing… I want to appeal to our brothers to adhere to these measures and keep the disease away," said Mohamed.

Although the two CSs downplayed the diplomatic tiff between Kenya and Tanzania after President Kenyatta ordered closure of its borders, they said the action was done in good faith and in concurrence with EAC protocols to combat Covid-19.

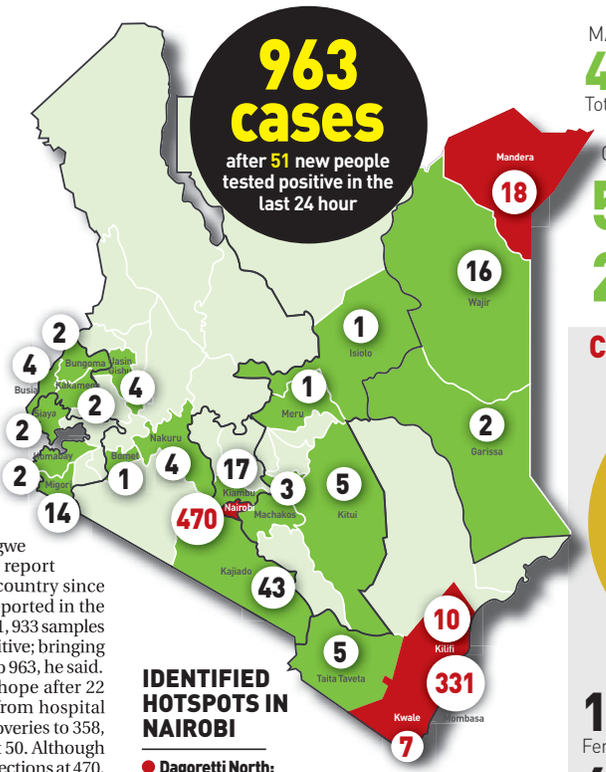
Kagwe said figures indicated a big portion of new cases was imported from neighbouring countries with truck drivers being the main culprits. The number of testing facilities have risen from two when the first case was reported to 20 - 17 of them being private entities.

Mobile testing labs have been dispatched to Namanga—the busiest border between Kenya and Tanzania—and Naivasha where truck drivers will be tested in the coming days.

The government has also established short-term, mid-term and long-term goals that will lead to reopening of the economy and returning the country to normalcy.



Health CS Mutahi Kagwe responds to concerns raised during yesterday's media briefing at Afya House, Nairobi. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



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- **Dagoretti North:** Kawangware, Kilimani, Kileleshwa, Hurlingham, Lavington
- **Kamukunji:** Eastleigh
- **Langata:** South C, Karen
- **Kibra:** Kibera kwa DC
- **Embakasi South:** Pipeline
- **Embakasi North:** Dandora
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- **Westlands:** City Park Manji court, Parklands
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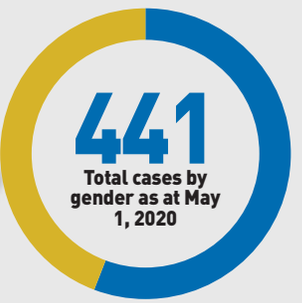
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46984 Total tested | **358** Recovered | **50** Deaths

CASES BY AGE DISTRIBUTION

552 cases between 30 to 59 years
76 cases above 60 years
238 cases between 15 to 29 years
97 cases below 14 years

Cases as at May 1, 2020



181 Female cases **44%**

230 Male cases **56%**

14 of 47
Counties affected. Majority of cases **(91%)** reported in Nairobi and Mombasa.

71% are asymptomatic

Source: Ministry of Health, www.worldometers.com **Graphic:** Michael Mosota

Africa: Covid-19 cases

Country	Cases	Deaths
South Africa	16,433	286
Egypt	12,764	645
Algeria	7,201	555
Morocco	6,972	193
Nigeria	6,175	191
Ghana	5,918	31
Cameroon	3,529	140
Guinea	2,796	16
Senegal	2,617	30
Sudan	2,591	105
Côte d'Ivoire	2,119	28
DR Congo	1,538	61
Djibouti	1,518	7
Somalia	1,455	57
Gabon	1,432	11
Mayotte	1,370	18
Tunisia	1,043	46
Guinea-Bissau	1,032	4
Kenya	963	50
Niger	909	55
Mali	874	52
Burkina Faso	796	51
Zambia	772	7
Equatorial Guinea	719	7
Chad	519	53
Sierra Leone	519	33
Tanzania	509	21

Africa: Covid-19 cases

Réunion	446	0
Congo	412	15
Central African Republic	366	0
Ethiopia	365	5
Benin	339	2
Mauritius	332	10
Togo	330	12
Cabo Verde	328	3
Madagascar	326	2
Rwanda	297	0
South Sudan	290	4
Uganda	260	0
Sao Tome & Principe	246	7
Liberia	233	23
Eswatini	205	2
	146	0
Mauritania	81	4
Malawi	70	3
Libya	65	3
Angola	50	3
Zimbabwe	46	4
Burundi	42	1
Eritrea	39	0
Botswana	25	1
Gambia	24	1
Namibia	16	0
Comoros	11	1
Seychelles	11	0
Western Sahara	6	0
Lesotho	1	0

WORLD	EUROPE	NORTH AMERICA	ASIA	SOUTH AMERICA	AFRICA	OCEANIA
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1,929,951 recovered	**790,700** recovered	**450,523** recovered	**482,372** recovered	**162,633** recovered	**35,116** recovered	**7,956** recovered
320,964 deaths	**163,928** deaths	**104,516** deaths	**25,317** deaths	**24,208** deaths	**2,859** deaths	**121** deaths

Tanzania border closure stirs trade row

Dodoma retaliates move by Uhuru to restrict cross-border movement, barring entry of Kenyan trucks

by Christine Musa, Seth Onyango and George Kebaso
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The move by Kenya to shut its borders with Tanzania in a bid to contain the spread of Covid-19 has brewed fresh animosity between Nairobi and Dodoma in what is turning out into a trade war.

Yesterday, the two nations showed no sign of letting up, with Kenya maintaining that its borders are open for movement of goods, but Tanzania, in retaliation, sealed off all its frontier points with Kenya completely.

The Kenyan government took the step following increased cases of Covid-19 imported from Tanzania amid regional fears that Tanzania's casual approach to the disease was posing a health risk to her neighbours.

Local consumers are bound to bear the brunt of the simmering diplomatic tiff, with the cost of food and other commodities expected to skyrocket.

Kenya imports vegetables, oil seeds, rice, wheat, textiles and clothing, hides and skins, paper and paperboard, footwear, wood, plastic and rubber, among other products, from Tanzania. With the restricted cross-border movement, supply will be disrupted and Kenyans will be forced to dig deeper into their pockets.

According to the Economic Survey 2020, the volume of trade between Kenya and Tanzania stands at around Sh65 billion.

Trading partners

Kenya exported goods worth Sh33.7 billion while Tanzania's made up 27.6 billion making it one of the country's biggest trading partners in East and Central Africa *(see separate story)*.

But even as the row escalates, Health Cabinet Secretary Mutahi Kagwe and his East African Community counterpart Adan Mohamed yesterday said the closure of the Tanzania border saved the country from more coronavirus infections since a total of 289 drivers had been turned away.

However, the duo extended an olive branch to Tanzania, saying they are ready to resolve any differences and misunderstandings that the border closure might have occasioned.



East African Community and Regional Development CS Adan Mohamed at the daily Covid-19 media briefing in Nairobi, yesterday. He down-played the row between Kenya and Tanzania over closure of borders. PD/ KENNA CLAUDE

Sh65b
The volume of Kenya Tanzania trade.

"Imagine if we hadn't turned away those truck drivers who tested positive at the border, they would be roaming around and the rate of infections would be high," said Kagwe, adding that the measures were taken in agreement with other East African states.

Adan downplayed the move by Tanzanian authorities to block Kenyans from entry, saying only 5-7 trucks had been stopped.

"There are isolated cases and we are going to address them with our counterparts," he said.

Speaking separately, Rift Valley regional commissioner George Natembeya appealed to Tanzanian authorities to work with their Kenyan counterparts to fight the spread of the Covid-19.

Speaking during a visit to the border town of Angata Barikoi Ward in Narok yesterday, he said joint efforts would ensure a coordinated response to the virus.

In Tanzania, Kenyan ambassador Dan Kazungu went on a fire-fighting mission to quell the situation and assured that the border issue will be resolved.

A day after President Uhuru Kenyatta closed borders with Tanzania and Somali to curb imported cases of Covid-19, Tanzania, in a quick rejoinder, banned entry of Kenyans trucks into the country.

Tanga provincial commissioner Martine Shigela warned that no Kenyan trucks would be allowed into their country, arguing that Kenyan drivers are exporting the virus into Tanzania.

Shun Kenyans

Shigela expressed disappointment in the manner the Kenyan government health officials were conducting Covid-19 tests, saying they are taking too long leading to losses in terms of fresh produce in transit.

He also urged Tanzanians to avoid from doing business with Kenyans and focus on other business partners.

Before the closure of the border, cross-border movement at Namanga, Shompole and Tarakea points continued as usual amid uproar from Kenyans who feared a possible spread of the virus.

Namanga border ordinarily registers hundreds of trucks into the country. Hundreds of people crisscross the border to do business.

On several occasions Namanga residents have protested, calling for closure of the border to curb the spread of the virus.

While residents celebrated the move by Uhuru, their Tanzanians counterparts were quick to accuse Kenyans of malice and bias.

"Kenyans perceive us as Covid-19 carriers and they have now influenced leaders to harass us and block us from business," said Ahmed Zuia, a Tanzanian.

Livestock herders were quick to laud the move, saying they have always been short-changed by their Tanzanian counterparts.

Ilbisil market is a huge market for Tanzanian herders who bring at least 600 cattle and over 2,000 sheep and goats on a market day. Tanzanian herders who only pay Sh50 per cattle and Sh30 per goat or sheep as entry free have always enjoyed an upper hand in the market over their Kenyan counterparts due to their foreign exchange value.

Tanzanians sell their livestock cheaply. On several occasions Kenyan herders have unsuccessful tried to block Tanzanians over unfair business competition but the East Africa Community bilateral trade regulations have not given them legal grounds on the matter.

For instance a cow which a Kenyan herder sells at Sh50,000, a Tanzanian will sell at Sh30,000.

On the other hand Kenyan herders do not sell livestock in the Tanzanian markets due to the low currency exchange rate.

Ilbisil, Maili Tisa, Loitoktok and Namanga towns markets are dominated by Tanzanians who mainly sell fresh produce and clothes.

It is not the first time Kenya and Tanzania authorities are locking horns. In 2017, Tanzania burnt 6,400 chicks and 5,000 day-old chicks in 2018 saying they were illegally imported into the country.

DEFIANT MAGUFULI

- East Africa leaders have criticised Tanzania President John Pombe Magufuli's "casual approach" in his response to coronavirus.
- Other East African nations have adopted strict measures, including lockdowns, to stop the virus. Magufuli ,on the other hand, told Tanzanians to pray, blaming the increased positive Covid-19 cases on alleged faulty testing kits.
- This has seen Tanzania's neighbours close their borders with it.
- Kenya's opposition leader Raila Odinga, a long time friend of Magufuli, criticised the Tanzanian president for defiance.



Truck drivers stranded at the Namanga border point recently after Kenya closed its borders with Tanzania. PD/ CHRISTINE MUSA

Sh65 billion trade at stake in neighbours tiff

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The current Kenya-Tanzania tiff over closure of borders is set to disrupt an annual bilateral trade worth Sh65 billion.

As the border row between the two countries ensues, local consumers are set to fork out more cash to buy food since Kenya imports more agricultural produce from her neighbour.

Meanwhile, Tanzania imports more processed goods from Kenya. The imports have already taken a hit as consumers halt expenditure on non-essential goods in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic.

On this tiff, experts expect Kenya to be the first to blink if it is to salvage the market. Last year alone, Kenya exported goods worth Sh33.7 billion to Tanzania, making it one of the country's biggest trading partners in East and Central Africa, while Tanzanian imports in the country stood at Sh27.6 billion.

The value of exports to Tanzania, increased by 13.0 per cent per cent showing an upward trajectory as relations between the two states improved.

Kenya imports vegetables, oil seeds, rice, wheat, textiles and clothing, hides and skin, paper and paperboard, footwear, wood, plastic and rubber and other products from Tanzania.

Tanzania is the fourth largest seller of goods to Kenya behind South Africa (Sh53.094 billion), Egypt (Sh28.868 billion) and Uganda (Sh27.490 billion).

Experts have for long argued that Tanzania feels that Kenya is benefiting more from trade partnerships hence the strained relations.

In September 2014, Tanzania was the largest export destination of Kenyan goods within East Africa.

Kenya's total exports to Tanzania in 2011 were valued at Sh50 billion as compared to Sh39 billion in 2010.

Kenya's imports from Tanzania were valued at Sh18.5 billion in 2011, an increase from Sh12.6 in 2010.

In the years between 2007 and 2008, Tanzanian exports to Kenya increased by 17 per cent.

The balance of trade still favours Kenya. In terms of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), Kenyan firms have operations in Tanzania.

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Postpone national exams to next year

Efforts by the government to ensure learning continues during the long school break occasioned by the outbreak of coronavirus pandemic are commendable.

But it is now evident that the idea of online, radio and TV broadcasts learning platforms established by the government is not working.

In many rural areas, families lack access to radio, TV and the Internet. That means for the two months that schools have been closed due to the pandemic, children in rural areas and urban slums have not been learning.

A report released on Monday by Usawa, a non-governmental organisation, shows that only 22 out of every 100 children have access to learning through the Internet. According to the study, private school learners are twice as likely to access digital lessons compared to those in public schools.

The study also shows that less than 10 per cent of learners in public schools have access to digital learning materials. It further shows that two in every 10 parents are not even aware their children should be learning remotely from home.

As Usawa recommends, the government should acknowledge the fact that there is no systematic remote learning going on across the country.

The survey raises questions on whether integration of ICT tools is promoting learning or widening inequalities in access to quality education.

Teachers in rural areas are projecting poor performance in national examinations by learners in public institutions in remote areas unless the tests are postponed or rescheduled.

The government must ensure the coronavirus pandemic does not widen academic divide between the rich and the poor.

Going forward, the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders need to re-strategise on the e-learning, radio and TV broadcasts. What is available is only benefitting the 'haves' while disadvantaging the 'have nots'.

But more importantly, there is need for a more realistic approach to the learning crisis. The best option would be to review and extend the school calendar, rescheduling national exams for 2021.

The ministry and other stakeholders—led by the National Covid-19 Education Response Committee—should consider allowing schools to pick up learning activities from where they had reached in March, before the closures, to ensure fairness to all learners.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

IGBO PROVERB

A bird that flies off the earth and lands on an anthill is still on the ground.

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PATRICK KHAEMBA

We in Trans Nzoia acknowledge the contributions made by the Jua Kali sector especially at this time when Kenya is stepping up the war against coronavirus.



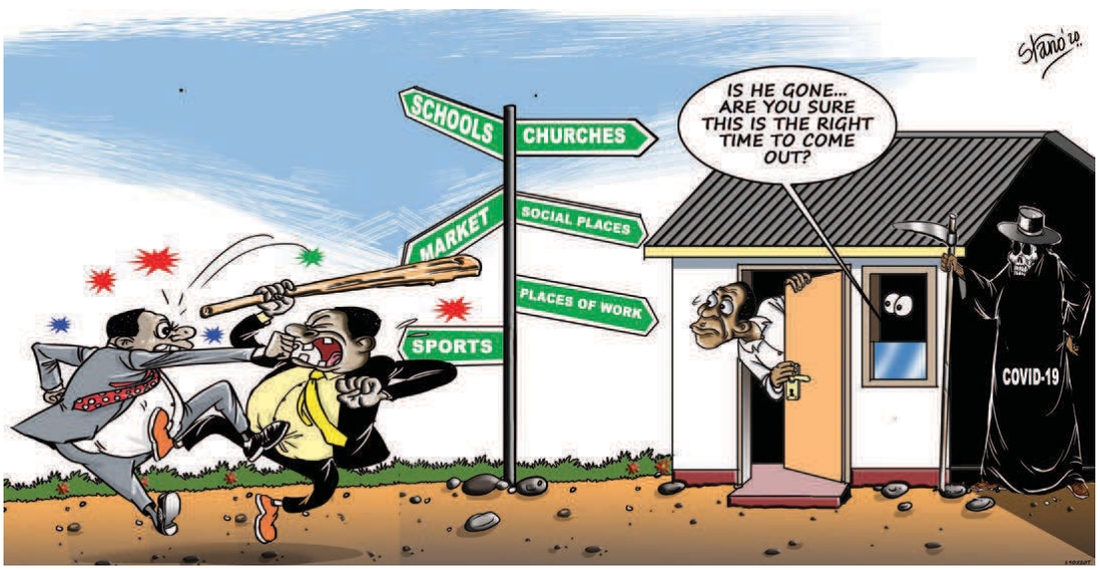
QU DONGYU

There is need for more vigilance to prevent a food crisis as the ongoing rains not only provide livelihoods for farmers and pastoralists but also favourable conditions for locusts to breed.



