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Magoha rushing CBC plan, say Rift leaders

Two legislators from North Rift region have castigated Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha over implementation of Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC). MPs Caleb Amisi (Saboti) and his Kapenguria counterpart Samuel Moroto (*pictured*) took issue with Magoha for "hurrying up" the implementation of the new system without assessing the learning environment in hardship areas. Speaking to the media in Kitale town over the weekend, the lawmakers said teachers from marginalised areas have not been prepared well on CBC implementation. They said the CS should have toured some of the primary schools in the bandit-prone counties to asses the state of infrastructure.

-David Musindi



Family seeks police help in search for missing kin

A family in Nakuru is calling on police to help them find their missing son. The 17-year-old Form Three student from Langa Langa Secondary School is said to have fled home under unclear circumstances. Shem Mwangi, who is now reported missing, is said to have seemed stressed and frustrated after being sent home from school last Wednesday over poor performance. His sister Alice Njeri said Shem had requested to be transferred .The father Samuel Mwangi said the son was disciplined, adding that since his disappearance, they have unsuccessfully checked hospitals, police stations and morgues within the county.

-Roy Lumbe

Residents welcome Del Monte land ruling

Residents of Murang'a and Kiambu have welcomed a court ruling declining to compel the Murang'a county government to renew a lease on land occupied by Del Monte Kenya Ltd. The residents represented by the patron of Kandara Residents Association PMG Kamau are expected to settle on 70 per cent of the land that will be released by the firm while 30 per cent will go to the respective counties. During a meeting at Umoja area in Thika on Saturday, Kamau said majority of the beneficiaries are people whose families suffered historical injustices during the colonial era.

-Oliver Musembi

Kebs, public health officers on warpath over food inspection

Mandate battle is reported to have led to clearance of questionable commodity, drugs to enter local market

by Eric Wainaina
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A vicious war is brewing between the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) and public health officers over the inspection mandate of imported foods and drugs, putting lives of many Kenyans at risk.

The feud comes after the government, through Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua issued a circular barring public health officers from inspecting imported foods and drugs.

The battle, which is reported to have led to the clearance of questionable food and drugs to enter the local market, has moved to court after the Association of Public Health Office of Kenya (APHOK) sought interpretation of the government circular. The public health officers body accuses Kebs of operating like a cartel and of intimidating their members.

In one of the instances, according to APHOK secretary general Mohammed Bagajo, a consignment of 23 tonnes of spoilt ginger imported from Vietnam was flagged by public health officials at the Kilindini Port in Mombasa, but was later released to the market by Kebs.

Government report

According to a report from the Government Chemist, dated August 14, 2019 and signed by Dorothy Kai, the ginger was laced with dirt, the moisture content was 14 per cent which is above the recommended 12 per cent and some of it was rotten and therefore "does not comply with standards".

Bagajo said the June 4, circular from Kinyua, which he says is "just profits oriented", has reduced public health officers to spectators as their role is now limited to boarding any vessel at the point of entry but the inspection and the intervention role has been left to Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) through Kebs.

The circular titled "Operationalisation and Improvement of Cargo Logistics at the Port of Entry and Inland Container Depots" placed public health officers at category one together with Immigration, Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Customs department and Port Facility Security Office.

The move was made as part of the government's efforts to cut cost of doing business and enhancing efficiency at the ports of entry, but APHOK say it's going to have dire consequences since food and drugs that are dangerous are easily finding their way into the market.

"We reiterate that whereas the government's appreciation that the cost of doing business and efficiency at the port of entry is dependent on the actions of government agencies, shipping lines, clearing agencies as well as the cargo owners, this should be carefully balanced with the need to ensure that only safe food, drugs and other substances reach the consumer," Bagajo said.

APHOK through lawyer Allan Odhiambo, wants implementation of the circular stopped by the court pending hearing and determination of the case in which public health officers are seeking the circular's interpretation. The Kebs and KPA are the respondents.

"The petitioners (APHOK) are extremely apprehensive that without the intervention of the court, there is imminent risk that food, drugs and other substances would continue entering the country through points of entry without being subjected to the required checks as envisaged under the Public Health Act and Foods, Drugs and Substance Act," reads an affidavit sworn by Bagajo.

Changamwe MP Omar Mwinyi warned that the vicious competition, which he said is being fuelled by greedy and selfish people at Kebs and Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), will have serious consequences since it has led to an influx of dangerous food and drugs into local the market.

"There is competition, Kebs has conspired with KRA to block public health officers from executing their mandate; recently imported maize was found to be poisonous another poisonous cargo was imported through the EPZ but even after public health officers raised alarm Kebs and KRA released it to the market and if the trend continues, it will put lives of Kenyans at risk," Mwinyi said.

According to the Public Health Act and Foods, Drugs and Substance Act Cap 242, public health officers have a mandate of inspecting imported foodstuff, cosmetics and disinfectants to ensure they comply with stipulated standards.

Samples assessment

This is done through taking of the suspected samples for assessment either through physical examination and surveillance based assessment or tests at the Government Chemist.

But with the circular, which placed Kebs as the lead agency in coordinating the inspection of goods at the country of origin, Bagajo says goods with certificate of conformity "need not to be subjected to any physical extermination yet goods, especially food stuff can get contaminated during transit".