RIEK MACHAR

We are still awaiting other tests and hopefully tomorrow we will have the full list (of coronavirus positive cases among the taskforce). All our colleagues that have tested positive are in good health.



How to maintain innovation tempo post-Corona

It is human nature to build when in crisis.

In the past few weeks, we have seen manufacturers shift from the manufacture of their usual products to Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) and ventilators approved by the Kenya Bureau of Standard as a response to the coronavirus pandemic.

This has shown that Kenya has no shortage of innovative minds, a trait that we are well aware of. But this also brings to mind a critical question: What has been holding us back?

Innovations need deliberate investment in terms of capital, policy, supportive institutions and legislative frameworks. According to the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), the link between academia and industry is bolstered by successful innovation which cannot happen in isolation.

Innovation and actualisation is a journey that requires the right policies, finance and government assistance to make it a reality. The link between innovators and industry has to be made possible for seamless creativity. If this is done successfully, we will create a sustainable solution to reducing unemployment. Kenya has a budding youth population and supporting their innovative ventures will be a great boost to the competitiveness of the local manufacturing sector. Thus, the onus is on government, learning institutions, industry and the public to keep up the innovative bug beyond the pandemic.

If we look at one of the world's leading innovators, South Korea and its transformation



PHYLLIS WAKIAGA

Innovation and actualisation is a journey that requires the right policies.

from one of the poorest countries into an urbanised, high-technology economy with a highly-skilled workforce, we will find a rich history of investment in Research and Development as a share of GDP compared to other economies.

According to recent data by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), South Korea spent 4.29 per cent of its GDP on R&D in 2014, followed by Israel (at 4.11 per cent), and Japan (3.58 per cent).

As a country we need to create incentives for organisations and institutions to invest in Research and Development, for demo and prototype products and simulations to rejuvenate the innovation space.

Government support will go a long way in ensuring that innovators are provided with proper protection policies and supportive incentives to enable them create and be an integral driver for Kenya's economic growth and industrial development.

There is a need to continually equip the Kenya Industrial Property Institute to support the increasingly sophisticated trends in creativity through various technologies and the internet of things. We should also think about how to establish a pipeline that will see regional IP registration harmonised regionally making sure that patent laws are recognised across the divide.

The Kenya Association of Manufacturers has made sure, through its initiatives Manufacturing Academy as well as the Technical Vocational and Education Training (Tvet) Programme, that different stakeholders understand that IP laws are the only way to protect and grow their creativity.

As we progress the country beyond the Covid crisis, we need to prioritise the idea of strengthening our home grown solutions to be able to help our economy to withstand future shocks but also diversify our exports in the region.

We are working with the government to ensure these innovations are inculcated into the country's long-term economic strategy for self-sustenance.

We have the opportunity to use digital innovations to catalyse growth and re-imagine our future. In fact, the combination of digital transformation and innovation has turned the global business ecosystem upside-down, giving birth to a new generation of business models to which we should take advantage of with our innovation bug. I believe this can be achieved if we just have the sound progressive policies in place.

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Business continuity critical in face of uncertainties



EDDY NJOROGE

In Kenya, adoption of BCM and Risk Management Standards can support key policies

The volcanic activity of Eyjafjallajökull, in Iceland in 2010 caught many businesses and governments unawares. The consequences of the volcanic ash cloud that spewed in the Icelandic and European air space was felt far and wide. The airline industry bore the brunt of it all. Planes could not fly and as a result, air travel and transport in various parts of world were cancelled due to the airspace restrictions.

Wider impact was also felt in businesses that rely on trade from airlines and airports. Closer home, producers of perishable goods, such as flowers, were hit hard due to the grounding of flights. It was estimated that the Kenyan economy was incurring a loss of $3.8 million (about Sh400 million) each day from the disruption.

Such incidents can disrupt an organisation or business enterprise any time. These disruptions can range from natural disasters like; forest fires, volcanic eruptions, flash floods among others as well as man-made disasters like; cyber-attacks, post-election violence, mutiny, terrorist attacks, among others.

Pandemics such as SARS, H1N1 Virus, Ebola and now the Covid-19 are just some of the many unexpected threats to the smooth running of any organisation or business.

In today's world, businesses operate in an increasingly uncertain environment. Businesses that rely on global supply chains face even more complex business environment. The key concern for most managers is disruption of day to day operations and how to mitigate inconveniences.

It calls for robust business continuity planning to mitigate major disruptions. Recently, there has been growing recognition of a business-led process encompassing preparations for many forms of disruption which is now referred to as Business Continuity Management (BCM). Business continuity has evolved much more than just data retrieval because of power failure, fire incident or a computer crash as was the case in 80s and 90s.

It is important to clarify the convergence between BCM and Risk Management. BCM is about actions required when the disruption occurs to keep the business or organisation running while risk management is about the possibility of an adverse event happening and the mitigating actions an organisation undertakes. Incorporating risk management and BCM into wider organisational governance framework, not only gives a better view of totality of risk an organisation faces but also places it on a pedestal to understand overall exposure to business interruption and fully prepare for any eventuality.

The interplay between international Standards and management systems like BCM and risk management will be of great importance. In recent years, International Standards like those developed by International Organisation for Standardsation (ISO) have become central to BCM and Risk management.

ISO 31000; Risk management Standard developed by the Risk Management technical committee of ISO, was previously published in 2009 updated in 2018, under the leadership of British Standards Institute. It provides direction on how companies can integrate risk-based decision making into an organisation's governance, planning, management, reporting, policies, values, and culture. By implementing ISO 31000 organisations can be able see both the positive opportunities and negative consequences associated with risk. It allows for more informed, and thus more effective, decision making, namely in the allocation of resources.

These standards are becoming widely adopted. They represent unanimity and represent globally agreed best practices. ISO Standards are developed by a diverse range of specialists from all over the world, from all areas where the standards have an impact, such as industry, government, academia, standardisation.

Standards also provide an assessment platform if the business is ready for any interruption. Implementing BCM standard does not necessarily offer competitive advantage but helps achieve organisational resilience during disruption.

In Kenya, adoption of BCM and Risk Management Standards can support key policies such as National Policy for disaster management in Kenya. They can offer significant contribution to county governments on how well to prepare and manage risks in their operations.

The ability to recover, resume operations after a disruption should be an immediate concern and a key focus area for businesses in Kenya.

—The writer is the president of International Organization for Standardization and board member, KEBS

Online fight against doping way to go amid pandemic



SIMON MWANGI

This spells a new dawn and may also serve as an African lesson moving forward

The coronavirus pandemic has dealt a huge blow to the fight against doping in sport, with calls for social distancing affecting critical activities such as testing and anti-doping education.

Across the world, Anti-Doping Organisations (ADOs) are increasingly finding themselves re-designing their models to cope with the new normal of conducting anti-doping education online. There are challenges associated with this technique of conducting business, especially in a country such as Kenya which is the bedrock for athletics.

The Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya (ADAK) has come up with a plan on how to roll out online anti-doping education sessions for athletes and their support personnel across all sports disciplines.

Considering that sports activities have ground to a halt, there have been reports of some athletes in Kenya turning to other economic activities for survival. This means that extra effort is required to ensure that such persons access the online resources earmarked for anti-doping education.

The sessions will involve live online meetings between anti-doping educators and a select group of athletes or support personnel (coaches, technical managers, team doctors etc) on specific topics. Before the pandemic, education workshop sessions were conducted physically in classrooms-style to target groups.

Statistics from the Communications Authority of Kenya indicate that as of December 2019 there were approximately 46,870,422 Internet users in the country representing 87.2 per cent penetration. Couple this with the fact that Google Loon internet balloons went airborne in the Kenyan space towards the end of April and you have a conducive environment for effective internet-based anti-doping education sessions.

Largely, the country boasts a youthful population that also dominate the sports sector. The census report revealed that more than half of the Kenyan population is below the age of 35 years, with the age distribution between male and female genders averagely equal. All these statistics serve to reinforce the fact that indeed online anti-doping education interventions can and should work. It further cements the fact that most Kenyan athletes are educated and can access the internet.

Developed countries have for a long time been leveraging on online platforms in the fight against doping. However, these interventions were being carried out alongside physical meetings where anti-doping education was also carried out. Increasingly, most sports disciplines across the world are demanding that athletes be sensitised on anti-doping issues before they attend any major competitions.

Online learning presents new ways of content delivery and in a subject as interesting as anti-doping, this new normal is bound to generate a lot of interest from athletes.

This spells a new dawn in the fight against doping in Kenya and may also serve as an African lesson moving forward. The success of this venture means corresponding effort in trying to slay the doping dragon which has dogged the sports industry in this country for years on end.

Hopefully, this is going to be the magic wand which will save Kenya's athletics sector from always being categorised in the Red Zone of doping risk.

—The writer is an educator, Anti-Doping Agency of Kenya

#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR

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Twitterati was elated after former Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu was spotted buying a blazer in the streets.

@Josholuga: There is nothing unusual about Waititu strolling in the streets of Nairobi buying a jacket. In other presidents,PMs queue for services like ordinary citizens.

@patohkaranja: I think its funny how Twitter is all over this man Waititu while he is actually living his life. Probably way better than some. Let a man buy a coat in peace.

@stuuks: We should give it to Waititu he has adjusted accordingly *wengine wetu tukifutwa kazi tunashikwa na depression sababu ya* STANDARDS.

@Stegasteel: If I had the power to decide the only person to have a driver and a bodyguard would be the President..... Everyone else should drive themselves to work. Waititu is doing just fine.

STREET TALK

Chopper ride, anyone? Unionist flexes muscles

A story is told of a how a flamboyant trade unionist left some invited guests who had gathered at some residence in Karen for lunch in shock when he arrived at the venue in his own helicopter. After the luncheon, which had dragged on for more than three hours as the bigwigs discussed the political situation in the country, the trade unionist offered to drop all those present in their respective residences in his helicopter. First to be dropped was a leading political figure, who also stays in Karen area. The last person to be dropped was a controversial politician, who has not vied for any seat in the last two elections, and stays in Nairobi's Garden estate.

Governor in dilemma over Jubilee infighting

A governor from a Coast county has found himself in a fix in the ongoing infighting in the Jubilee party. The man currently serving his second term is in a dilemma on which group to join without posing a risk to his political career. The man who was previously perceived to be a Tanga Tanga diehard is said to have changed his mind in the beginning on the year and has since then taken a neutral stand. But he knows neutral is not an option for him.

Union leader feels the pinch of Corona crisis

A leader of one of the oldest trade unions in the country is reportedly living from hand to mouth as coronavirus effects ravage families. The man, who has had some run-ins with the government is said to have been depending on the generosity of a colleague heading a leading union for his survival. But since the pandemic was reported, the philanthropist trade unionist has switched off the cash taps.

Parastatal chief ready for imminent exit

The CEO of a parastatal under the Ministry of Agriculture seems to have given up his hopes of having his contract extended for the third time. Besides having confided in his friends that he is prepared to leave, the man, who once expressed interest for a gubernatorial position in some county in Western Kenya, has been busy packing his belongings ready to leave the office in a few months.



TRUTHIS: When your life honours God, even your silence is eloquent.



Daniel Kuria, developer of Smart Edoo app, at his office in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

Youth develops learning app as re-opening dates uncertain

Schools have remained shut since they were closed in March to prevent the spread of coronavirus

by Alvin Mwangi
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They say necessity is the mother of invention and as the world continues to grapple with the coronavirus pandemic, Daniel Kuria, a 25-year-old aeronautical engineer, has developed an education application where learners can get learning materials as they await the reopening of schools.

"Everybody is uncertain about the exact date of schools reopening. Despite the government trying to contain the disease, numbers are getting higher each day. This is why I saw the gap and decided to come up with this app, not for monetary gains but to respond to the pandemic which has brought everything into a standstill," he says.

Despite the innovation of the app costing him close to Sh1 million, it will be available for Sh5.

Dubbed 'Smart Edoo', the web application caters for pre-primary to Class Eight learners and it is based on the competence-based curriculum design for Pre-Primary One to Grade Four and the old syllabus system for Class Five to Eight.

Keeps track

Kuria said the platform contains video teaching sessions, notes and a smart quiz at the end of every lesson.

"We have designed this app in way that at the end of the quiz, the results will be automatic where one will not have to wait until the next session to know their score. For subjects such as Mathematics, we have videos where the teacher will show the learner where they went wrong," he said.

Furthermore, the app keeps track of every score through a dashboard.

For candidates, the platform offers a mock test after every three smart quizzes.

Kuria says the app has incorporated a creative intelligence course where learners will be taught different skills, including making of drones, music and animation.

Schools have remained shut for 56 days now since they were closed in mid-March to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

While appearing before the National Assembly Education Committee on Thursday last week, Education Cabinet Secretary allayed fears expressed by thousands of parents and guardians that the government sponsored e-learning programmes would create inequality given that underprivileged students may not have devices to access the content.

"In order to be fair to all the children, who in my opinion, must be treated equally, when schools re-open we shall ensure that the children cover what they have lost," he said.

FEARS ALLAYED

- **Dubbed 'SMART EDOO', the web application caters for pre-primary to Class Eight learners.**
- **Education CS has in the past allayed fears that e-learning programmes will create inequality among learners as some cannot access the content.**

BRIEFLY

Khaemba vows support for artisans in coronavirus war

Trans Nzoia Governor Patrick Khaemba has pledged to support the efforts of local Jua Kali artisans, who have manufactured thermal scanners as the war on coronavirus continues across the country. He acknowledged the sector's contribution and asked the National government to assist local artisans in building capacities. Khaemba (*pictured*) was speaking at the county headquarters in Kitale during the launch of a locally-made thermal scanner fitted with several CCTV cameras. "We would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the Jua Kali sector especially this time of coronavirus. The successful assembly of this scanner



booth which I am told can sanitise up to 7,000 people in a day will help us keep our people safe," he said. The governor said his administration had set aside Sh150 million to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) and equipping of the isolation centres at Mt Elgon Hospital and others at the Doctor's Plaza and Kapsara Health Centre.

- **David Musundi**

'Consider social distancing rule' before opening schools

The Ministry of Education has been urged to carry out an audit on schools capacity management before students resume classes after the Covid-19 pandemic break. "There is need to audit schools before re-opening for the second term to ensure the social distancing directive is effectively adhered to," said Central Alego MCA Leonard Oriaro. He said most learning institutions have crowded classrooms thus inhibiting the social distancing strategy. "The institutions, from pre-primaries to universities, have overcrowded learners in classrooms therefore the government should find a way of ensuring that social distancing is maintained," said Oriaro. The MCA made the remarks in Boro area during the distribution of sugar, masks and bar soaps to 10,000 residents of his ward. Knut Siaya branch executive secretary Alex Dunga, said even if the government decides to allow only candidates to resume learning, it will still not be easy to adhere to social distancing rule due to congestion. He urged the government to suspend the opening of schools and postpone KCPE and KSCE exams until next year.

-**Eric Juma**



Things elephant...

Wildlife officials load an elephant onto a truck at Enkamuriaki area of Kitengela, on Monday. The elephant was captured alongside two others that strayed from the park, leaving residents living in fear of attacks for three days. PD/CHRISTINE MUSA

Initiative to benefit special needs people in Meru county

by Dorcas Mbatia
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Meru County Government has launched a food programme targeting more than 70,000 persons living with disabilities (PLWDs) and other families affected by economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Governor Kiraitu Murungi said his government is focused on ensuring that PLWDs get food, face masks and sanitisers as the country continues to fight the deadly virus.

"My government will give first priority on food donation to the PLWDs and poor families in the region because some of these people cannot walk or farm meaning they are greatly affected especially during these tough times," said Kiraitu.

Special kitty

Meru county PLWDs chairman Mike Makarina urged the National and County governments to set aside a special coronavirus kitty to protect special needs persons, whom he said are the most vulnerable to the disease.

"As the government continues to protect it citizens we are asking both units of government to ensure special funds are set aside and channeled to people living with disability to enable them to stay at home..." he said.

At the same time, the governor said the county has purchased an oxygen machine worth Sh40 million that will serve the entire region and more PPEs for health workers which has cost the county Sh10 million.

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Court summons Senator Ole Kina over comments

State, cohesion body want fiery Narok politician charged for 'inciting' statement he made during live television talkshow

by Alphonse Mung'ahu
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A Nairobi court has summoned Narok Senator Ledama ole Kina to appear in person to answer charges of ethnic contempt on comments he made in February 19 during a live TV show.

The senator is accused of making remarks that were intended to incite feelings of discrimination against non-Maasai communities living in Narok county based on their ethnicity.

When the case came up for plea taking before Milimani Senior Principal Magistrate Kennedy Cheruiyot, the prosecution applied for summons for the senator, saying he was not present in court to answer to the charges against him.

The magistrate granted the application and issued summons for Kina to appear in court on June 2.

The charge against the senator states that on February 19 appearing on Jeff Koinange Live, a Citizen TV show uttered words "that Maasai issues will be articulated by Maasais! Not Manje... Who is...who... who can be able to get an audience in Mt Kenya."

According to the prosecution the charges against Ole Kina committed the offiences contrary to the National Cohesion and Integration Act12 of 2008.

The senator was recently elected the chair of the Senate County Public Accounts and Investment Committee which ODM had contested his removal, citing dissatisfaction with the conduct and outcome of the elections.