And with APHOK's role technically having been moved to Kebs through the circular, Bagajo said things will only get worse since it will fuel the turf wars among state agents have exposed Kenyans to unsafe food.

BAGAJO

There is risk that food and drugs would continue entering the country without being subjected to the required checks



Association of Public Health Office of Kenya secretary-general Mohammed Bagajo addresses the press in Nairobi on Friday. PD/BERNARD ORWONGO

OFFICERS CLAIMS

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- **MP says row will have serious consequences since it has led to an influx of dangerous food and drugs into the local market.**



with WhackyGuy254
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The proposal triggered security alert after officials thought aliens had invaded planet earth

A young man's creative marriage proposal apparently triggered several UFO reports in a small town in Germany. Bavarian police say several people called during one night to alert them to strange lights floating above the sleepy town of Plattling. It turns out the lights were 50 paper lanterns sent aloft by a 29-year-old man proposing marriage to his girlfriend. Neither the man nor the 27-year-old woman were identified. However, police reported the woman did say "Yes."



It is not all about going down on bended knee...

...there are those who take marriage proposals to bizarre lengths...





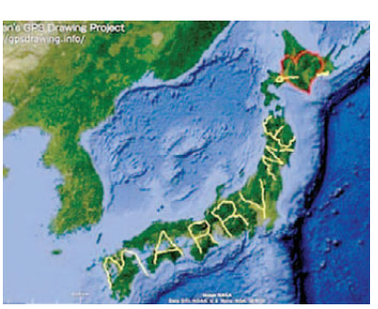
Geek hacked girlfriend's computer to ask for hand in marriage

A US man was credited with the ultimate nerd wedding proposal after hacking into his girlfriend's favourite video game. Bernie Peng, 26, of New Jersey, reprogrammed the game 'Bejeweled' so a ring and a proposal popped up when Tammy Li, 27, reached a certain score.

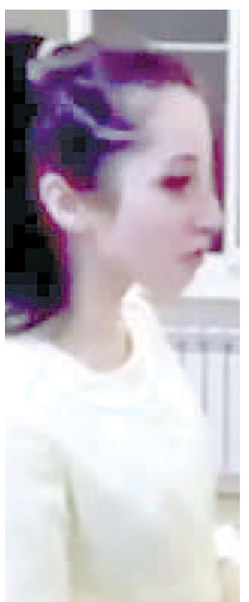
r Peng, who works as a programmer of financial software, spent about a month reprogramming the game. He presented the game to a surprised Li, who played until she hit the score that triggered a digital pink sapphire ring to drop down with Peng's proposal. The story was picked up by video gaming sites and spread across the internet until the manufacturer eventually heard about it. Instead of being angry that Peng had hacked into their game, company officials were so impressed they offered to pay for part of the wedding..

Romeo made 7000-km proposal across Japan visible from space

For one man, getting down on one knee just wouldn't do it. Instead, the proposal he made to his girlfriend was so that it was visible from outer space. Japanese artist named Yasushi Takahash quit his job and spent the next six months trekking through Japan, covering more than 4,349 miles in the process, mostly on foot, but sometimes by car, ferry or bicycle. GPS technology tracked Yassan's every movement and directed his journey from Hokkaido Island to Hyodo Cliff on Kyushu Island where the trip ended. At the end of Yassan's trek, the GPS records of his travels around Japan spelled out the phrase "Marry Me" — with an arrow



through a heart sign added for good measure. Each point he crossed during his travel was carefully planned beforehand so that the GPS tracking would spell out the phrase clearly. Yassan's work has officially been recognized as the world's largest marriage proposal.





Man proposed to nurse by hiding ring inside wound

A Russian man took the love-bar a notch higher after he proposed to his girlfriend by hiding a ring inside his stomach wound! The othario, from Karachay-Cherkess, had a friend film as his partner, who is a nurse, trying to treat the wound only to find an engagement ring! He then went down on his knee and proposed at the hospital emergency room. As it turns out, the star-struck guy had braved the pain and convinced a surgeon to hide the ring inside the wound, so that he could pull out the shocker.

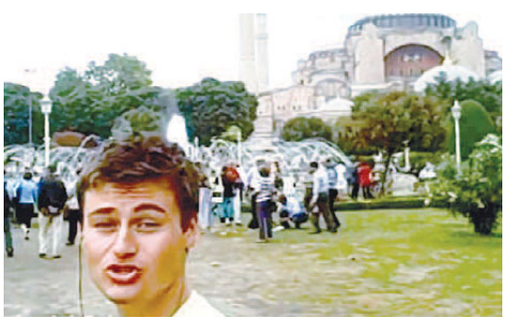
He took four years travelling to 26 countries to pop the question

In 2014, a university graduate proposed to his girlfriend with an epic video that took four years to film and features him lip-syncing in 26 different countries.

Whitefish, Montana resident Jack Hyer went on his first date with fellow University of Montana student Rebecca Strellnauer on September 30, 2010, and vowed that one day he would marry her. At Jack 22, he embarked on his mission to propose to her and in four years, he visited 26 countries, recording something special in each country in preparation for the big day when he would propose to his beloved.