The prosecution says Kina's words were "intended to incite feelings of discrimination against non-Maasai communities living in Narok county based on their ethnicity".

In the case, the complainant is the Republic of Kenya through the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC).

The prosecution has lined up Joseph Wathigo Manje, chief investigating officer Omondi Ogola, among others as witnesses.

Manje, 57, is the MP for Kajiado North constituency, Kajiado county.

The senator early this year hit the headlines after saying the Maa community had been sidelined and their plight needed to be addressed in matters national development.

He petitioned the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) steering committee to solve the land issues in the Maasai-dominated areas such as Narok, so that the local people could maintain a steady income.

He argued that non-locals were buying land meant for agriculture and then selling the same to make huge profits.

He has business interests in the leather and construction industries.

The NCIC condemned the senator's remarks.

"With regards to the statements made on #JKLive, the matter has come to our attention and we strongly condemn such utterances that may hinder cohesion in the country. We urge Kenyans to maintain peace & continue engaging in the BBI process even as we look into the matter," NCIC said.

On February 25, the senator was arrested as he left the Royal Media Services studios after an interview. He was taken to the NCIC offices for interrogation.

During the BBI forum in Narok in February, Kina said the community must stand firm to protect their land and territory.

"We are very hospitable, we have invited everybody to this meeting. We must stand firm to protect our land and territory. Are we children of a lesser god? Why have we become the target of everybody?" he posed back then.

After his arrest on Februart 25 at Royal Media offices, he was taken to Kilimani Police Station for questioning over his remarks made during a BBI rally on Saturday, February 22. In the remarks, Kina reiterated the comments he had made on JKL a few days earlier.

NCIC chair Samuel Kobia said the senator's comments had threatened the cohesion fabric in Narok and its environs.

"These invective and diatribe utterances have caused animosity and triggered tension among the different communities living in the county," he said.



Narok County Senator Ledama ole Kina addresses a previous press conference. PD/FILE

FAO: Wave of locust attack may have been averted

by Mwangi Mumero
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Another wave of destructive locust invasion situation projected for Kenya and other East African nations may be averted, according to a recent report by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

QU Dongyu, FAO director general said there has been significant gains made in the fight against desert locust upsurge in East Africa and Yemen.

"There is need for more vigilance to prevent a food security crisis as the ongoing rainy season not only provides livelihoods for farmers and pastoralists but also favourable conditions for locusts to breed," said Dr Dongyu in a progress report released recently.

Experts warn of the potential destruction of the locusts which continue to affect huge swathes of land in the region

FAO is already working closely with local and national governments and partners, supporting surveillance and control operations and initiating efforts to safeguard livelihoods and assist in the longer-term recovery and resilience of those affected.

Experts add that intensive ground and aerial control operations need to be scaled up urgently to detect and reduce the locust numbers before they spread further.

According FAO's progress report on the locust situation in the region, preliminary estimates indicate that 720,000 tonnes of cereal, enough to feed five million people a year, have been saved in 10 countries.



Managers seized over plastic bags

Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) officers from Nairobi have arrested three managers of a Changamwe-based company for illegally manufacturing plastic carrier bags.

The Rhino Packaging Company's supervisor and two production managers were cornered at the factory on Tuesday afternoon while they were allegedly in the process of manufacturing the banned bags.

DCI officers from Parklands in Nairobi had laid an ambush outside the company since Monday evening following a tip-off from members of the public.

The government effected a ban on the use, manufacture, sale or importation of plastic bags on August 28, 2017. The ban took effect after a six-month compliance window contained in a gazette notice by the Environment Ministry, lapsed.

Changamwe sub-county police boss Ali Diema said two other persons escaped during the operation. **-Harrison Kivisu**

BRIEFLY

Kinyua leads tree planting in Ngong

The government yesterday oversaw the planting of 8,000 tree seedlings in Ngong Hills in a bid to increase forest cover in the country. Head of Public Service Dr Joseph Kinyua who led a host of top government officials including several CASs and PSs in the exercise, called for collective responsibility and dedication of efforts in undertaking of the enormous task of increasing the country's forest cover through massive seedlings production, rehabilitation, restoration of degraded forest landscapes, as well as on-farm tree planting by members of the public. Speaking at the event, Kinyua said science has shown that conservation of biodiversity will help in preventing strange viruses from escaping their wild hosts to human beings. **- George Kebaso**



Parents in court to stop virtual classes

Parents from two private schools in Mombasa have moved to court seeking to stop mandatory virtual learning for their children and payment of Term Two fees. The parents from M.M Shah/M.V. Shah Academy and Oshwal Academy are challenging the commencement of Term Two despite a directive from Education CS George Magoha the school calendar has not moved to Second Term. On Friday, the court stopped Oshwal from commencing Term Two learning and decision requiring parents to pay school fees in full before July 21. In a letter to the parents, the school management said it will abide with the orders of the court to halt the learning until the matter is heard and determined. School head Jackline Amiga said the virtual learning platform had been pulled down. **- Monica Kagia**

Seven Kebs officials set to be arraigned

Seven Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) top officials including a manager in Kisumu are to be charged with fraud. Jackline Njeri, Florence Owino, Catherine Nangila, Daniel Onuko, Eric Kibet, Linet Bitengo and Rose Wangui will appear before chief magistrate Peter Gesoro for conspiring to defraud contrary to section 317 of the penal code. The officers are alleged to have on diverse dates between July 1 2017 and October 31, 2018 at the Kebs offices in Kisumu conspired to defraud the government of Sh2.7 million by depositing the said money into operations account instead of revenue accounts. In the second account, the seven are charged with false accounting by public officers contrary to section 331(1) where they knowingly furnished a false statement of money received. **- Viola Kosome**

BRIEFLY



Civil society seeks help for Kisii elderly

A civil society organisation official has urged Kisii county government to support the elderly with foodstuff to mitigate the impact of Covid-19. Hearts for Change programme officer Lilian Marwa said majority of the senior citizens are poor, sickly and suffering in rural areas. She said they could not go to hospitals after they were told they are vulnerable and advised to stay at home to avoid contracting the disease.

– Robert Ochoro



Mother, sons on the run after kin murder

Police in Bungoma are pursuing a mother and her two sons suspected to have hacked their father to death on Monday. According to area chief John Mwanja, the deceased, returned home drunk and quarrelled with the wife before the family members hacked him to death using a machete. The chief said police are looking for the trio who killed Ben Wafula and later fled from their Musitati village home.

–Yusuf Masibo



Resettle us before 2022 polls, say IDPs

The national internally displaced people (IDP) network, with more than 190,000 members, has appealed to the government to implement the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) report on IDP's before the 2022 polls. The IDPs, led by the network's national coordinator Raphael Eyanai, said the implementation of the report would be a major milestone to State commitment to settle the issue of those displaced since 1997.

– KNA



Nyoro vows to end rot in planning department

by Clement Kamau
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Kiambu Governor James Nyoro has decried what he called unfortunate rot in the county's planning department. Speaking at the county headquarters yesterday, Nyoro (*pictured*) said it is unfortunate to learn that many real estate investors had waited for physical planning approvals for long with some opting to pull out while others put up houses without the consent of the county. "I am aware that there are people constructing buildings without approvals from the county government but we shall soon streamline the department responsible for approvals," he said. The governor said he has disbanded cartels and deployed a professional and focused team. He said his administration has factored in cash for rehabilitation of roads rendered impassable by rains.

Kibor wants police to return pistol, says his life in danger

He claims his sons are determined to harm him after he defeated them in court battle over land

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Barely a day after winning a court battle against his six sons for the ownership of a multi-million-shilling agricultural land in Uasin Gishu county, controversial wealthy businessman-cum-politician Jackson Kibor now claims his life is danger.

He has now asked the National Police Service to give him back his Ceska pistol which was confiscated from him four years ago after he was involved in an altercation with one of his sons at the disputed 1,500 -acre land in Soy constituency.

He claims his sons, who he described as stubborn, were determined to harm him after he defeated them in the court battle.

" I am appealing to the police to expedite the process of returning my licenced fire-arm because I do not feel safe without the weapon since my sons are planning to revenge by harming me over the court ruling on land case matter," said Kibor.

Justice Anthony Ombwayo of Land and Environment court in Eldoret, declared that Kibor was the legal owner of the land and that his sons did not have valid documents to claim the ownership of the property.

The court consequently ordered the defendants in the case, Elkana Kipleting, Evans Kipkosgei, Eric Kipchumba, Raymond Kibitok, and Edwin Kipkoech and Ezekiel Kibor to vacate the land within 150 days failure to which they will be forcibly evicted.

Kibor, who large portions of land in Uasin Gishu and Trans Nzoia counties managed to convince the court to strike out documents showing that the land in dispute was transferred to his sons.

Police in Eldoret seized a fire arm from Kibor before arresting him four years ago after he allegedly attempted to shoot his son Ezekiel over a land dispute.

JACKSON KIBOR

I do not feel safe without the weapon

Kibor drew a gun and pointed the weapon at his son who was with three other people after he found him harrowing a section of the land with a tractor without his consent.

He had accused his sons, among them Ezekiel, of trying to bar him from cultivating his land despite having a court order allowing him to utilise the property.

The tycoon, in his defence, had claimed he was forced to remove his gun to scare away his son and three others who were armed with crude weapons with the intention of harming him.



Uasin Gishu county businessman-cum-politician Jackson Kibor. PD/ FILE



Accident scene

Residents at the scene of an accident where a Toyota Probox car rammed a boda boda shed in Nanyuki town, killing one rider and injuring five others. PD/ PAUL NDUNG'U



Endangered zebras safely translocated

At least 25 endangered Grevy's zebra were yesterday successfully translocated from Lewa Wildlife Conservancy to Sera Wildlife Community Conservancy in Samburu county. This is the latest in a series of moves aimed at boosting biodiversity in East Africa's first and only community-run black rhino sanctuary. "In Kenya, majority of the Grevy's zebra populations are found in the northern parts of the country, with Lewa being host to approximately 12 per cent of the total global population," said Dr Geoffrey Chege, Head of Conservation and Wildlife at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. According to the Grevy's Zebra Trust, the species has undergone one of the most substantial reductions of range of any African mammal.

-Bernard Gitau

Call for public input in county budget

Nakuru residents have called on the county government to ensure citizens' views are incorporated in the 2020/21 budget. They said public participation is key in enabling the citizenry to put in their views on the process before the same is finalised and approved. Through a letter to the County Ministry of Finance and Planning copied to County Assembly of Nakuru and Director of Budget, a group of residents led by Laban Musundi and Benson Macharia said public participation is a right imposed by the Constitution. Despite public gatherings being banned by the State due to the pandemic, the locals now want the county government to make use of online platforms for them to express their views.

-Roy Lumbe

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Reduction in allocation may have negative implications on... vulnerable people

Puzzle of Corona billions as vulnerable groups cry foul

Spotlight on Labour ministry co-ordinating disbursements amid questions over criteria of identifying beneficiaries

by Seth Onyango
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Questions have emerged over the use of funds set a side to cushion vulnerable groups from the economic pangs of Covid-19 amid claims of a Sh230 million budgetary increment.

In a memorandum to the National Assembly budget and appropriations committee, more than 100 experts have highlighted glaring inconsistencies, including the allocations of funds towards the National Safety Net Programme (NSNP).

International Budget Partnership Kenya in a review shows that allocations to the NSNP jumped 28.7 per cent (Sh8.7 billion more) to Sh38.8 billion in the second supplementary budget in April 2020.

But, allocations to the programme have shrunk from 25.9 per cent (Sh10.1 billion) to Sh28.8 billion in the 2020/21 estimates compared with the 2019/20 second supplementary budget.

"The reduction in allocation may have negative implications on the number of vulnerable people reached through the programme as the effects of coronavirus pandemic may last for a better part of 2020/21," reads the epistle by Expertise Global Consulting (EGC) in part.

It comes even as the poor and other vulnerable groups continue to decry lack of support from the government despite billions being pumped toward the corona relief kitty. It casts a spotlight on the Labour ministry which is tasked to coordinate the disbursement of the funds amid questions about the criteria used to identify beneficiaries. The Budget Policy Statement 2020 had set a ceiling for the National Safety Net programme at Sh28.57 billion with a funding gap of Sh14.1 billion 2020/21.

But EGC noted the 2020/21 allocations to the kitty, exceeds the ceiling marginally by Sh230 million, yet no explanation or justification has been provided as required by the PFM Act. At the same time, the expenditure of the social protection sector exceeded the exchequer issues between 2015/16 to 2018/19. Questions also abound on how the sector has been able to spend more than what it receives.

New audit queries come barely a fortnight after MPs put Labour Principal Secretary Nelson Marwa on the spot over the list of NSNP beneficiaries.

Budgets commitee

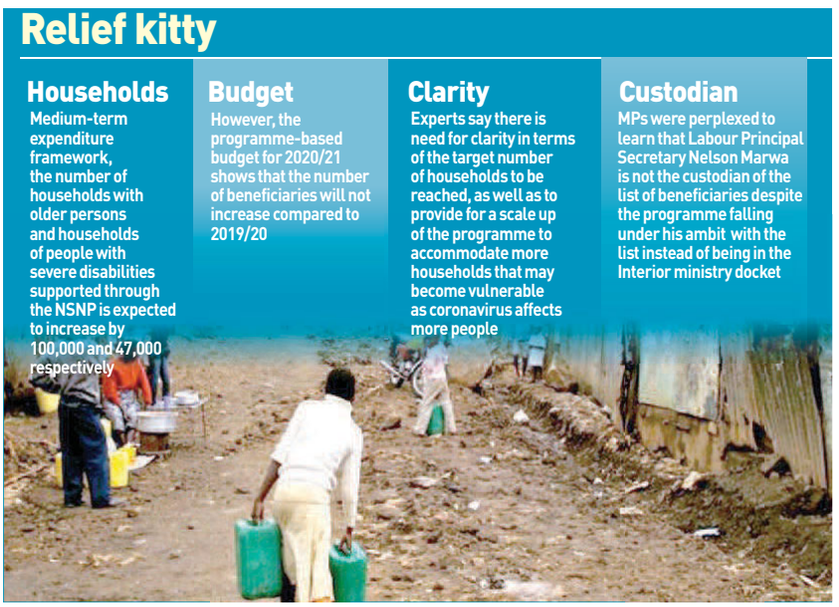
MPs were perplexed to learn that Marwa was not the custodian of the list of beneficiaries despite the programme falling under his ambit and instead with the Interior ministry. About 114 experts including top economists and financial gurus prepared the report that was submitted to the budgets commitee last week.

EGC further noted that of the Sh28.8 billion allocated to the NSNP, Sh26.2 billion will be used for the cash transfer programmes. "However, there is no breakdown in the line item budgets on how the allocation will be distributed among the three cash transfer programmes to ensure accountability and that each group of vulnerable people receives a fair share of the allocation," reads the report in part.

A comparison of the estimated resource requirements in the medium-term expenditure framework/social sector report for 2020/21-2022/23 and the allocations shows that the National Safety Net programme has a funding gap of Sh14.1 billion for 2020/21.

EGC said huge funding gaps is likely to limit the number of vulnerable people/households who can be reached through the programme.

According to the medium-term expenditure framework (Mtef), the number of households with older persons and households with people with severe disabilities supported through the NSNP is expected to increase by 100,000 and 47,000 respectively.



REPORT

There is no breakdown in the line item budgets on how the allocation will be distributed

BRIEFLY

Equity Afia opens two new clinics

Residents of Kasarani and Kiambu can now access quality and affordable medical services at the newly opened Equity Afia medical centres. Located opposite Vision Plaza on Thika Road, Equity Afia Kasarani has been established to meet the increasing demand of quality and affordable medical care, thus complementing services offered by government, other private healthcare providers and the already operational Equity Afia Kahawa West Medical Centre. Equity Group Foundation Executive Director, Reuben Mbindu said the organisation remains committed to providing quality, affordable, preventive and primary healthcare services in Kenya. "These two new clinics will go a long way in expanding our outreachnetwork in Kenya allowing us to serve more people."

– Noel Wandera



UK tourism boss backs 'air bridges'

The boss of the UK's national tourism agency has thrown its weight behind setting up so-called air bridges with countries with low coronavirus rates. Visit Britain chief executive Patricia Yates told MPs it was an "interesting" idea and indicated the US could be open to agreeing a deal. Air bridges would allow visitors from low-risk countries into the UK without having to quarantine for 14 days. A government spokesperson said air bridges were "not an agreed policy." He said: "Work on this is continuing. Ultimately we will be guided by science and the health of the public must come first." Transport Secretary Grant Shapps suggested on Monday that the government's plan to quarantine people arriving in UK for two weeks could include exceptions.

–BBC

Heritage Insurance taps technology to offer motorists premium relief

by Zachary Ochuodho
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Motorists who have insured with Heritage Insurance will get a five per cent refund following restrictions imposed by the government due to Covid-19 pandemic.

A study by Heritage Insurance indicates that 46 per cent of insured motorists drove less in the month of April. This is compared to their monthly driving range over the previous six months, an occurrence attributed to reduced movement and most people working from home.

Godfrey Kioi, the firm's CEO said Covid-19 pandemic has raised a lot of questions for conventional insurance products, adding that Kenyans are concerned that their cars are stationary yet insurers are still collecting premiums from them at normal rates. He said due to the reduced exposure the firm has announced, a five per cent refund to its policyholders, based on each individual's level of reduced driving in April.

Driving range

He said a normal driving range of a 7.5 per cent discount on the annual motor vehicle premium for customers converting to AutoCorrect during the months of May, June and July will get a 15 per cent discount for motorists on the motor cover for the months of May and June.

Speaking during the announcement, HG Thanawalla Insurance Brokers Ltd Managing Director, Taj Thanawalla said the discount is a material relief for customers, in these tough times. "It is a clear demonstration of the use of innovation to drive data-based and intelligent pricing, for the benefit of both the insured and the insurer," he added.



Herb farmers take a hit amid coronavirus pandemic

EXPORTS: For many farmers in Kenya, a bout of prolonged rain and flooding, as experienced since March, can wipe out a whole season of crops. But for herb grower Silas Mutuma, heavy rains often mean a year of solid profits.

Mutuma, the managing director of herb exporter Jambofresh Kenya, has reaped the benefits of a thriving horticultural sector that has become a major driver of Kenya's export revenue. But in recent weeks, his bounty has become a burden, as measures put in place to control the spread of the novel coronavirus led international buyers to cancel orders and brought Kenya's exports to a standstill for more than a month.

"This year, we have found ourselves in a big mess, stuck with produce that we can neither sell nor consume due to the coronavirus pandemic," said Mutuma, who grows basil, mint, thyme, chives and rosemary.

Travel restrictions around the world have crippled business for Kenya's herb farmers, who export most of their produce. Mutuma, for example, sometimes sends 99 per cent of his harvest overseas.

A few of Kenya's counties are in partial lockdown to curb Covid-19, while the whole country is on a dusk-to-dawn curfew.

Mutuma said all his international orders had been cancelled and he had exported nothing since March, costing him more than Sh500,000 per month. Of Jambofresh Kenya's more than 300 workers, all but 50 have been laid off, he added.

–Reuters



BRIEFLY



Courier company expands footprint

COMPETITION: Courier firm Corporate Mail and Parcels (CMP) has launched three offices in the larger Nyanza region as it takes on other industry players in direct competition, building a consumer-facing vertical to complement its core supply-chain management business.

The collect-and-deliver service will help bolster its new positioning as an independent logistics player with offices in Kisumu, Homa Bay and Migori counties. Paul Ochieng, Operations director said: "In our Company's short history, this is the most exciting time. The company, now five years old prides itself on its knowledge, experience and heritage, which helps to ensure that they are the first port of call when it matters. **– PD Reporter**



Corona worsens food insecurity in Comesa

SHORTAGE: Seed shortage within the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (Comesa) of which Kenya is a member will result in an estimated 123 million people starving if coronavirus pandemic persists in the next six months.

A seed expert from the region, John Mukuka said restrictions on cross-border movement imposed in response to the coronavirus pandemic by countries in the region had adversely affected supply of seeds, which may lead to food insecurity.

"If the seed movement is not normalised in the next six months, 123 million out of 650 million people in the Comesa region will face starvation," he said.

– Wahinya henry

New dawn for maize sector as Munya unveils radical reforms

Agriculture CS expected to explain the planned merger of NCPB, Strategic Food Reserve in Nairobi today

by Nicholas Waitathu
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The government is set to announce far-reaching reforms to boost maize production. Key among these is restructuring of the National Cereals and Produce Board (NCPB) and closure of Strategic Food Reserve Oversight Board (SFROB).

The Strategic Food Reserve Trust Fund (SFRTF) to be renamed as the National Food Reserve (NFR) will be a division under the management of the cereals body.

Last month, National Treasury degazetted regulations that created the SFROB, one month after Cabinet approved the dissolution of the agency.

This paved the way for the Ministry of Agriculture to take full charge of the institution. Before being created in 2015, SFR was initially a trust fund still being managed by the national treasury-Strategic Grain Reserve Trust Fund (SGRTF).

Agriculture Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya is expected to announce the new restructured NCPB at the latter's Nairobi Industrial Area head offices.

Analysts in the food sub-sector, said the reorganisation of the two institutions is expected to end long standing supremacy wars over the management of the commodity.

Agriculture Principal secretary Hamadi Boga said the government had resolved to weaken its grip on production and marketing of maize, which over the years often ended up being abused and crowding out the private sector.

Prudent management

"The new focus is to ensure prudent management in order to avoid wastage of maize every production year," he said in a phone interview yesterday.

Farmers produced 43.3 million (90 Kg) bags of maize in 2019, which is a slight decline compared to 44.5 million bags produced in 2018. This is against an annual consumption of 52 million bags.

For instance, last week the government destroyed 124,625 (50kg) bags of condemned maize stocks unfit for human and animal consumption due to high aflatoxin levels.

Boga said the changes would help sort out conflicts and corruption that has subjected the country to endless challenges in the food sub-sector.

A section of the parliamentary agriculture committee last month faulted the government decision, saying it was not consulted.

By the time it was disbanded, the food reserve agency had in its coffers Sh10 billion after sale of maize to millers and traders.

Boga said the money would be used to settle debts of Sh9 billion, the government owes farmers, millers and NCPB.

Under the new reforms, private sector will be allowed to participate in storage of the commodity under the Warehouse Receipting System (WRS) as NCPB will initially have to cede at least 25 per cent of its storage capacity across the country through competitive commercial leasing.

Currently NCPB has 110 depots and under the new being fast-tracked deal, 28 will be leased to the private sector.

The cereals body has for decades been accused of grand corruption as billions of shillings are swindled during purchase of maize from farmers every year as well as importing of the same.

The cereals board has been a cash cow for prominent business people as well as politicians and government officers.

It was formed in 1985 to regulate grain stocking and trade in addition to advising the Government on proper production of maize, wheat and grains.

And National Treasury in 2015 established the SFR to stabilise food supply and prices as well as maintain adequate reserves in stock and cash equivalent.



MUNYA

There is no need of having NCPB and SFR as different entities. We want to merge the two bodies.

Munya, when he took over the ministry early this year, underscored the government's intention to merge the two institutions with a view to enhancing efficiency along the food value chain.

He announced in January that SFR will be merged with NCPB to minimise conflict between the two entities and do away with overlapping roles.

"There is no need of having NCPB and SFR as different entities. We want to merge the two bodies," he said then.

The boards of SFR and NCPB for the better part of 2019 and early this year were embroiled in conflict over the management of maize with the former declining to release maize into the market leading to scarcity into the market.

Agency agreement

The two agencies have been implementing an agency agreement requiring NCPB to undertake all responsibilities in terms of purchasing, storage and selling of maize on behalf of the SFR.

Boga said: "NCPB has rightly caught the attention of sector stakeholders because of the central role it has played over the years, especially regarding marketing.

The ongoing reforms, that include vetting and training to align NCPB officials to new roles, will improve efficiency and clearly delineate its functions from those of the Strategic Food Reserve Trust Fund," he said.



When the going gets tough...

Vendors display their wares outside Greenspan Mall in Umoja suburbs. Selling of farm produce from car boots has become common, especially in urban areas as an increasing number of people who have lost their jobs sell foodstuffs from their doorsteps. PD/KENNA CLAUDE



Proper hand hygiene

Pwani Oil, Category Executive in charge of Edibles and Bar Soaps, Jane Waiharo and Senior Warehouse Executive Robert Nyaga display some of the soaps the company donated to Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) to be used for hand-washing by communities in Amboseli in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus. PD/ALICE MBURU

Mergers loom in industrial, travel sectors

Experts say corona will force players to merge so as to reduce expenses, improve operations

by Steve Umidha
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The challenging environment brought by the coronavirus pandemic will force players in the travel and industrial sectors to strategically merge to reduce expenses and improve their operations.

Analysts believe that prospective consolidation, restructuring and mergers in those sectors will create a cascading effect and prompt other sectors to rethink their strategic priorities. They also expect bankruptcies and permanent closure of certain industries.

Join forces

Industry consolidation occurs when separate companies – big or small – join forces on relatively equal terms to form one new company, while a merger is a new business formed when one company absorbs the other.

"Within those two sectors, we will also see meaningful gradations of valuation between larger and smaller companies coming together as a result of reduced profit margins and drop in demand," says Standard Investment Bank (SIB) director Job Kihumba.

He added: "It is not a question of if it will happen, but when they will do it." Experts expect consolidation in the aviation sector, oil industries as well as export businesses all of which are entwined and immensely subsidise the country's economy.

Other sectors expected to rethink their strategies as a result of the ravaging pandemic is the mobile lending space, according to financial expert Peter Macharia, who is the chief executive of Jijenge Credit.

Macharia warns that the subsector could be caught flat footed owing to the fact that it lacks sound credit appraisal systems to evaluate creditworthiness and bankability of a prospective borrower.

"The financial sector as whole will not be hugely impacted but mobile lenders will feel the heat in the long run… tourism and mainly aviation sector will definitely see a huge wave of consolidation going forward," he said.

The pandemic has had harsh impact on key sectors like tourism and travel with the closure of hotels and stalled operations in the aviation sector.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Revenues have been on a free fall since the first case of Covid-19 was reported in mid-March as restrictions put travellers off spending with hotel bookings having slanted unbelievably.**
- **About 80 per cent of manufacturing companies have had to contend with the financial impact on their business since March this year, according to Kenya Association of Manufacturers.**

MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
		AGRICULTURAL	**PRICES**		
17.60	8.20	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25		8.24	
460.00	290.00	Kokusi Plc Ord.5.00		341.00	
100.00	57.00	Kapcharua Tea Kenya Plc Ord Ord 5.00		79.00	
605.00	400,00	The Limuru Tea Co. Plc Ord 20.00		400.00	
22.70	14.00	Sasini Plc Ord 1.00	16.05	16.00	12,100
178.00	92.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	117.75	118.00	6,000
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
27.00	20.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	23.50	23.50	200
		BANKING			
13.85	9.30	ABSA Bank Kenya Plc Ord 0.50	10.50	10.50	711,600
31.00	20.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.80	20.65	22.00	3,200
166.00	75.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	75.25	77.00	133,100
55.50	32.15	Equity Group Holdings Plc Ord 0.50	37.00	35.50	4,203,600
7.90	3.38	HE Group Plc Ord 5.00	197	3.91	17,500
126.00	42.50	I&M Holdings Plc Ord 1.00	49.90	49.70	1,500
55.50	33.75	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	37.60	36.05	2,338,600
6.50	3.22	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		4.12	
41.00	24.90	NCBA Group Plc Ord 5.00	27.10	26.55	125,900
117.75	83.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	85.25	88.00	2,400
225.00	168.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	172.25	174.50	14,300
17.00	10.05	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	13.00	12.95	462,100
		COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES			
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	
1.30	0.75	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord.1.00	0.94	0.92	32,300
8.50	4.95	Express Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		5.56	
9.50	0.80	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 1.00	2.38	2.18	171,600
8.80	4.26	Longhorn Publishers Plc Ord 1.00	4.97	4.55	1,600
1.20	0.49	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord. 1.00		0.49	-
71.00	18.00	Nation Media Group Plc Ord. 2.50	19.00	19.15	70,100
4.70	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc Ord 5.00	2.70	2.55	1,200
33.00	18.00	Standard Group Plc Ord 5.00		20.00	
25.15	11.50	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		14.25	
0.95	0.23	Uchumi Supermarket Plc Ord 5.00	0.30	0.33	106,200
22.00	9.90	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 1.00	17.00	17.50	62,800
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Plc Ord 1.00		5.55	
145.75	42.20	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	44.55	44.55	1,100
92.00	45.00	Crown Paints Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	45.00	49.50	100
3.98	1.44	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	1.77	1.80	8,100
20.50	12.95	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		14.25	
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
7.40	4.00	KenGen Co, Plc Ord. 2.50	4.89	4.90	832,700
5.50	1.63	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Plc Ord 2.50	1.95	1.96	268,700
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Plc 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	
33.00	22.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	25.00	24.40	100
8.70	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	6.86	7.30	17,800
		INSURANCE			
10.50	5.70	Britain Holdings Plc Ord 0.10	6.40	6.26	14,500
4.85	2.00	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord.1.00	2.29	2.21	243,900
462.00	240.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	249.50	249.50	900
16.30	2.10	Kenya Re insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.40	2.37	148,700
13.00	6.80	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord. 1.00	8.02	7.50	3,700
26.00	13.80	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	15.40	15.40	10,500
		INVESTMENT			
37.40	19.60	Centum Investment Co Plc Ord 0.50	25.00	25.00	3,900
0.77	0.30	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00.8..	0.43	0.44	27,800
1500.00	1,500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00...		1,500.00	
3.39	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	1.98	1.98	100
4.50	1.55	Trans-Century Plc Ord 0.50...	1.64	1.69	8,800
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
16.00	8.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	8.38	8.70	15,800
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
87.00	52.25	B.O.C Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		64.00	
700.00	314.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Plc Ord 10.00	320.00	315.00	1,600
10.80	7.10	Carbacid Investments Plc Ord 1.00	9.18	9.10	12,300
230.00	135.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	164.50	165.00	260,600
3.15	0.77	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	0.86	0.83	57,200
14.00	12.25	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00		12.25	
0.70	0.25	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	
42.00	26.10	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00		30.00	
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
33.50	20.10	Safaricom Plc Ord 0.05	29.20	28.90	8,828,400
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
11.00	6.88	STANLIB FAHARI I-REIT. Ord.20.00	7.04	7.40	25,100
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1785.00	1235.00	ABSA New Gold ETF	1806i	1775.00	

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: UP 1.40 points to close at 140.68
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: UP 13.59 points to close at 2007.49
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: UP 44.37 points to close at 3298.63

TREASURY BONDS CLOSURE OF REGISTERS

ISSUE NO.	PAYMENT DATE	PERIOD OF CLOSURE	PAYMENT TYPE	APPLICABLE INTEREST RATE (%)	REFERENCE INTEREST RATE (%)
FXD3/2007/015	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
FXD2/2019/005	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	10.872	Fixed
FXD2/2019/015	11-05-2020	07-05-2020 to 11-05-2020	Interest	12.734	Fixed
FXD1/2011/020	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	10	Fixed
FXD1/2012/020	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	12	Fixed
IFB1/2016/009	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
IFB1/2018/020	18-05-2020	14-05-2020 to 18-05-2020	Interest	11.95	Fixed
IFB2/2009/012	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12	Fixed
FXD2/2015/005	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	13.92	Fixed
IFB1/2017/007	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.5	Fixed
FXD1/2018/015	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.65	Fixed
FXD4/2019/010	25-05-2020	21-05-2020 to 25-05-2020	Interest	12.28	Fixed
FXD2/2007/015	08-06-2020	04-06-2020 to 08-06-2020	Interest	13.5	Fixed
IFB1/2015/009	08-06-2020	04-06-2020 to 08-06-2020	Interest	11	Fixed
FXD2/2010/015	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	9	Fixed
FXD1/2010/025	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	11.25	Fixed
FXD1/2008/020	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	13.75	Fixed
FXD1/2012/010	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	12.705	Fixed
FXD2/2018/010	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	12.502	Fixed
FXD3/2019/005	15-06-2020	11-06-2020 to 15-06-2020	Interest	11.492	Fixed
FXD1/2013/010	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	12.371	Fixed
FXD1/2015/005	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	13.193	Fixed
FXD1/2018/025	22-06-2020	18-06-2020 to 22-06-2020	Interest	13.4	Fixed

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CBK KEY RATES

Central Bank Rate	7.00%	29/04/2020
Inter-Bank Rate	4.35%	15/05/2020
CBK Discount Window	13.00%	29/04/2020
91-Day T-Bill	7.266%	18/05/2020
REPO	6.90%	16/08/2019
Inflation Rate	5.62%	April,2020
Lending Rate	12.19%	February,2020
Savings Rate	4.2%	February,2020
Deposit Rate	7.06%	February,2020
KBRR	8.9%	27/07/2016

KEY CBK INDICATIVE EXCHANGE RATES 19/5/2020

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	106.6900	106.5900	106.7900
SW KRONER	10.9934	10.9819	11.0049
STG POUND	129.9703	129.8218	130.1188
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	75.2265	75.1428	75.3103
SAUDI RIYAL	28.3939	28.3635	28.4243
SA RAND	5.8101	5.8024	5.8178
S FRANC	109.6957	109.5365	109.8550
NOR KRONER	10.6321	10.6206	10.6437
KES / USHS	35.4954	35.4153	35.5756
KES / TSHS	21.6984	21.6312	21.7656
KES / RWF	8.9357	8.8649	9.0065
KES / BIF	17.7447	17.7062	17.7831
JPY (100)	99.3528	99.2551	99.4505
IND RUPEE	1.4095	1.4082	1.4109
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.7650	13.7521	13.7779
EURO	115.3562	115.2347	115.4776
DAN KRONER	15.6167	15.6009	15.6325
CHINESE YUAN	15.0082	14.9932	15.0231
CAN $	76.4830	76.3976	76.5684
AUSTRALIAN $	69.6846	69.6139	69.7552
AE DIRHAM	29.0459	29.0159	29.0759

Counties told to diversify sources of funds

by Zachary Ochuodho
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Counties need to look elsewhere for development funds in the coming 2020/21 financial year, a study by Pan-African credit rating agency has said.