The love-struck guy hit upon the ingenious idea of lip-syncing to *I'm Gonna Be* by Scottish band The Proclaimers. The song tells a story of romantic devotion despite being separated by great distance, something Jack felt reflected his feelings for Rebecca. Over the next four years, Jack's travels took him all over the world, but while, in each country, he made sure to have a friend record him lip-syncing along to at least part of the song so he could eventually edit it all together.

After completing the video, Jack finally showed it to her and in the end, popped the question and Rebeca said yes.



Attempts to copy stunt from movies went awry

A Chinese woman passed out in after accidentally swallowing an engagement ring her boyfriend had hidden in a cake. Mr Chen, of Xinyan Town, Fuqing City, said he was inspired by romantic movies in which leading men hid rings in cakes and gave them to their girlfriends. "I imagined the surprise on her face, mixed with happiness," he regretfully told the Southeast Morning Post. Instead, his girlfriend Wen fainted when she saw Chen get down on one knee. "I realised I had just swallowed the ring with a full mouth of cake," she said. Chen called the police, who immediately sent Wen to hospital. Doctors used a catheter to retrieve the ring from her stomach. On waking up, Wen accepted Chen's marriage proposal.



Western, Coast most affected by climate change, report reveals

Kenya Meteorological Department says the two regions have hit dreaded temperature increase threshold in four decades

by Bernard Gitau
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Western Kenya and the Coast region have experienced the greatest impact of climate change in Kenya, with temperatures rising and rainfall patterns changing dramatically over the last four decades.

In a report obtained from the Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD), the two regions have recorded temperature increase of 2°C and 2.1°C, respectively.

This means they have reached the dreaded threshold of temperature increase set by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change of 2°C.

KMD director Stella Aura has expressed concern over rate of temperature rise in the country terming its effects detrimental to food security and other economic activities.

"In recent years, there were more consecutive days with above normal temperatures within the hot months (January, February and March). Additionally, the minimum night time temperatures are rising faster than the daytime temperatures," she said.

Rainfall has reduced considerably as shown by KMD data for Dagoretti, Voi and Kericho from 1961 to 2016.

Aura points out that, while decreased rainfall is evidence of climate change, some regions record higher amounts of rainfall but within shorter periods of time.

"The increase is, therefore, not very useful especially for agricultural purposes," she said.

GDP loss

Aura attributed the temperature rise to deforestation, poor land use, burning of fossil fuels, industrial and ocean pollution and coral bleaching.

Devolution Cabinet Secretary Eugene Wamalwa has noted that 23 of the country's 47 counties are affected by drought and are relying on relief food.

"The issue is as a result of extreme high temperature due to climate change and global warming," he said.

As millions of Kenyans continue to face food insecurity, the impact the economy and other general development is getting worse with revelations that the country loses at least two per cent of its GDP due to climate change.

With the country's 2018 GDP standing at Sh8.8 trillion, this means Sh170 billion is lost annually to climate change.

Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko has noted that 78 to 80 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions come from developed countries, with Africa contributing just four per cent.

"We are suffering the burden of pollution by others. The polluters have a moral, ethical and legal obligation to pay for their emissions," he said.

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued a warning that maize production is expected to fall by 11 million bags this year because of inadequate rains.

"Erratic patterns of the 2019 long rains affected early planted crop resulting in water stress, wilting and poor germination in most parts of the country," the Ministry's July Crop production bulletin stated.

On deforestation, Kenya is losing its forests at a rate of 12,000 acres annually.

According to the Taskforce Report on Forest Resources Management and Logging Activities in Kenya 2018, the loss of 5,000 hectares of forest was due to illegal logging and encroachment.

Marion Kamau, who also chairs the Greenbelt Movement, says forest ecosystems enhance landscape resilience to climate change.

"Forests are also known to be among the most effective sinks of greenhouse gases, which cause climate change, and hence important in contributing to climate change mitigation," Kamau said.

Kenya's closed canopy forest cover currently stands at about two per cent of the total land area, compared to the African average of 9.3 per cent and a world average of 21.4 per cent.

Food security

"The depletion has the potential to roll back strides towards the attainment of Vision 2030 and the government's Big Four Agenda of food and nutritional security, affordable and decent housing, universal healthcare and manufacturing, if it is not urgently addressed," she added.

Globally, scientists are warning that changing the average temperature of an entire planet, even if it's just by a few degrees, will have devastating effect on food security, health, wild and marine life.

Right now, the world is warmer than it was during pre-industrial days and it is linked to the rising levels of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, caused by human activities.

As Kenya battles to reduce the impact of human activities on the environment, visitors to national parks, beaches, forests and conservation areas will not be allowed to carry disposable plates, cups, straws, spoons, forks and water bottles, which are considered major environmental pollutants.

According to UN Environment, over 20,000 plastic bottles are sold every second translating to 480 billion annually.

The agency indicates that at least eight million tonnes of plastics ends up in oceans with a warning that by 2050, there will be more plastics in oceans than fish.

Other major causes of pollution include carbon emissions from motor vehicles, industries, burning fossil fuels and coal and electricity generation.