Agusto & Co Ltd has said county governments need to look towards other development funding options for the next financial year.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has upended Kenya's outlook for 2020 with its attendant decline in the national government's receipts from agricultural exports, foreign remittances and tourist activities owing to the plight of the virus," the agency said.

Agusto & Co said it expects a significant reduction in the total equitable share to Kenyan Counties (which is typically a percentage of national revenue) in the near to medium-term. The company's country manager Ikechukwu Iheagwam said the Kenyan government was contending with worsening debt service to revenue and budget deficit to gross domestic product ratios.

Counties must begin to expand options for raising long term finance.

He believes that if counties are allowed to look for options elsewhere, they will ease the pressure which created by the pandemic.

"Counties must begin to access options for raising long term finance from domestic debt capital markets in the form of bonds or notes to fund infrastructural development projects, which would inevitably attract more investments and lead to higher internally, generate revenue if properly utilised," he said.

Iheagwam said that theses sources of financing had been successfully used by many sub-national governments in Nigeria to secure long term funding (typically above seven years) in form of bonds for specific infrastructure developments.

He said by pledging a portion of the monthly centrally distributed income (similar to the monthly equitable share transfer for counties) and a portion of the internally generated revenues (similar to local receipts from levies.

World News

ZHAO LIJIAN

Trump is trying to smear China and shirk responsibility to WHO

States agree to probe Corona response

Resolution calls for an impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation to pandemic response

Geneva, Tuesday

World Health Organisation member states agreed Tuesday to an independent probe into the UN agency's coronavirus response as US criticism mounted over its handling of the pandemic.

Countries taking part in the WHO's annual assembly, being held virtually for the first time, adopted a resolution by consensus urging a joint response to the crisis.

The resolution, tabled by the European Union, called for an "impartial, independent and comprehensive evaluation" of the international response to the pandemic, which has so far infected more than 4.8 million people and killed over 318,000.

It said the investigation should include a probe of "the actions of WHO and their time-lines pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic".

The United States did not disassociate itself from the consensus as some had feared after Washington chastised the WHO on the first day of the assembly Monday and lashed out further against China over its role in the outbreak.

US President Donald Trump threatened late Monday to pull the United States out of the WHO, accusing it of botching the global coronavirus response and of being a "puppet of China".

His comments, which drew a harsh rebuke from Beijing, came after his health secretary Alex Azar earlier in the day insisted the WHO's "failure" to obtain and provide vital information on COVID-19 had proved deadly.

China in response accused Trump of trying to "smear China and shirk responsibility and bargain over its international obligations to the WHO," foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a regular press briefing Tuesday.

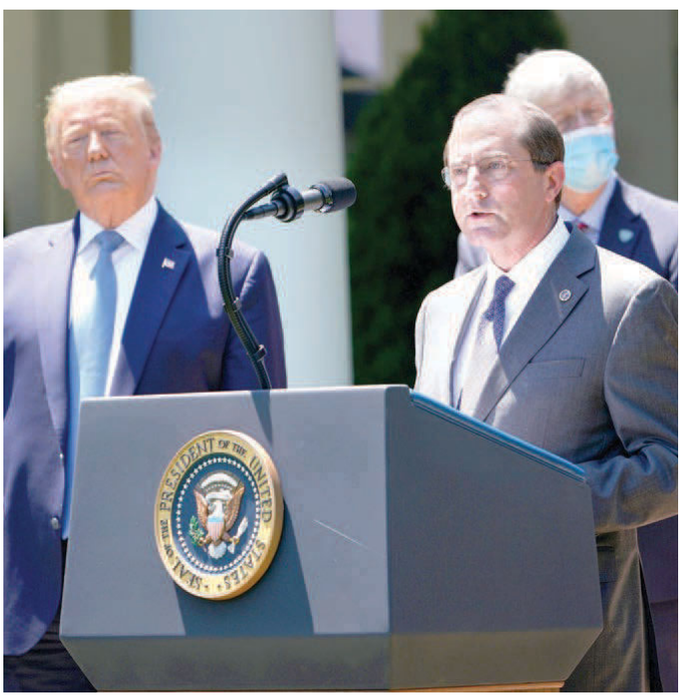
Disease spread

"We must be frank about one of the primary reasons this outbreak spun out of control: there was a failure by this organisation to obtain the information that the world needed, and that failure cost many lives," Azar said in a video address to the WHO's assembly.

He demanded an independent review of "every aspect" of the UN health agency's response to the pandemic.

While WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on Monday welcomed the call for a review, he insisted there was no need for a dramatic overhaul of the organisation.

— AFP



US Secretary of Health Alex Azar with US President Donald Trump speaks on vaccine development at the White House in Washington, DC last week. -AFP

TRUMP THREAT

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- Trump accused WHO of botching the global coronavirus response and of being a puppet of China.
- He demanded an independent review of the UN health agency's response to the pandemic.

BRIEFLY

Jihadists attack Nigeria town where girls abducted

Jihadists have carried out a rare attack on the northeast Nigerian town of Dapchi, where more than 100 schoolgirls were abducted two years ago, military sources and residents said Tuesday. One soldier was killed and three wounded as fighters believed to be from an Islamic State group affiliate looted shops and torched the home of a local chief in the assault Monday, the sources said.

The attack comes days before the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, when jihadists who have waged a 10-year insurgency usually ramp up their deadly assaults. Fighters suspected to be from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) faction stormed the town, leading to a fight with troops in which sources said the soldier and five jihadists were killed.

— AFP

Mass evacuations as major cyclone heads for South Asia

Millions of people were being moved to safety Tuesday as one of the fiercest cyclones in decades barrelled towards India and Bangladesh, with evacuation plans complicated by coronavirus precautions. Both countries are under various stages of lockdown because of the disease, with infections still surging. Authorities in Bangladesh planned to evacuate 2.2 million people, fearing cyclone Amphan will be more destructive than Sidr in 2007, when 3,500 people died, mostly from rising seas swamping low-lying areas. In India, weather office director general Mrutyunjay Mohapatra told local media that Amphon would be the most powerful weather system since a super-cyclone in 1999 killed 10,000 people in the eastern state of Odisha.

— AFP



Seeking votes

Burundi's incumbent president Pierre Nkurunziza (right) with Evariste Ndayishimiye, presidential candidate of the ruling party the National Council for the Defense of Democracy - Forces for the Defense of Democracy (CNDD-FDD) during a rally on the last day of their campaign in Bujumbura, on Saturday ahead of the country's presidential and general elections scheduled for today, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. -AFP

New team to take over after Machar, taskforce members test positive

Juba, Tuesday

The Vice-President of South Sudan, Riek Machar, who was part of a taskforce to fight coronavirus, is in self-isolation after testing positive for COVID-19.

Machar (*pictured*) said as several other members of the taskforce were infected a new team was taking over their work.

His wife, who is Defence Minister Angelina Teny, some bodyguards and other staff also have the virus.

Experts worry that decades of conflict has left South Sudan incapable of dealing with a surge in new infections.

So far South Sudan has recorded 236 cases of COVID-19 and four deaths.

Last week, the authorities announced the virus had reached a UN refugee camp in the capital, Juba, where some 30,000 people have sought seeking shelter and protection.



A case has also been confirmed in a similar camp in northern Bentiu, home to almost 120,000 people.

Apart from dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, South Sudan has also been named among countries most at risk of what the UN World Food Programme (WFP) calls a "hunger pandemic".

The WFP says that hunger and malnutrition in the country are at the most extreme levels since 2011, with almost 60% of the population struggling to find food every day.

-BBC

Spice

Flavour your day

STYLE @Virgie_wambui

QUEEN BLUE

Singer and Kaka Empire signee BRIDGET BLUE doesn't just love music. She is also passionate and conscious about her looks. She chats with WAMBUI VIRGINIA about everything to do with her fashion and love for make-up



Bridget Blue

Why did you decide to get into music?

It was mainly triggered by the need to express myself without feeling judged. But my love to sing and music in general came first. So, music is a tool I use to put across my feelings and expectations.

Does your love for make-up compliment your music?

In essence, the two complement each other; they go hand-in-hand. I do make-up simply to get ready for content creation, especially when I have shoots for my music videos. I have a diary where I plan the meetings, shoots and every fashion requirement that needs to be effected.

How would you describe your style?

Simple yet classy. However, I occasionally do like throwing in some drama in some of my looks. It always brings a different, but interesting twist to the whole look.

As far as your style is quite dynamic, you seem to have some bias with colour blue. Why is that?

I consider myself a bubbly person and I just love being happy. To me, colours can express character and different emotions. So, I use them to bring out my personality. Blue just happens to be a favourite. I am generally inspired by anything that adds a cheer to my character, and playing around with colours—especially blue—happens to be among them.

To you, is fashion all about looking or feeling good?

Well, for me it's a little bit of both. I love to stand out in a crowd. I strive to feel good and comfortable while still managing to look presentable and captivating.

Do you have a favourite fashion publication?

Yes. That would be *Vogue Magazine.*

What are some of your current fashion obsessions?

Dungarees. I'm obsessed with how cute and comfortable they are. They are also quite versatile and easy to style and accessorise. Leather boots are another current favourites. They never wear out of season and they are also chic. As you can already tell, I'm obsessed with comfort.

What takes most of the space in your wardrobe?

Coats and jackets. Timeless pieces they are.

The most valued item in your closet is?

A dress that my mum passed down to me. I can't really put a price to it though. It is priceless!

As an artiste, you certainly interact with different people. Who has been the greatest influence to you?

In the course of my career, I've met lots of great minds that have opened doors for me or inspired me. King Kaka, for instance, took me in and has really come through in my journey in music. Joining Kaka Empire stable has been an awesome experience too, as it has created such an amazing platform for my music career. The best part is that being in Kaka Empire is more of a family than a business arrangement. Rapper Octopizzo has really inspired me as well, especially with his fashion sense.

Thus far, what would you say is the biggest challenge in the music industry?

Staying authentic and motivated. Many artistes start out great, but end up settling for less and not reaching their full potential.

And what are the satisfactions of being an artiste?

For me, it's the interaction and networking with the people in the industry including my fans. You get to inspire and get inspired.

GET THE LOOK
WITH FAITH KYOUMUKAMA

Steve Ike

Steve Ike Onyema is a former Big Brother Naija housemate and model. He is a stylish figure whose fashion signature is his man bag, also known as fanny pack. Here are a few of his most captivating casual looks.



A mix track suit can also produce a chilled look. Let's call it the 'airport look'.



Casual white sweat pants are the best, especially when running errands at the supermarket or just for a relaxed day.



A sweater, paired with straight jeans, is yet another casual look for the relaxed days In this case, sneakers come in handy. And ooh...don't forget your fanny pack too.

Eureka ▶ Design, innovate, engineer

A listening ear at touch of button

They say a problem shared is a problem half solved, and Adam Lippin took this to heart when he launched an app for lonely people around the globe



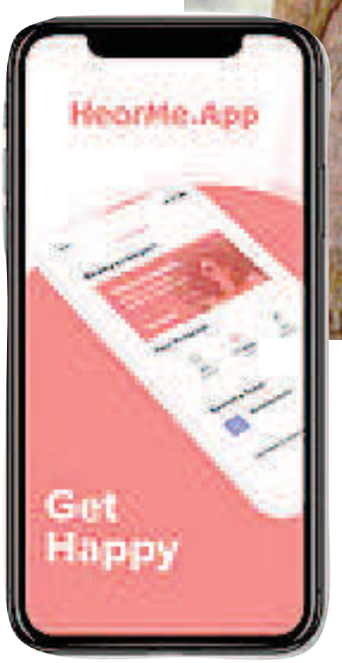
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The current Covid-19 pandemic has altered social patterns including lessening physical interactions. It has also exacerbated loneliness, an already existing problem that causes people to feel isolated even when physically connected to others.

Now, a new app, HearMe, wants to change that by offering users from around the world the much needed support to cope with loneliness. It offers real time human connection by availing people to listen to users online.

"Essentially, the app offers people a chance to be heard and validated and know that they are not alone," says Adam Lippin, founder and chief executive.

When he launched the app in February, he had not foreseen the impact Covid-19 would have on social interactions across the world. Now the app, with more tha 15,000 users, is helping maintain human connections and offering emotional support to suppress loneliness.



Human connections

When Lippin conceptualised the idea in January, he was driven by his own need to beat loneliness. For years, he battled bouts of loneliness, a situation that drove him into drug addiction in his 20s. Years after he had overcome the addiction, loneliness still persisted.

"I tried remedies like yoga and meditation. This was really helpful but at the same time it kept me isolated from other people because it made me focus inwards not outwards," says Lippin, who has been sober for 23 years now.

Four years ago, when he sold Atomic Wings, a chain of restaurants he owned in New York, he dedicated his time to his passion of looking for innovative solutions to give people a safe space to be heard and create human connections.

Loneliness is classified as an emerging public health concern that can cause early death and carries similar risk to cigarette smoking. In addition to premature mortality, loneliness is linked to other negative health outcomes, including high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, stroke, dementia and depression.

According to a 2020 Lancet Journal , though loneliness and social isolation are common in older people, but the problem affects people of all age groups. Young adults (18 to 24 years) experience the highest rates of loneliness with half of this group reporting to feeling lonely and often turning to alcohol to cope. Covid-19 has led to a spike of people who are isolated across all age groups.

AT A GLANCE

- **Adam is also the founder of Cuddlist, a platform that fights loneliness through therapeutic touch.**
- **Users from across the world can connect with listeners on HearMe app**
- **HearMe is available for free for Android and IOS users.**
- **Over 10,000 people have received help through the app.**

Linked up

HearMe offers peer support on a range of issues, including relationships, identity crisis, addiction and work related challenges. The company has trained 1,500 volunteer listeners to connect with users and offer them a compassionate ear.

Users are linked up with listeners based on the categories they choose.

"The person you speak to has been through similar issues and can share and listen based on the theme selected," says Lippin.

Covid-19 anxiety

Users connect to people that are available to listen to them on the app through chats. It has recorded increase in activity during the Covid-19 period, with the average duration of sessions being 27 minutes.

The rationale behind HearMe app is to offer users an empathetic ear not to solve their problems hence the platform has not enlisted experts such as psychologists and professional counsellors.

"The desire to be there for another person is the most important thing. Our goal is not to solve people's problems, we are just there to listen and show concern and that in itself is very important," he adds.

The app is available for free on AppStore (for IOS gadgets) and PlayStore (for Androids) and allows users to specify the preferences for the listener including the gender and age.

App users report to feeling less lonely and their mood improving after a few chats. HearMe statistics show that 94 per cent of users reported to feeling better after just one session on the app.

Among the key concerns that have raised on the platform on the past few months are anxiety over Covid-19, trouble with relationships and work related stress.

"People say they are tired of being locked up while others are anxious about their job security post Covid-19 and then there are those who just want to talk," says Lippin.

ADAM LIPPIN

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GADGET REVIEW
WITH NDUTA WAWERU

No bump

As people find ways to live through the coronavirus pandemic, companies have also been inventing gadgets and tools to help essential workers as they go on about their duties. One of them is Bump, a wearable device that warns employees if they come closer than the required distance from each other. Designed by Tharsus, a robotics company in the UK, the device uses radio frequency to determine how close people are. It costs Sh12,900.



Washable keyboard

With maintaining hygiene where you live and work a priority for many, washable gadgets are becoming popular. An example is a waterproof keyboard from WetKeys, a company that aims to help reduce cross-contamination at workplaces, including healthcare facilities and offices. These keyboards are made of silicon and can be washed fully under running water or used in wet areas or even cleaned with sanitiser. Users are, however, warned not to immerse the codes attached to the keyboard. It costs Sh3,500.



Tick timer

While many companies usually pair their gadgets to apps a user needs to download for the devices to work, a new company wants to divest from all that with a tool that helps in time management. Ticktime is a small portable timer device that allows users to countdown time. It comes with a magnetic surface so that it can be placed anywhere; six preset timings that start automatically when a user activates it and customised countdown; and silent mode for those who don't want distractions.



Relatively Speaking

▶ From the horse's mouth

Why I follow in my father's footsteps

Having played and coached the National Sevens Rugby team, **Benjamin Ayimba's** impact and influence in the local game has been so immense that even his own son **Brian Ayimba** has not only taken up the sport, but the pride itself

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Brian Onyango Ayimba is trying to come out of his father's shadow. The 21-year-old utility player for Homeboyz Rugby FC is son to former Kenya Shujaa head coach Benjamin Ayimba; a revered figure in rugby speak and the only man who led Kenya to a maiden main cup title in Singapore in 2016.The towering figure shares quite a bit with his iconic father.

He speaks highly of the man who inspires and motivates him in an out of the pitch. For Brian, there is no better teacher than a father and this has guided him through the paces in his young life. "The greatest lesson I have learnt from my dad is no one is going to hand anything to you on a silver platter. If you want something, you have to work for it. Also, do not be scared to try because that is the only way you will know if something works for you or not. Taking calculated risk is a good thing," he says in jest.