Nairobi River, which snakes through the capital, is an eyesore as sewer and industrial waste takes over.

Kenya banned cars using the most sulphurous fuels and limited second hand cars importation to eight years but pollution is made worse by smoke from garbage/tyres fires and use of dirty source of energy.

On fossil fuels and coal burning, Kenya environmentalists scored big when the National Environment Tribunal in June cancelled the licence issued to Amu Power Company Ltd for setting up a coal plant.

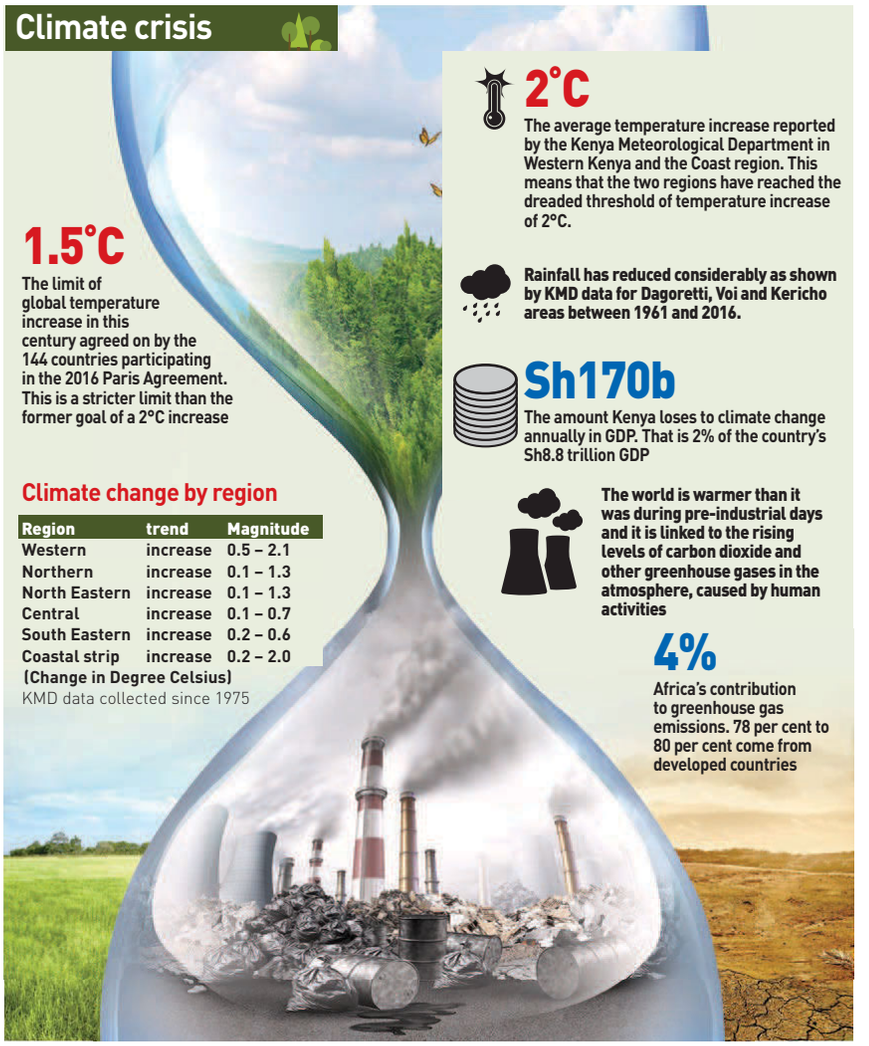
The tribunal said that the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) issued the environmental impact assessment licence to Amu Power without following the law.

The Sh200 billion plant was to be constructed in Lamu but environment activists vehemently opposed it.

To prevent global temperature rise, the United Nations signed the Paris Agreement, an international treaty designed to keep the average global temperature "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels".

The 144 countries participating in the 2016 Paris Agreement announced that the world should limit the global increase in this century to 1.5°C, a stricter limit than the former goal of a 2°C increase.

But Tobiko points that it won't be possible to hold the global temperature rise below the 1.5°C limit unless standing forests are maintained, degraded areas are allowed to recover, conversion of forests into other land uses halted, wetlands restored and forest cover expanded.




Eugene Wamalwa


Stella Aura


Keriako Tobiko

TOBIKO

The polluters have a moral, ethical and legal obligation to pay for their emissions.

Teenage warrior of the climate crisis

16-year-old Greta Thunberg is on a mission to save the world from effects of irresponsible human actions and inaction

In person, she is tiny. Eyes wide and head down, her discomfort with crowds and small talk make it easy to understand why Greta Thunberg says she was "an invisible girl" for most of her 16 years.

But when Thunberg went to Washington—into the lights, cameras and lack-of-action that makes up the modern congressional hearing—the smallest and youngest person in the room came off as the oldest soul on Capitol Hill.

Brushing off Republican talking points and Democratic flattery with equal flat annoyance, even friendly softballs were treated as reminders that she takes this much more seriously than most grown-ups. Even those in the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Climate.

Furious

"How can we get more kids involved in this issue?" asked Rep Ben Luján, a Democrat from New Mexico.