The third year student of Actuarial Science at Catholic University terms Ayimba Senior as more than a role model in his eyes. "I can confidently say he was my best friend. I would not necessarily consider him a sporting model; I would say he is an overall model. There is so much to him than just sport; but yes, he is my all time hero. The way he explains certain scenarios in the game is so unique you cannot fail to listen to him because of his perspective about the game," Brian says.

Ever since Brian got engaged in active rugby in secondary school, his father has been encouraging him and he has been watching videos analysing the game. " I am not surprised we share a lot in common. For starters, he went to Maseno School, famous for excellent sporting and academic results, same as I. Baba (as we like to call him) is by far the best father anyone could ask for," he adds.

Strict father

However, beyond the good naturedness of Ayimba senior, Brian reveals his father is also a strict parent. "He is strict when it comes to discipline, but he is open-minded and would rather we make mistakes and learn from them. He is never one to verbally or physically punish, but his punishments when I was young, were mental. He would make you read a book and tell him what it was about in detail, for example," adds the first born of four.

He recalls once when he got into trouble with his dad; "I was in primary school and he had bought me a new pair of shoes. And they were delivered to me in school by one of my aunts. When going back home, I forgot the shoes at the bus stop and that's how I lost a brand new pair. Let us just say it did not go well," adds Brian who has also played for Catholic University Monks RFC.

Incidentally, his mother was kind of apprehensive about her son engaging in rugby. But not his father. "For my dad, there was no question about it— he was in full support. But the problem was with my mother. She always thought I would do ballet so, when she heard I was going to play rugby, she was abit skeptical about it. However, I believe she feared I would get injuried in the game. As for my father, I believe he wanted a successor in the game," he says.

Greatest lesson

Having been in the limelight also comes with it's fair share of negative publicity. However, according to Brian, that does not deter him or the dad much. "One of the craziest rumour I have heard about my dad was when I was in primary school. The rumour mills had it that Baba had been laid off. He was not aware of it until he logged into Facebook. I read that a blogger was saying Baba was fired because he was depressed and could not continue with his job. It ended up not affecting him much because he seemed alright to me so, I just shrugged it off... I know my father too well," Brian says.

When all is said and done, Brian admires his father. They hang out a lot and talk about life. He also hastens to add that Ayimba is crazy about cars and architectural works. "I am yet to see someone who has achieved so much remain so humbled and have such a great balance between work and family. I think for me that is the greatest lesson," he says.

ABOUT BENJAMIN

- **Benjamin Ayimba was appointed Kenya Sevens captain in 2000 leading team Shujaa to two Word Cups (Argentina '01 and Hong Kong '05).**
- **Interestingly, he succeeded his club coach Bill Githinji as the Kenya Sevens head in 2006, making him the youngest coach on the IRB circuit and in Kenya's history. He was only 30 years old.**
- **On April 5 2009, he led Kenya to the first ever Main Cup finals in Sydney, Australia on the then IRB World Series where they lost 7-26 against South Africa.**
- **In recognition of this sterling achievement, in December 2010 Ayimba was decorated by President Mwai Kibaki with the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) award.**



Twenty-one year old Brian Ayimba looks up to his father, Benjamin Ayimba who shows him the ropes in the game of rugby. PD/ALEX NJUE

Taboo ▶ **Let's talk** about it



No shame in bedwetting

Experts say it is vital to have conversations about nocturnal enuresis to remove the taboo tagged to it and enable individuals get help

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Throughout his childhood Paul Maina became adept at avoiding any situation that involved staying away from home with friends overnight.

When he became a teenager and his friends began to form romantic relationships, Maina deliberately avoided becoming close to anyone in case they discovered his secret.

The reason for his reticence was that up until the age of 20, Maina was still wetting his bed at night regularly. Although he no longer suffers from the problem, the shame and embarrassment he felt during those years had a huge impact on him.

Things were not different from Lucy Wambui. Growing up in the 70s and 80s, she was a chronic bed-wetter. Though she stopped bedwetting when she was 14 and in Form Two, Lucy remembers vividly how she endured physical punishment from her mother and ridicule from siblings, and felt guilt, shame, despair and hopelessness about her situation.

Back then, there was no abundance of information about bedwetting as there is today. Parents with teens or adults who used to wet their beds did not know what their children were going through was a health issue just like one can be diabetic or hypertensive. Most parents used to think a child who wet the bed did so because something was worrying or upsetting them, was afraid to go to the toilet at night or was deliberately doing it.





Lucy Wambui, founder Erunesis Initiative. PD/MILIAM MURIGI

Fear of judgment

Lucy, who now runs an NGO, known as the Enuresis Initiative that highlights, educates and lobbies for support for bedwetters and their families, says bedwetting is normal in children up to the age of six. Anyone above six years who still wets their bed has a health condition known as Nocturnal Enuresis and needs medical attention. Nocturnal Enuresis is a condition that cuts across race, nationality, social class and all known human boundaries yet it still remains a taboo in most countries.

Maina says the reason enuresis is still a taboo is due to embarrassment and fear of judgement for parents whose children still wet the bed. They also fear their children might be bullied or teased if they discuss the issue or seek help.

"Most parents don't discuss such situations with other parents for fear of being judged as a bad parent or have their child labelled because of it. I still remember how my mother never permitted me even to visit my relatives, afraid I would end up being the laughing stock," he says.

Maina insists parents shouldn't be afraid to seek help because that, more often than not worsens the situation. Delay in reaching out for help means missing out on receiving advice that could improve the quality of life for all involved.

Lucy says there are two types of bedwetting: Primary nocturnal enuresis which happens to persons who never stopped wetting their bed past the age of six; and the secondary nocturnal enuresis, which may result from psycho trauma from physical or sexual abuse, bereavement, moving to a new school or town or birth of a sibling, among others.

Under supervision

"Addressing bedwetting in a patient with secondary enuresis would entail first addressing the cause of the trauma," says Lucy.

Causes of primary enuresis include physiological makeup of an individual, for example, a small bladder that cannot hold the volume of urine produced during the six to eight hours of sleep, a deep sleeper whose muscles relax completely and let out urine during sleep and having one or two parents who were bedwetters.

"Drinking liquids close to bedtime has no effect on bedwetting as most people believe. A normal person wakes up at night to empty the bladder, but an enuretic person does not," adds Lucy.

She says physical punishment, denying a child drinks after a certain hour, scolding and shaming a child does not work to stop bedwetting and are detrimental to a child's self-esteem.

The bedwetting child should be supervised to wash up properly and change underwear before leaving for school. This is to prevent the smell of urine that may cause a child to be teased and bullied in school.

Developed countries recognise bedwetting as a health issue and have enuresis clinics where bedwetters and their families receive therapy.

Though in Kenya we don't have such, there is an apparatus called the Enuresis Alarm, which is worn at night during bedtime. The apparatus, retailing at Sh2,500, is set off by the first few drops of urine to awaken the bedwetter to go and finish off in the toilet. Over time, the alarm conditions the user to wake up when they have a full bladder and that is how one is cured of bedwetting.

"My organisation is promoting the use of this alarm. We have been visiting schools and seeing students who have this condition to talk, encourage, and empowering them," concludes Lucy.

AT A GLANCE

- **Bedwetting is also known as nocturnal enuresis.**
- **There are two types: primary enuresis, where the individual does not stop bedwetting past the age of six.**
- **Secondary enuresis occurs following a psychological trauma such as sexual abuse. Experts say addressing the trauma will help in addressing this type of erunesis.**

BRIEFLY

Taboo blamed for unreported child abuse cases in UK Islamic community

Britain's biggest Islamic authorities believe that child sexual abuse within the Muslim community is 'underreported' because it is a 'taboo subject'.

The Muslim Women's Network (MWN) presented written testimony to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) stating that the 'scale of the problem is hidden' because victims are 'forced' into silence.

The inquiry also received written testimony from the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB) stating it thinks cases are 'underreported... due to cultural issues and stigma'.

Giving evidence

All religious organisations are being investigated by IICSA, which was set up by the British government in 2014 following the Jimmy Savile sex abuse scandal. Since then, investigators have been told that one in ten cases of child sexual abuse have taken place in a religious institution. Muslim community leaders are giving evidence last week via Zoom conferencing.

The MWN said: 'We feel that even our knowledge is only the tip of the iceberg and the scale of the problem is hidden due to the silence of victims (such silence forced upon them them due to a number of cultural barriers).

'This is a serious hindrance because it makes room for excuses, such as there not being a problem of child sexual abuse in their institutional setting or even community and that therefore nothing else needs to be done,' it added.

Extra sensitivity

It said when raising concerns relating to child sexual abuse, they did so in the context of abuse within mosques, the home environment, through religious organisations, in a non-teaching context and in other faith-based services. The MCB said: 'Smaller organisations may be prone to dealing with child sexual abuse cases with extra sensitivity to protect the reputation of the child and the family as well as the organisation as it is often seen as a taboo subject.

'Due to cultural issues and stigma it is our view, based on professional knowledge, that it (child sexual abuse) is underreported," it said.

-Daily Mail

Family Fusion ▶ All about kin and kith

Co-parenting in times of Covid-19

The rules of coronavirus require every person to stay put in one household, especially those in areas on lockdown. Where does this leave children under joint custody?

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No doubt, the coronavirus pandemic has brought with it unique dynamics in the family. As a result of lockdowns and social distancing measures, families are forced to adjust to new routines. And for those who have been co-parenting, it is proving quite a challenge.

Popular Mombasa-based artiste and father of two, PDay Hurricane shares how difficult things have been since his daughters, aged seven and two, have been separated from their mother after the partial lockdown in the coastal town.

"It was my turn to have the children, so I took them to my mum, that is their grandmother, after the schools shutdown since she had missed them. We had no idea there would be a lockdown. Since the children were enjoying the time with their grandma, we decided to wait for the 21 days of lockdown, but when it was extended, the kids started missing their mum. I have tried getting a pass for her, but it's been hard. I keep lying to them every day their mum is on the way, but the truth is she cannot cross over from Mombasa to Kilifi. The situation is frustrating, especially for the two-year-old. It is important for her to be closer to her mother at her age," he shares.

The mum, has however, kept communicating with her children. "Their mother calls every day to talk to them, but that's not enough," says the musician.

Children oceans away

Janet Kingi, also known as Ronet, is a mother of three who has lived with her family in Bayern, Germany, for more than 14 years while running a music production business in Kilifi. Due to challenges in the industry, she is often forced to fly to Kenya to ensure things are running well. Only this unfortunate time, she couldn't make it back on time and now she has to be away from her children indefinitely.

"I co-parent with my baby-daddy though I'm the one who lives with them. I miss my children dearly. I video call them everyday. I was supposed to go back on March 30, but due to Covid-19, there are no flights. It is a difficult time to be away from my family, especially with the current situation," shares Janet.

For co-parenting families where children are not able to be with one parent, there can be an increase in stress and anxiety. In such instances, children might be defiant, throw tantrums and some might show symptoms of depression such as having no motivation for doing day to day normal tasks, such as taking a bath, school work and the like.

TRACY

There are many children who are dealing with stress since Covid-19 separated them from their parents. In cases where there are indifferences between parents, there is an additional burden of conflict.



PDay Hurricane, an artiste and a father of two. His baby mama, who he co-parents with has not been able to come for the children following the prolonged partial lockdown in Mombasa. COURTESY

According to psychologist Tracy Nyaguthii, there are still many children who are dealing with stress since Covid-19 separated them from their parents. In cases where there are indifferences between parents, there is an additional burden of conflict.

"Co- parenting parents with special needs children are having an even tougher time. Extra care is required to protect them from contracting the virus. As a result, their normal routine visits to see a physiotherapist or clinic visits are now reduced. Normal routine visits from the other co-parent will be few, to reduce contact. This can bring a lot of stress and exhaustion to the primary care parent. Children with special needs require support from both parents, as it positively impacts their mood (they are happy) and ensures their general wellbeing," shares the psychologist.

As a recommendation, Tracy shares that it is important for all parents to accept that these are unique times. And the casualties of failed parenting are children.

Forging ahead

"Already there are reports of a surge in child abuse cases in the world. It is important that co-parents set aside their issues and work together to ensure the wellbeing of their children. Families are different and there is no one particular method to manage families. As difficult as it is, co-parents need to discuss on how they can adjust for the benefit of their children. The focuses of their discussions need to be children-centred and solution oriented. Co-parents need to be transparent about exposure to the virus, and discuss steps on how to protect their children. Parents need to follow safety precautions such as hand washing and sanitising and communicate to each other that they are maintaining safety. It is important that parents accommodate each other and are open for the sake of the children. If there are money issues or suspected symptoms of the virus, they need to communicate," she advises

Additionally, co-parents can use technology such as FaceTime or calls to maintain contact with their children. Families need stick to regular routines such as bed time, meal times, prayer time and screen time to make children comfortable and alleviate anxieties. Where parents are angry or having stress issues, Tracy says it is important to take a step back, relax and catch your breath.

She also emphasises on the need for parents to take care of themselves. "Self-care is important. Parents need to take some time to do something special for themselves that helps them relax and makes them happy. It could be a hobby, or fixing a special cup of tea," she says.



DADDY'S DIARY

Adjusting to the new normal

We are living in interesting times indeed. Our lives have been turned upside down. In my entire life I can count the number of times I have missed church and it was either because of sickness or work. Even when I have travelled, I always tried to look for a local church where I could attend a church service. But here we are, and we have not gone to church for close to two months and it seems this will go on for a couple of more weeks or months, who knows?

Most of those employed would look forward to the weekends and any public holiday, especially *ad hoc* ones. Many a time we would wish a public holiday would fall on a Friday or a Monday so that we get a long weekend.

Now it makes no difference. There is no weekend anymore. We are slowly losing track on the days of the week. Weekends and weekdays all look the same. The routine is no more.

There are some who are not remembering to brush their teeth in the morning, since brushing of teeth is associated with going out. The daily routine of showering is gone since we are not going anywhere. If left unchecked, the whole family can stay without showering for a couple of days.

There are recommendations for one to try and keep the usual routine, but its not that easy. Dressing up and still staying in the house doesn't make sense. I have not visited a barber since the first case of Covid-19 in Kenya. My hair and beard look terrible, but I prefer to stay that way than contract the dreaded virus. But for how long?

Last Sunday, as we were watching online service as a family, power went off. This left us in an awkward position. What do we do now? Do we wait for the power to be back and watch later? Do we use the phone?

We opted to have our own house church service. We sang songs (later learnt that I don't know full lyrics of some of my favourite worship songs), we prayed and had a sermon. It was quite interesting and probably felt more fulfilling than watching the online service on a screen.

Probably, this is the new normal. Having church right at your home with your family.

PARENTING 101 WITH KWACH WAKHISI

Discovering your child's love language

Let's face it, kids aren't always the greatest communicators and it's not always possible to know how your child is feeling or what they need. Here's how to connect with your little one



The sounds of screeching toys, laughter, wails, in between fights for gadgets such as the remote control are some of the things that have characterised many homes since schools closed in March, earlier than expected due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For close to two months now, parents have had to spend more time with their children even as they struggle to put them under control in the confines of their homes.

Sometimes, it might feel like you're misinterpreting all of the children's cues, and nothing you do seem to go the right way. This is where Dr Gary Chapman's lesson comes in handy. In his book, *The Five Love Languages*, he outlines different ways people commonly express and receive love: physical touch, quality time, receiving gifts, affirmation, and acts of service. Though the concept was initially applied to romantic relationships, love languages is one of the most powerful ways to connect with your children in meaningful ways.

Understanding yourself

Caroline Bongo, a mother of six says she understands the aspect of discovering your child's love language. "Before I share about kids' love languages, parents need to understand their own language first. Why is that? Because we tend to give love in the language we understand best. For example, if a parent's love language is gifts, they naturally assume that it is everyone's love language. Hence, if you find a parent showering gifts and their child who is the object of their affection does not appreciate it, they completely feel unloved. What if the child's love language is touch?" poses Caroline.

She says knowing her love language helped her understand that her children are not ungrateful. They are just different. For instance, while her first child love language is touch, her second child loves gifts while the third loves to be affirmed.

"Since it's impossible to separately do this all the time, I try to segment my time into all the different things that we can do together," she says.

Elizabeth Simiyu, a mother of two kids aged 11 and seven says her son loves autonomy. "He is the eldest and prefers to be given a chance to decide his own path and plan his day. Sometimes he makes decisions, which I feel are not right. In that situation, I normally ask his dad to have a chat with him because he is at that stage where his father's validation matters a lot to him than his mother's," says Elizabeth.

"My daughter on the other hand is a gentle soul. She loves attention. She wants you to speak to her, watch her when she is doing her creative projects such as acting, singing and painting. She values re-assurance on her creativity," she adds.

Elizabeth creates time for bonding as a family. Playing outdoor games that require team work encourages bonding between the two siblings and during this period when children are at home has seen my children grow close to each other and enabled us to generally get to know each other better. Besides playing, we also do group activities such as movie nights and family date nights," she explains.

Elizabeth says knowing your child's love language reduces the number of disagreements parents may have with their children. "It is not just about you understanding your child; it is also about your child understanding you. Knowing your child's love language helps you to communicate better with each other," she says.

Different siblings

According to Lyn Gicharu a mother of two girls, Eslie and Celine Gicharu,describes them as being so different in many ways. "Elsie who is the younger one shows her affection by cuddling. She likes being around me all the time and will accompany me to the shops, mall and even work. Celine on the other hand prefers her own space. Cuddling makes her feel uncomfortable, but once in a while she will check up on me, knock on my bedroom door to ask whether there is anything she can do for me," says Lyn.

Further, Elsie likes speaking her mind while Celine likes to know what you are thinking and will have follow-up questions.

"Elsie tells you what you want to hear as long as it makes you happy. As for Celine, if you tell her that you love her, she will ask you why you love her, whether you also love Elsie, the house help, her teacher and so on. When it comes to spending time together, Celine does enjoy that and will even plan ahead while for Elsie, quality time is when she is able to sneak in my bed while I am asleep, sleep with me throughout the night then wake up to pillow fights and some tickling. Celine appreciates every gift you give to her and never demands for anything, unless her teacher has requested for it. She will jump up and down and give you a big hug if you hand her a gift. Elsie on the other hand likes gifts, but makes demands on the types of gifts she wants," she says.

"I have learnt so much from spending time with the girls during this period. I don't take it for granted. It has enabled me understand their love language and perhaps ,what I need to work on to make our relationship better," Lyn concludes.



MERCY MWASI

"The first step in identifying your child's primary love language is to pay attention to how she/ he shows you love.



Lyn Gicharu's children Celine and Elsie are diffrent in many ways, yet she has learnt how to parent each of them. MAIN: **Caroline Bongo, her husband and their children.** PD/KWACH WAKHISI

LEARNING AND RECIPROCATING CHILDREN'S DEMANDS

"The first step in identifying your child's primary love language is to pay attention to how she/ he shows you love. We all tend to offer affection in the way we wish to receive it. Children offer the kind of affection they crave," says Mercy Mwasi, a counselling psychologist who is a Child and Adolescent counsellor at Amani Counselling Centre and Training Institute.

"It is unfortunate how a parent can discount the demands of her child simply by dismissing them. When a child is put down and they continuously cry to be picked up and held/cuddled, they are trying to communicate that to them, physical touch translates to love. However, it is common to hear parents saying that "This child is used to being held and this does not go down well with me!" This may damage the child psychologically because they are concluding that they are not being listened to," she adds.

Mwasi further explains that a parent has to know how to communicate love to a child so they can genuinely feel loved. For example, for a child whose love language is hugs, cuddles and other physical displays of affection, verbal reassurances may not mean much to them.

Also knowing your child's love language, especially the primary choice can help to strengthen parent-child bond. She opines: "When a parent is able to communicate with the child, they understand each other well and this will help to ward off maladaptive behaviour, which can make parenting difficult. Lack of parental warmth and love can make a child feel stressed. When a child has reassurance that they are loved affectionately, they feel secure. This will help to build confidence and self-esteem, an important recipe for a well-adjusted adult in future."

How does a parent understand each child's love language? Love languages are like personality traits. The same way a parent is able to distinguish children who have different personalities is the same way he/she can understand each child's love language. "All a parent needs to do is to observe each child's behaviour, especially how they are expressing love to you, then you will be able to know how each child communicates love and how they want love to be expressed to them," she says.

It is also important to note that children's primary love language preferences might seem to change from time to time depending on the developmental stage they are in. For instance, a toddler who craves snuggles and cuddles may grow into this 10-year-old who likes affirmations and reassurance, and later into a teenager who will just need some gifts and a few special moments of quality time.

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16.30 Jus Kidz
17.00 Beatbox
18.00 Hollywood Movie
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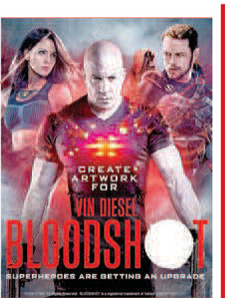
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The battle continues. Help if you can, but more than likely it will be sufficient just to listen.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
You may have problems with those you live with. Get out and about. Family members may want you at home, when your heart is telling you to spend time with someone you recently met.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
You can make adjustments in your domestic scene today. Friends may not be completely honest with you.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
You can make a serious attempt at quitting those bad habits that you've picked up over the years. You need to lie back and enjoy a little rest. Jealous attitudes may lead you astray.

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Be prepared to make changes to your personal documents. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
Avoid extravagance or risky financial schemes. Take a look at your legal position. If they're too demanding, reconsider this union.

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Coworkers may not be completely honest with you; try not to rely on help from others. Use your charm to get your own way.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
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Self-deception regarding your own worth may lead you down the wrong path. Problems with female members of your family may play on your emotions.

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Empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans. Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction.

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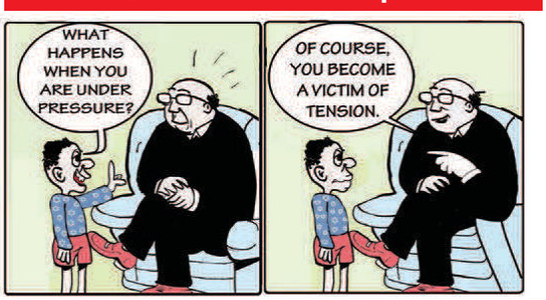
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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5. Saloon
8. Hour
9. Reliable
10. Darts
11. Enchant
14. Sophisticated
16. Escape
18. Habit
20. Contrite
22. Grew
23. Teases
24. Almost

DOWN
2. Anomalous
3. Scratch
4. Lord
5. Splendid
6. Loach
7. Owl
12. Neediness
13. Ascetics
15. Amalgam
17. Altos
19. Feta
21. Owe

ACROSS
1. Fathers (4)
3. Saving from danger (8)
9. Non-professional (7)
10. Attractively stylish (5)
11. Extremely large (12)
13. Argue against (6)
15. Best (6)
17. Discreditable (12)
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23. Precious metal (4)

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5. Pacification (12)
6. Catch fire (7)
7. Men (4)
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The owner of **Parcel NO: THIKA MUNICIPALITY BLOCK 20/2330** situated within Ngoingwa off Thika-Mang'u Road, Kiambu County, proposes to undertake a **Change of use** of the property from **Agricultural** to **Residential (Flats)**, subject to approval by the Kiambu County Government. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organiza tion(s) etc with comments or objections to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles, on 27th May, 2020 at our offices at 11:30am.

FINANCIER -VS- CHARLES KAMOLO MUSINGA

NO.	REG.NO.	MAKE/MODEL	VIEW AT
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CONDITION OF SALE

1. **The sale is strictly CASH AT THE THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.**
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FINANCIER –VS- MOSES NJEHIA NG'ANG'A

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Make : Honda CR-V
Year of Manufacture : 2012
Chassis Number : NSP130-0003660
Color : White

CONDITIONS FOR SALE

1. Cash at the fall of the hammer.
2. Sale subject to reasonable reserve price.

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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019

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The registered owners of parcel **Nos. DAGORETTI/KINOO/T.721** located in KINOO in Kikuyu Sub County, proposes to change the use from **Agricultura**l to **Multi-dwelling Residential (Flats)**, subject to approval by the County Government of Kiambu. Individuals, institutions, Members of the public etc. with any comments and or objections to the proposed should forward them within 14 days of this notice to:

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PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019

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THE PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING (ACT NO.13 OF 2019)

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The registered owner of property **Kabete/Kibichiko/3372**, situated within the jurisdiction of Kabete Sub County, County Government of Kiambu, is proposing to change of use of their property from **Agricultural** to **Residential (Town Houses)**, subject to approval by County Government of Kiambu. Any individual(s), Institution(s) and organiza tion(s) with objection(s) to the proposal are hereby requested to forward them in writing within 14 days to this notice as granted by law to:

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PUBLIC AUCTION AT AUTO GALLERY YARD LOCATED ALONG WAIYAKI WAY, OPP. LION PLACE-WESTLANDS NAIROBI ON WEDNESDAY 03.06.2020 AT 11.00 A.M (A) LANDLORD VS DINAH AWINO OWANG T/A DLA FASHION (B) JAMES MWANGI NDERITU (TENANTS)

(C) ESTHER NJERI GICHURU (D) RYMER FOODS LIMITED (TENANTS) - SALE TO DEFRAY AUCTIONEERS FEES AND STORAGE CHARGES

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(A) Assorted men's shirts, full suits, trousers, jeans, coats, women's tops, dresses, blaæ rs, skirt suits, trousers, skirts, shoes, sweaters, mannequins, computers, cashbox rolling cloth stand, steam brush, table, chairs, assorted hangers.

(B) Carpets, Rugs, Samsung microwave, K-gas meko, Vision 43" TV + remote, Sony hometheatre , Cushions, Von hotpoint water dispenser, Glass sided TV stand, Plastic stools, metal case, Bosch drills, Bosch power saws, Bosch blower, Makita aluminium cutter, Rivet machines.

(C) 6-Seater sofaset, Sony 32" TV, chairs, assorted tables & stools, 2-drawer cabinet, Floor carpet, Wooden small bookshelf, freeæ r, cooker, fridge.

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FOOTBALL - PG31

How K'Ogalo legend missed lucrative professional 1987 Saudi Arabia deal

Fury intending to emulate Klitschko longevity in ring

BOXING: Tyson Fury has set his sights on emulating Wladimir Klitschko's sustained dominance as the British fighter warned he can remain a world champion until he retires.Klitschko was the undisputed world champion for over four years until Fury earned a shock win against the Ukrainian in 2015. Fury was unable to defend those titles amid mental health problems, but he has bounced back impressively. The 31-year-old wants to stay at the top after regaining his WBC heavyweight belt in February with an emphatic win over Deontay Wilder, who he is due to face again once the coronavirus is subdued. "I've won every single belt in boxing. From the English title to becoming the undisputed heavyweight champ of the world. All done, all finished. Considered the best, done," Fury told Sky Sports on Tuesday.

- AFP



McIlroy 'probably wouldn't' golf again with Donald Trump

GOLF: World number one Rory McIlroy says there's little chance he'd tee it up again with US President Donald Trump, criticizing Trump's handling of the COVID-19 crisis on a golf podcast. McIlroy told the McKellar Golf Podcast on Thursday that a more settled life away from the golf course has him feeling "more comfortable in my own skin" and more able to voice opinions. The 31-year-old from Northern Ireland, who has a home in Florida, has not been impressed with Trump's response to the coronavirus pandemic. "We're in the midst of something that's pretty serious right now and the fact that he's trying to politicize it and make it a campaign rally, saying that (the United States) administers the most tests in the world like it's a contest," McIlroy said. **- AFP**

Lakers' LeBron eager to get back into basketball action

BASKETBALL: Los Angeles Lakers superstar LeBron James said on Monday he's eager for the NBA season to resume, as long as the health of players and their families won't be endangered amid the Covid-19 pandemic. James, speaking on the "WRTS: After Party" programme on the Uninterrupted multi-media platform, said he hoped the NBA season resumes sooner rather than later. "Definitely not giving up on the season," said James, whose Lakers led the Western Conference when the NBA suspended play on 11 March after Utah Jazz centre Rudy Gobert tested positive for the coronavirus.



The virus brought global sport to a virtual standstill, but as lockdowns aimed at preventing its spread have begun to ease, sport has begun to re-emerge. Germany's Bundesliga became the first top European football league to resume after a two-month hiatus at the weekend. **- AFP**



Evans Kavisi and navigator Absalom Aswani power their car through a competitive section during a past rally. INSET: Kavisi and Aswani before the start of past race. BELOW: KMSF boss Phineas Kimathi (secon right) present Kavisi and Aswani with a trophy after victory last season. PD/ PHILIP KAMAKYA

Kavisi in final push



Driven by passion on one hand and hard work on the other, leader of KNRC Division Two plans to finish 2020 season in terrific fashion

by Charles Thuku
@PeopleDailyKe



Kenya National Rally Championship (KNRC) Division Two leader Evans Kavisi grew up following the old days of rally sport.

A story by his mother in 1994 has it that he suffered a panic attack from excitement when he witnessed a rally car being repaired by the roadside, just metres from where he stood.

It took him over two hours to calm him down.

"That was my first real encounter with a rally car and it stuck. It became the biggest passion for me thereon," he said.

Kavisi makes up a group of black indigenous drivers hoping to one day emulate legendary drivers like Patrick Njiru and the late Jonathan 'JT' Toroitich who reigned supreme in the years of yore.

For his dream to come to fruition, Kavisi was mentored by three-time Kenyan champion Azar Anwar to start rallying in 2018.

"As a competitor I started rallying in 2028. However I started actively participating in the sport in the year 2006. I don't think anyone can give a straight answer to 'why rallying?' I however believe everyone in this sport is a closet adrenaline junkie; you cant imagine living without it. It's the adrenaline, the mud, the dust, the smell of fuel, the pain, the sweltering heat in the cockpit; I cant describe what it feels like. "

His biggest influence in the sport has been Azar Anwar.

'I owe alot of what I know to this man Azar. We met in 2006 and he took me under his wing as an apprentice. I used to help out in his workshop to prepare the rally cars whenever I could get the chance, and in the service during race weekends. We could sit for long hours into the night talking about rallying and his approach to it mentally, financially and what it meant logistically to be active in this sport.

"He helped make rallying a reality for me and I will forever be thankful. As a matter of fact, when I wanted to start rallying, it is Azar who introduced me to Absalom Aswani who has since been my navigator. He helped me learn what it takes to drive, what it means to prepare mentally for this." Kavisi continues.

When starting out in rally, so many things are unknown and unfortunately some things can only come to you through experience.

One of the earliest teething problems Kavisi cites was poor preparation. "It is made an unnecessarily expensive exercise and we were plagued with reliability gremlins. This almost sucked out the joy of rallying and had us in the gutter for a while. We had to go back to the basics, plan the team afresh for us to just be able to finish events. From then on we were able to foresee problems effectively thus reducing the unknowns. Thankfully, there is a camaraderie and a welcoming feel within the rallying community, a lot of people came out to help us even as newbies in the sport; some removing things from their cars to help us to continue motoring. Thankfully we've had the gracious backing of our sponsors Greenlife Crop Protection Africa, who committed walking the journey with us as we grew and we are proud to be associated with them."

What was the feeling like clinching your first ever KNRC career top 10 in Stoni Athi

It was a fantastic season opener for us, especially coming from the last season where the last 2 rallies dint go our way. We were elated to clinch 7th overall having acquired a new car and such a result was reassuring that we made the right choice.



Benson Kipruto after winning the 2018 Toronto waterfront Marathon in Canada. FILE

Kipruto targets medal at rescheduled Boston

Nairobi, Tuesday
@PeopleDailyKe

Former Toronto marathon champion Benson Kipruto has returned to training as he tries to regain fitness and compete in Boston after the race was rescheduled to September.

Kipruto, the tenth finisher in last year's Boston marathon, believes with better weather, he can improve his time and position on return to the United States.

Organisers of the Boston marathon have rescheduled the event to September 14 from April 20 due to Covid-19.

"Boston was to offer me a chance to springboard my career. But the good thing is it will be returning in September, and I want to utilise the chance to stage a better show, run a fast time and prove my critics wrong," Kipruto said on Monday from Eldoret.

The 28-year-old had lost interest in training when Covid-19 wrecked the sports calendar, but he has returned to training now that World Athletics (WA) has confirmed the return of track and field competition in the Diamond League.

"Today, I train once a day, to keep fit. But I had done a lot in preparing for the Boston marathon and it will not be hard to pick up the pace and work around the clock to attain the optimum fitness to challenge for the medal," said Kipruto.

This year, Kipruto competed at the International Guadalajara Half marathon race in Mexico in February winning in a time of 62 minutes and 13 seconds. "It is important to be careful not to incur any new injuries, even now that we have cut down the training sessions," he added.

In Boston, Kipruto will come up against champion Lawrence Cherono, silver medalist Lelisa Desisa of Ethiopia, Yuki Kawauchi of Japan and 2017 World Athletics Championships gold medalist Geoffrey Kirui of Kenya.

Throw in former Olympic champion Stephen Kiprotich of Uganda, New York marathon silver medalist Albert Korir, Ethiopian Dejene Debela, runner-up to Cherono by one second in Chicago, Kenneth Kipkemoi, Philemon Rono and Felix Kandie, it is sure to be a hard-fought contest. **-Xinhua**

Jepchirchir: Virus struck when I had just hit top form

by Emmanuel Masinde
@PeopleDailyKe

Former world half marathon record holder Peres Jepchirchir is disappointed that Covid-19 struck when she was in top shape.

Though optimistic that she will still be able to pick up from where she left after the pandemic, Jepchirchir is not happy that she will have to wait up to September to make her debut at the Boston marathon after it was moved from April.

The Lisbon marathon winner had prepared well for Boston, initially set for April 20 in the United States of America, before it was rescheduled.

"I had prepared well and I was ready for the race before this thing called Corona disrupted the season. Mark you, I was in good shape," the former Yangzhou international half marathon winner told *People Sport* in Eldoret yesterday.

In 2017, Jepchirchir set the world record in half marathon by clocking 65.06 at Ras Al Kaimah (RAK) in the United Arab Emirates and was keen to bounce back to her winning streak before the crisis that has crippled athletics calendar struck.

The Kapsabet-based athlete is now just home doing menial chores with her family as she trains minimally to stay in shape.

"I am just there doing little training for my fitness. I was really ready to bounce back after a sabbatical," she added.