"Just tell them the truth," she said. "Tell them how it is. Because when I found out how it actually is, it made me furious."

When Thunberg walked into a conference room at the Ford Foundation for interviews, I flashed to a short story I wrote in college about a child who can see the future. On his popular TV show, the boy announces that all war will end the following day but, as humanity celebrates, he admits to his mother that it was a lie.

"Tomorrow, all life on earth will end in fire," he tells her, and "I don't think they can take it."

Small price

Convinced that humanity can—MUST—take the hardest of truths, Thunberg set down her "Skolstrejk för Klimatet" ("School Strike for Climate") sign, put on a mic and began a gauntlet of interviews about the end of life as we know it.

"I mean, I don't like being the center of attention," she said. "I don't want to be heard all the time, but if there is anything I can do to improve the situation then I think it's a very small price to pay."

It's been less than a year since she plopped down in front of Parliament in Stockholm, a one-girl Swedish version of the US school strikes for gun control.

"The symbolism of the climate strike is that if you adults don't give a damn about my future, I won't either," she explained.

By Day 2, she had company. By Week 2, a viral movement on social media, and within a few months, she stood before dignitaries at the UN's climate change conference in Poland.

"You only speak of green eternal economic growth because you are too scared of being unpopular," she said.

A month later, she took a train to Davos, Switzerland, slept in a tent and told the rich and powerful that the house is on fire. "Adults keep saying we owe it to the young people to give them hope. But I don't want your hope. I want you to panic."

Having sworn off flying, it took a 60-foot sailboat on loan from Monaco's royalty to get her to America, and while her selfies amid whitecaps drew new followers by the thousands, it also made her a target of conservative climate crisis skeptics.

"Freak yachting accidents do happen in August," tweeted Arron Banks, a founder of the pro-Brexit Leave campaign.

"For me, that is just in a way, funny," Thunberg responded with a smile. "It is like they don't have any arguments left so they, so they have to just mock me, or mock my diagnosis or my appearance. In a way, it is a positive sign that something is happening. They feel threatened by, by this movement. That means we are making a difference."

By "diagnosis," she means Asperger's. Thunberg's mother is a famous singer in Sweden and has written about Greta's place on the spectrum as something like a superpower.

"It makes me work a bit different. I think differently," she said.

In March, almost 1.5 million children in dozens of countries left classrooms and took to the streets. With strikes planned in over 500 places in the US alone today, the Fridays for Future movement could easily double those numbers.

Thunberg sees protests—but also lawsuits, treaties and pressure campaigns—as vital tools.

"We will try to push it and make sure that the world leaders have all eyes on them so that they cannot continue to ignore this."

—CNN

ONE GIRL'S CAMPAIGN

- **In August 2018, 15-year-old Greta Thunberg took time off school to demonstrate outside the Swedish Parliament calling for greater action to combat climate change.**
- **In December 2018, she took her campaign to the UN's climate change conference in Poland where she accused leaders of not being mature enough to speak frankly about climate change.**
- **Having sworn off flying, sailed to America for the United Nations Climate Action Summit.**

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Age at which Greta Thunberg began her climate change campaign



Greta Thunberg speaking at a climate change protest in New York on Saturday.
COURTESY

Time for fancy speeches on global warming is over, UN chief declares

More than 75 countries are expected to promise tougher action against global warming on Tuesday after millions of people took to the streets on Friday in the world's biggest climate strike.

World leaders including UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson will meet at a United Nations climate change summit in New York to discuss further cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and ways to suck those that are already in the atmosphere back out of the sky, for example by planting billions of trees.

The stakes are high, as master of ceremonies UN Secretary General António Guterres has made crystal clear.

Speaking ahead of the conference, Guterres said: "I went to the Bahamas a few days ago. The level of devastation was unlike anything I have ever seen. Hurricane Dorian was indeed Hurricane Hell. And, unfortunately, extreme weather events will only produce more hellscapes for more people.

Losing race

Guterres has been equally clear that he is after actions rather than words.

"I told leaders not to come with fancy speeches, but with concrete commitments," he said. "Let's face it. We have no time to lose. We are losing the race against climate change."

World leaders promising enhanced action will be given a three-minute speaking slot at the summit, where Swedish campaigner Greta Thunberg will make a longer speech.

Dozens of company heads are also expected to attend and will pledge their own actions on climate change.



The aftermath of Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas.
COURTESY

The summit comes amid fears over a deepening climate crisis, with melting glaciers in Greenland, burning forests in the Amazon and tropical storms smashing the Caribbean.

Europe has been hit by two extreme heatwaves over the summer while the UK recorded a new all-time high temperature of 38.7°C in July. None of these extreme weather events can be directly linked to climate change but scientists say it makes them far more likely and much more intense.

On Friday, the world's largest climate strike took place as millions of pupils, students and adults walked out of their schools, colleges and workplaces.

—Agencies





Kenya Wildlife Service rangers immobilise a black rhino at the Nairobi National Park on June 26, last year ahead of translocation to the Tsavo East National Park. PD/ BERNARD MALONZA

House team says minister should resign following botched translocation that 'was motivated by Sh2.8b conservation funding'

MPs demand Balala sack over the death of 11 black rhinos

by Mercy Mwai
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A parliamentary committee wants Tourism and Wildlife Cabinet Secretary Najib Balala to take full responsibility and resign over the deaths of 11 black rhinos following a botched translocation exercise last year.

Failing to do so, the parliamentary Committee on Environment and Natural Resources wants President Uhuru Kenyatta to fire Balala.

"The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife should take overall responsibility for the botched translocation exercise since he delayed the appointment of a new Board of Trustees at the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS)," the report says.

The committee, chaired by Mara MP Kareke Mbiuki, says the board would have offered policy direction and guidance to the KWS management.

"In the absence of the board, the ministry had overall responsibility over the KWS operations, including the translocation," says the report tabled in the National Assembly last week.

The House committee alleges the motivation behind the exercise was Sh2.854 billion (25 million Euros), which the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) was seeking from Germany to fund the translocation.

The MPs now claim that the exercise, which was neither necessary nor practical, was being pushed by WWF in order to receive the money.

Apply pressure

WWF partnered with the KWS on rhino conservation to fund the botched exercise, and applied pressure on the KWS to hasten the translocation, the report added.

WWF, the report further said, was motivated by the funding they were seeking then in Germany of almost 25 million Euros and that "the translocation was to offer positive publicity to facilitate the securing of the funding," the report states.

The report goes further to say WWF had no legal standing and leeway to pressure a public entity to act outside the laid down procedures and regulations.

Efforts to reach Balala to comment on the issue were futile, as his telephone did not go through.

The committee also accuses him of having used a preliminary report that was hastily done to suspend veterinary doctors concerned, accusing them of negligence when he lacked powers to take action against a KWS officer.

Mbiuki, who authored the report, said the committee had found out that the CS abdicated his responsibilities by not appointing the board in good time for no reason.

"As a committee we have censured him and if the National Assembly approves the report, then he either resigns or the President sacks him," said the MP.

The committee also wants the then Principal Secretary in the Tourism ministry, who sat in the previous KWS board, Margret Mwakima, to be held responsible for failing to ensure proper oversight measures during the exercise.

MPs questioned why the ministry proceeded with the translocation yet the board of trustees, of which the former PS was a member, had declined to approve the exercise three times on grounds that it was inadvisable to translocate free range rhinos to a restricted sanctuary that had water with high salinity levels and unfavourable habitat. The death of the rhinos caused uproar across the country with some calling for Balala's resignation.

Hitting back, Balala told those calling for his resignation in July last year: "I will stand for what is right... These are sideshows... Nobody appointed me. It is only Uhuru Kenyatta who has appointed me... They can go to hell and I can tell them that... I don't want to comment on the rhinos but they can go to hell."

The committee regretted that KWS relied on outdated translocation guidelines and protocols for wildlife.

Withhold information

The report comes after Balala and the WWF, the financiers, launched the translocation on July 1, last year at a colourful ceremony.

During the exercise rhinos from parks in Nairobi and Nakuru were moved to a new sanctuary in Tsavo East National Park that KWS and WWF had spent six years constructing.

The committee also wants the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to probe former head of KWS Ecological and Monitoring, Mohammed Omar, for withholding crucial information that could have aided in decision-making.

Omar failed to provide water quality assessment tests results to inform the decisions of the translocation team, a move that saw salt poisoning cause the death of the rhinos.

Further, the MPs want the head of Veterinary Services and the head of Capture Services apprehended over the deaths.

Lawmakers also want KWS to discipline officers, who may have exhibited laxity during the translocation, and to conduct an urgent job evaluation for all officers so as to align their qualifications with their responsibilities.

The rhinos were translocated despite warnings by the Tsavo area assistant director about the death of the first rhino and signs of another unhealthy one at the Tsavo East sanctuary.

After the deaths, Balala said an independent inquiry had found that negligence by conservation officers was to blame.

The report found the wildlife had succumbed to stress and poisoning from drinking salty water, he added.

IN SUMMARY

- MPs want Tourism CS Najib Balala to resign over the deaths of 11 black rhinos last year.
- They accuse him of using a preliminary report that was hastily done to suspend veterinary doctors concerned.
- They want KWS to discipline officers, who may have exhibited laxity during the translocation of the rhinos.

Court to rule if Wairimu will attend tycoon Cohen's burial today



Sarah Wairimu and her lawyer Philip Murgor consult in court recently. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

by Kinyuru Munuhe
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High Court is this morning expected to rule on whether Sarah Wairimu, who is being held over the murder of her husband Dutch tycoon Tob Cohen, will attend his burial.

The court's decision will either facilitate or delay the burial, planned for today afternoon.

Through her lawyer Philip Murgor, Wairimu urged the court to hear the plea as a matter of urgency so she can accord her husband a decent burial and pay her last respects.

"First thing in the morning will be to go to court to get the orders and then they will be served to the prison authority. The family is to be represented by Cohen's brother Bernard Cohen. Sarah hopes to attend because there is an agreement by all parties that she should," Murgor told the *People Daily* yesterday.

Obtain order

In a consent signed by Murgor and lawyer Cliff Ombeta, representing Cohen's family, Wairimu's presence is a precondition compromise on whether the burial will go on or not.