Peris Jepchirchir on her way to winning the 2016 World half Marathon title in Cardiff, Wales. FILE

Olympic sports to have meeting on impact of Covid-19

by Barry Silah
@PeopleDailyKe

National Olympics Committee of Kenya (NOC-K) and its affiliates will hold an online consultative meeting tomorrow to discuss the impact of Covid-19 on sports in Kenya, propose mitigation measures and new norm of sports strategies.

The meeting, which will take place via Zoom, will see all 26 Olympic federations converge with the same objective.

Key among the objectives will be collective understanding of the impact of Covid-19 on sports in Kenya, collective approach on mitigation measures which will include new protocols for sports following government guidelines, consideration of International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Federations (IFs) guidelines given so far and development of a reference document as a guide on the general areas for Kenya.

Cognizant that there have been efforts to mitigate the effects of coronavirus on sportspeople from different fronts, this will be a good opportunity to evaluate the actions taken so far, the challenges and the way forward.

NOC-K launched an athletes' survey early this month and has been collecting responses through national federations.





Kipchoge extends food aid to most vulnerable athletes

World Marathon record holder gives more help to North Rift runners struggling to stay afloat since races were cancelled

by Emmanuel Masinde
@PeopleDailyKe

World marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge donated more foodstuff to vulnerable athletes who have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic in Rift Valley.

This is a continuation of Kipchoge's initiative aimed at cushioning those in need within North rift after starting it early this month.

Sixty athletes, 20 from Eldoret and others from Iten and Kaptagat were relieved from the scourge of hunger which has been forced on them by the pandemic after both local and international races were either cancelled or postponed due to coronavirus.

Reigning Olympic marathon champion Kipchoge said the athletes were picked from various training centres since most of them depended on races abroad and are now not able to get other sources of income since everything is at standstill.

"The situation for athletes is not good since the affected ones lack other sources of income like having monthly salaries. They depend heavily on races abroad. They are really in hard times. We decided to partner with other like-minded individuals to help them," said Kipchoge.

The four-time London marathon winner, however, says there are many more runners who have not received help from different corners of the country hence the need for other people to offer support.

Former Lille half marathon champion Doreen Cherop, who was one of the beneficiaries, said she was left in limbo after all races she was preparing for were all called off.

"I was well prepared to run and was fit to go for the titles but the virus has cost us a lot. I really depend on small races in the country and across the world but they are no longer there for us," said Cherop.

Former La Coruna marathon winner Dominic Cheronges, who was second at the first Athletics Kenya series in Eldoret in February, said he was planning for good results this year after opening the season on a high.

"Finishing second in 1,500m was not easy since I run in road races but I did that as part of my training ahead of other road races," said Cheronges.

Eldoret Grains Limited Head of Human Resource and Administration Awadh Jamal said they are giving back to the society by joining hands with Kipchoge to help upcoming athletes who are struggling due to the pandemic.

"We hope that we will change Kenyans' lives and we are also calling upon other partners to help them," said Jamal.

World marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge donates foodstuff to vulnerable colleagues in Eldoret yesterday. PD/EMMANUEL MASINDE

ELIUD KIPCHOGE

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Watford captain Deeney declines return to training over virus fears

LONDON: Watford captain Troy Deeney will not return to training this week over fears he could pass coronavirus on to his five-month-old son.

Deeney has consistently voiced his concerns over the speed with which the Premier League hopes to return to playing matches despite the United Kingdom having the second-highest death toll in the world. England's top-flight clubs returned to training in small, socially distanced groups yesterday. Training will then be stepped up to full contact with the aim of resuming the season by the middle of next month. "We're due back in this week. I've said I'm not going in. It's nothing to do with financial gain," Deeney said on the Talk The Talk podcast."My son is five months and he's had breathing difficulties. I don't want to come home and put him in more danger." **-AFP**



Nigeria coach Rohr set to sign fresh contract after months of speculation

ABUJA: Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr will sign a new contract next week after agreeing terms to extend his four-year stay with one of Africa's football powerhouses, the national football body said yesterday. During the new two-year contract, Rohr will be expected to lead Nigeria to qualification for a seventh World Cup finals and the 2021 Africa Cup of Nations in Cameroon. Rohr, 66, has been in charge of the three-time African champions since 2016 and led them to the 2018 World Cup in Russia and the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations. Top officials have insisted on inserting new provisions in the contract such as paying Rohr in local currency as against his current 45,000 euro (Sh5 million) monthly salary. He is also expected to spend more time living in Nigeria itself. **-AFP**



Ronaldo back in training at Juve after two months away from Italy

TURIN: Cristiano Ronaldo returned to training with Juventus in Turin yesterday after an absence of over two months because of the coronavirus pandemic. The 35-year-old drove himself into the Juventus Training Centre in a Jeep with tinted windows. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner will undergo medical and physical tests before joining up with his teammates in training, according to media reports. Juventus players returned to individual training on May 4, the day Ronaldo returned to Italy after spending lockdown in his native Portugal. For the past two weeks, he has been in quarantine in his villa in Turin. Ronaldo played in Juventus's last Serie A game before the season was suspended, a 2-0 win over Inter Milan behind closed doors on March 8. **-AFP**

Bidco ready for demands of top flight



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Newly-promoted Kenyan Premier League (KPL) side Bidco United have expressed readiness for the competitive top flight when the new season resumes in September.

The Thika-based side, who were controversially promoted to the top tier by the Football Kenya Federation alongside Betika National Super League leaders Nairobi City Stars last month, had been preparing for the season's end until the league was stopped due to coronavirus.

"We are happy with our next mission and want to go there and prove ourselves. This announcement did not catch us by surprise because we were in the right mindset and the table also favoured us. I am especially happy for the players for the hard work but I wish to remind them that the heavy load lies ahead," Bidco coach Anthony Akhulia told People Sport yesterday.

The youthful tactician, who has developed his career as a player and trainer at the same club over the last six years, is however wary of KPL's physical nature.

"I am sure based on my plans and the team I have, we were going to get to the Premiership regardless. It is about confidence and the calibre of guys you have so for me, the hard work of creating this team has finally paid off," he added.

"Covid-19 has messed everybody but we must protect ourselves first until it subsides. For sure, we want to get back to the pitch so that we test the fitness of the players," said Akhulia.





Akhasamba: Boxing great that Kenya nearly missed

He is on the list of the country's all-time top pugilists. However, that would not have happened had he given in to let stringent conditions take the better of him

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He is in the list of Kenyan boxers of yester-years who made it big in the sport through tough conditions.

Keen boxing fans in the 1980s remember him for his great darts in the ring, excellent techniques and powerful punches that dazed opponents.

Joseph Akhasamba, who has since retired, was not your ordinary pugilist and was by far one of the best in his division, the light heavyweight.

But perhaps the most interesting bit is how Akhasamba ventured into boxing sport with a lot of struggle at the Pumwani Social Hall which is popularly known as Pal Pal Gymnasium in 1982

Akhasamba's humble beginning in boxing sounds stranger than fiction.

"I was then a jobless young man living in Gorofani area of Majengo, Nairobi with my elder brother and could hardly afford Sh20 to train at Pumwani," he explains.

Akhasamba says he does not subscribe to the belief that blood is thicker than water, going by the hard way he got the cash from his elder sibling who was then employed.

"He had the money but rarely gave me the gymnasium fee and when he did, it was only Sh10. I had two options of either using the money to buy food or paying for the work-outs," said Akhasamba.

By then, Akhasamba was being trained by Kenya Airways coach Alex Omwomo not to scale high heights in the game but to keep fit for self defence.



Nabongolo to join FKF top seat race

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St Peter's Mumias Secondary School Principal Cosmas Nabongolo intends to join the increasing list of aspirants for the Football Kenya Federation (FKF) presidency next week.

His move comes shortly after former Cecafa boss Nicholas Musonye officially joined the race to replace incumbent Nick Mwendwa last week.

"People have seen what we have done and what we are capable of. We are being pressured to have a go at the top seat. However, we need to do some consultations before rushing into making a decision. I am humbled by the concerns from all quarters of the country and beyond the borders that has singled me out for the job. We are ready to sacrifice and give what we have to make Kenyan football reach its potential," said Nabongolo, who has guided several schools to national and regional success in boys' football most notably Kapenguria and St Anthony, Kitale, before joining St Peter's.

"It is not about me but rather the sacrifice for the ailing local football. We want to restore confidence and return things on the right track for the coming generation to feel proud," added Nabongolo.

However, even before he makes it public, his move has already elicited several reactions with Bishop Njenga Girls' soccer coach Fred Serenge terming him the best bet but whose timing is wrong.

"He could have been the best candidate based on his record but all these candidates coming at this moment need to understand the voting system is already under someone's custody," Serenge said.

Apart from Musonye and Mwendwa, former FKF boss Sam Nyamweya, Gor Mahia CEO Lodvick Aduda and Ex-FKF National Executive Committee Member Fahim Twaha have also declared their interest in the FKF top seat.





1. Kenya's boxing great Joseph Akhasamba holds the World Boxing Board (WBB) Heavyweight belt won in Germany 2000. He is flanked by Kenya Professional Boxing Commission chairman Reuben Ndolo.
2. Akhasamba in the ring during a past fight.
3. Akhasamba shows that he's still got it during this interv iew in Nairobi yesterday.
4. Joseph Akhasamba displays one of his medals. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

Training with a school-going friend known as Patrick, Akhasamba's vision suddenly changed when Omwomo told him to aim higher including featuring for Kenya in future

"Omwomo was a top notch coach and he inculcated into me the culture of hard work but the bottle-neck to my career remained lack of gymnasium fees," said Akhasamba.

He opens up further on the hardships he underwent in training before he joined the Nairobi City Council team.

Discovered potential

"Imagine training without shoes and sometimes going without lunch. That was the routine until things improved courtesy of the Kenya Breweries team which came to train at Pumwani," said Akhasamba.

Breweries coach Charles Anjimbi, who was also the tutor of the national team, Hit Squad, was actually the man who discovered the potential of Akhasamba thus inviting him for drills with the team.

Akhsamaba said that while training with Breweries, he could only get a paltry Sh200 as allowance.

"I remember that I had Sh80 arrears in gymnasium fee and actually went missing before Breweries came calling. I did odds jobs in Majengo like washing clothes and ironing them in a bid to make ends meet," said Akhasamba.

Few years later while still training with Breweries, Akhasamba lost hope of ever getting a job with the team after which he was lured by Moi Air Base.

He underwent a medical with the military side before Breweries came searching for him while promising to offer him a full time job.

"That job involved general cleaning but to me, it was better than nothing. I also overlooked that by MAB since I wanted immediate income while they wanted me to first go into training," he said.

Akhasamba, whose son Benson is also a boxer, was in the crack Hit Squad that won the overall title in the 1987 All Africa Game held in Nairobi.

It was also in the same year that he won the East and Central Africa Championships in his division at the event held in Kampala, Uganda.

How K'Ogalo legend missed lucrative 1978 pro deal in Saudi Arabia

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Were it not for the bureaucracy by Kenya Football Federation (KFF) in the late 70s, former Luo Union and Gor Mahia international defender Swaleh Ochieng' "Oswayo" (*picture*) would have landed a lucrative professional deal in Saudi Arabia.

It was in 1978 and coupled with tough Fifa rules then, the rare chance of Ochieng, one of Kenya's best defenders of all times, to join paid ranks went up in smoke.

It was a kind of a cat and mouse game between Ochieng and KFF and in a bid to take his career to the next level, the indefatigable left full back played mischief when he was lured by scouts of a Saudi club behind the back of Kenya's football governing body.

The development was soon after a series of friendlies which Harambee Stars was involved in Sauidi capital Riyadh where Ochieng, alongside Kenya Breweries stars Binzi Mwakolo and Mohammed Hamisi Magongo were a revelation for Kenya.

"I was in Harambee Stars squad that had toured Saudi Arabia for a series of friendly matches and the scouts there were impressed with my performance and subsequently invited me for trials together with Binzi and Magogo," Ochieng told Peope Sport in Nairobi on Monday.

It was, however, paradoxical that while Binzi and Magogo were secretly released by Breweries to attend the trials, which were unsuccessful, Luo Union would hear none of it in regards to Ochieng's case for fear of repercussions by KFF.

The bone of contention by the federation was that Ochieng' was heading to a foreign land at the expense of club and national team duties.

Before then, KFF had got wind of Ochieng's great interest from the foreign scouts but the player was crafty enough to deny this and was given a clean bill of health through a letter signed by then KFF national chairman Clement Gachanja.

"I had to deny the claims to save my local football career otherwise what I was eyeing was a professional stint in the Middle East. In fact, I had been told by the scouts that I was good enough not even to attend the trials," said Ochieng'.

Ochieng' had no option but to stick to local action and his career continued blossoming after he joined Gor Mahia from Luo Union in 1984.

He was also the defence stalwart at Harambee Stars, then under coach Marshall Mulwa, who won the Senior Challenge Cup Championships three times in a trot, 1981-1983.



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Harambee Stars captain Victor Wanyama challenges for the ball with Sofiane Feghuli of Algeria during the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt. INSET: Wanyama during a training session with the national team at Kasarani Stadium. PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA

Wanyama: Fifa ban no laughing matter

Harambee Stars captain pleads with FKF to settle Amrouche's pay to save Kenyan youth from punishment as he regrets not winning EPL title with Spurs

by Lynette Matheka

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Harambee Stars captain Victor Wanyama has expressed his fears over a potential Fifa ban on Kenya if the issue of non-payment of dues owed to former coach Adel Amrouche is not resolved.

Kenya risks Fifa's wrath after the timelines given to pay Amrouche Sh109 million elapsed on Monday without any payment made after which the world soccer governing body was to pronounce itself on the matter.

Part of the punishment for non-payment could be expulsion from Fifa competitions which means Harambee Stars will be locked out of the 2022 World Cup, whose qualifiers begin on October 5.

Kenya received a bye into the second round of the qualifies where they are in Group E alongside neighbours Uganda, Rwanda and Mali and Wanyama feels such a move could spell doom for the country's football.

"The best thing to do is settle these issues and secure the future of our football. I understand that the current office inherited some debts but since there is no way out, it is better not to destroy someone's future over this. A ban would mean our younger generation would miss out on opportunities in the game," said Wanyama during an interview with Madgoat TV on Monday.

Wanyama, who has been the national team captain since 2013, also weighed in on the issue of delayed payment of winning allowances for the Kenya against Tanzania match at last year's Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt.

"The federation's position is that the money was to be paid by the government. However, since I cannot follow it up with the government, I put pressure on the federation to do so and have the players paid their dues. We had several promises for settlement which were not met and I had given an ultimatum for payment before this pandemic hit," said Wanyama.

The Montreal Impact midfielder, however denied claims made by team-mate Abud Omar last week that he made decisions for the squad without consulting the other members of the team.

Abud Omar claims

"That is not true. We had a discussion over the issue during our away qualifier match to Ghana and the said player was not in that squad as he was serving a suspension. I sat all the players down and we negotiated for the squad that would make it to Egypt to be allowed to share Sh38 million from the Sh50 million that had been promised if we qualified. The rest of the money would go to those who participated in the qualifiers but did not make the final squad. I took it upon myself to explain that to Omar over the phone," said Wanyama.

The former Celtic and Southampton player also talked about life at Tottenham Hotspur, whom he left to join MLS side Montreal in February, expressing his regrets for not winning the English Premier League (EPL) title with the north London club in the 2016/17 season when they finished second behind winners Chelsea.

"When I joined Spurs we had every player one could imagine having in their squad. We had a good side that was able to win the league. However, we picked four draws towards the end of the year (2016) and that cost us the title. I regret not winning the title that year and everyone who was part of that squad had a similar feeling. We all knew that was our golden chance to get the title and it was unfortunate that we bottled it," he said. In what was their final season at White Hart Lane, Spurs went the season unbeaten at home in all competitions, the first time since the 1964/65 campaign. They, however, had a slump between October and November where they picked four draws and a 2-1 loss against Chelsea. They played for a 1-1 draw against Arsenal, a similar stalemate against Leicester City, a goalless one against Bournemouth and another 1-1 draw with-West Brom. The final nail on the coffin was Spurs' unexpected 1-0 defeat to West Ham in May that gave Chelsea an easy run to their fifth title. "Those draws were against lower ranked teams and we felt they were avoidable," added Wanyama.

The club finished with 86 points which was their highest ever points total in the Premier League era and their second place finish was also a new high.

Goal of the Month

They also led the league in both goals scored and fewest conceded then with Wanyama's team-mate Harry Kane winning the golden boot after scoring 29 goals despite missing three months due to injury.

Wanyama, however, spend the next two seasons at the club nursing injuries. In February 2018, his equaliser in a 2-2 draw against Liverpool was voted the Premier League Goal of the Month.

"I had just been substituted and an effort at Liverpool's goal was punched out by the keeper. When I saw the ball on my pathway I made up my mind to make an attempt at goal instead of trying to control it. It was just one of those lucky moments where your technique works. With the atmosphere at Anfield, it was amazing to see the Liverpool fanbase silenced by my goal," Wanyama reminisced.

Wanyama left the club in February after finding it hard to get playing time under former coach Mauricio Pochettino and his successor Jose Mourinho.

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