"The funeral of the late Cohen will now proceed subject to obtaining a court order on the following terms: the burial ceremony will be private and for family members only. The burial rites will be in accordance with Jewish rites by the concerned community leaders. The burial shall take place at the Jewish Cemetery on Wangari Mathai Road at 2pm on September 23," a joint statement signed by Murgor and Ombeta read in part.

Cohen's sister Gabrielle Van Straten will not attend the burial after she left the country on Friday night immediately after unveiling of the tycoon's will.

Lawyer Cliff Ombeta said she had been in the country since Cohen was reported missing and had to go back to her country to handle some pressing issues.

Murgor boycotted the private session held to open the will at Chege Kirundi & Company Advocates offices in Nairobi.

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The Board Chairperson
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Industrial Area
P O Box 73442-00200
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Probe Nema officials, MPs urge Kinoti

by Mercy Mwai
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A parliamentary committee wants the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) to investigate officials of two parastatals for allegedly approving buildings on riparian land.

The MPs accused the National Environment Management Authority (Nema) and Water Resources Authority (WRA) officials of issuing licences for the construction Ukay Centre in Westlands and the multi-billion-shilling South End Mall on Lang'ata Road-Mbagathi Way roundabout.

Both buildings were among those demolished last year for sitting on riparian land.

National Assembly's Environment committee also wants the multi-agency team that carried out the demolitions to be issuing developers with adequate notices.

"The DCI should investigate Nema and WRA officials who may have irregularly issued developers with licences and or may have followed up on the conditions issued at the point of licensing the developers. If criminal culpability is established , the said individuals should be prosecuted," read the committee's report in part.

Members also called for the demotion of bridges linking Makupa Shade Container Freight Services and Multiple Haulers Ltd to Kenya Ports Authority, saying the structures were poorly designed.



Lawyer faults Uhuru on JSC appointments

by Roy Lumbe
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A Nakuru-based lawyer has petitioned the President to appoint 41 judges recommended by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC).

JSC had forwarded to the President names of 41 judges to be appointed to the Court of Appeal, Environment and Lands Court as well as Employment and Labour Relations Court.

Lawyer Peter Okiro said the president had stalled the process, 35 days since the commision recommended the names. He said the dealy was affecting operations at Judiciary.

"It is unreasonable that all these days have lapsed and the recommended persons have not yet been appointed, sworn in and gazetted by the President. JSC works under very strict timelines when undertaking the nomination process, but you have taken two months," read the letter written through lawyer Kipkoech Ng'etich.

He claimed the delay by Uhuru was denying Kenyans their right to access to justice and speedy and fair trial.

Candidates go on charm offensive in Kibra visits

All candidates pledge to build onto Ken Okoth's education legacy as campaign gathers steam

by George Kebaso and Kinyuru Munuhe
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Candidates in the November 7 Kibra parliamentary by-election went on charm offensive in the informal settlement yesterday, promising to change voters' living standards.

Keen to reap from successes of former area MP, the late Ken Okoth, the candidates vowed to give education issues priority. Okoth was known for his passion for education and just allocation of bursary to needy learners. The seat fell vacant after the MP succumbed to cancer in July.

ODM's Imran Okoth, McDonald Mariga (Jubilee Party), Eliud Owalo (ANC) and Ford Kenya's Khamisi Butichi pitched tent in various areas in Kibra.

Speaking at Kamukunji grounds, Imran vowed to build onto the foundation laid by his late brother Okoth. He was accompanied by MPs George Aladwa (Makadara), Antony Oluoch (Mathare), ODM Secretary General Edwin Sifuna and party leader Raila Odinga's daughter, Ruth.

"I am ready to safeguard my brother's legacy. I will ensure all children of Kibra access bursaries and also address drainage systems and enhance security in the constituency.

Best bet

The MPs called on Kibra residents to ensure ODM retains the seat.

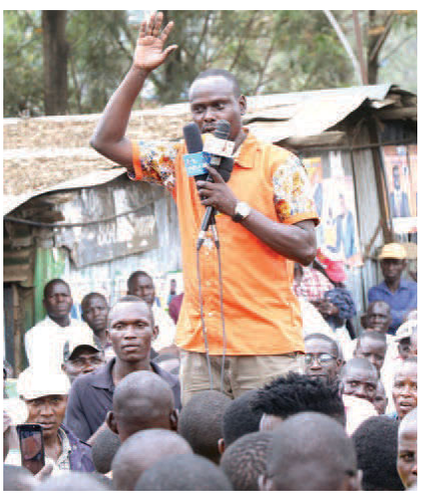
"The seat means a lot to the party boss, who has taken it upon himself to lead the campaigns for Imran," Sifuna said in reference to Raila, who represented Kibra in Parliament for a long time in the past.

Oluoch told residents that Imran is their best bet, as he was keen on finishing what his brother had started.

"His election will ensure a continuity of what Ken had initiated during his tenure," he said.

Aladwa said Imran is best placed to pursue development projects touching on health, youth and women empowerment.





Kibra parliamentary by-election candidates McDonald Mariga and his ODM counterpart Imran Okoth during campaigns in Kibra, yesterday. PD/ KENNA CLAUDE

CHANGE OF STRATEGY

- **ODM is using the door-to-door approach in the Kibra campaigns to retain the seat. This is informed by the threat posed by Jubilee's McDonald Mariga.**
- **The mini-poll is perceived by some as a contest between Raila Odinga and William Ruto.**

At the Central Church, Mariga asked residents to use the upcoming by-election in to free themselves from the "shackles of the Opposition".

"Kibra has been in the Opposition for long. It is time for people of Kibra to try the government and enjoy the development that comes with it," he said.

Good manifesto

The former international football star said he has a progressive manifesto with clear plans to transform Kibra and change lives of residents.

"If you give me a chance, I will continue with the late MP's legacy in education, fix drainage systems and empower women and youth. We have a good manifesto that addresses a number of challenges including raising the education standards and sports development, among other things," said Mariga.

He termed it unfortunate that Kibra residents were still grappling with poor sanitation, lack of water and unemployment.

Mariga, whose nomination by Jubilee seems to have split the ruling, was accompanied by Chapia Chapia, a man he floored in the interviews conducted by the party's National Election Board.

And at Lindi PAG Church, ANC candidate Owalo vowed to reconstitute Kibra NG-CDF board to incorporate members from all communities living in the constituency.

"Why would you bring in your wife and brother? It is the people of Kibra who should sit in the (CDF) board, not relatives," he said, referring to Imran, who was a CDF official when his brother was MP.

"We will establish employment centres, seek partnerships to bring fire engines and fix drainage systems in Kibra, which has been a perennial problem," he added.

Earlier, a Luhya lobby group declared support for Butichi of Ford Kenya.

The Obulala Movement accused the western political leaders of failing to unite them to capitalise on their populous vote bloc.

"The reason we are here is to make a declaration of the Luhya candidate in the Kibra by elections. There is a difference between a Luhya candidate and a candidate of Luhya origin. We are doing this on behalf of the silent majority of Luhya community. Our leaders have failed us. They have failed to unite us," movement chairman Richard Ekhalie said.

Matiang'i, senator clash over Ruaraka land scandal



by Evans Nyakundi
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Interior Cabinet Secretary Dr. Fred Matiangi yesterday clashed with Kericho Senator Aaron Cheruiyot over the controversial Sh1.5 billion Ruaraka school land.

Matiang'i *(pictured)* told off Cheruiyot, who had earlier sensationally claimed that the former had sought the help of Deputy President William Ruto to water down the Ruaraka land scam report before it could be tabled in the Senate.

The two leaders spoke yesterday during the funeral of industrialist Stephen Ongenyo Mogeni at Ikonge in North Mugirango.

Speaking in his native Gusii language, the visibly angry Matiang'i said: "*Amang'ana buna aya omonto agokwana igaiga buna tokaumerana nobochoni naende oboochi obonene.* (You have heard someone say that there was a meeting, that's foolishness and stupidity.)"

Cheruiyot had claimed that Ruto had asked him to go to his office where he met the latter with Matiang'i.

return favour

"I rushed there and found him with Matiang'i in the office. He asked me about the issues with the report and I told him it was witch-hunt," he claimed, adding that he allegedly mobilised other senators to water down the report which was implicating the CS and other State officials.

Cheruiyot told the CS he should return the supposed favour by prevailing on a private bill seeking to streamline tea farming.

But Matiang'i accused the senator of peddling lies.

"Let us always speak the truth because God sees when we lie," he said.

Senator Sam Ongeri defended Matiang'i.

Last year, the Senate failed to adopt the said report on the possible loss of Sh1.5 billion through acquisition of a controversial piece of land where two public schools—Ruaraka High School and Drive-In Primary School—sit.

Matiang'i and Education PS Belio Kipsang were reportedly mentioned as persons of interest in the report's recommendations made following their roles in the disputed payouts.

Double-edged sword that is the Handshake

Gesture of unity between Uhuru and Raila casts sharp divisions in political landscape as suspicions reign supreme

by Ndung'u Mburu
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When President Uhuru Kenyatta walked down the steps of Harambee House on March 9, last year, side-by-side with his then political nemesis, ODM leader Raila Odinga, he was a man on a simple yet delicately complicated mission; uniting a country that was slowly but steadily being torn apart by political incongruities.

At the press conference, the President declared that Kenya's future would not be dictated by elections any longer, decrying the cycle of constant instability witnessed in the country every election cycle.

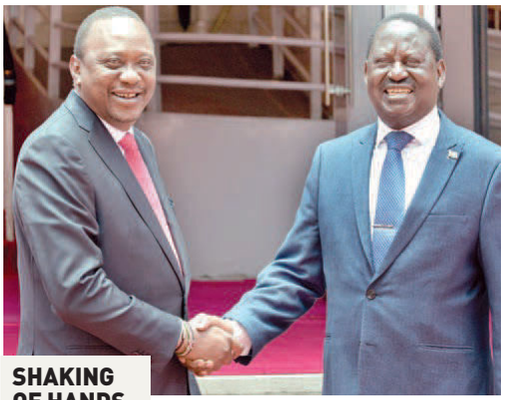
"For this country to come together, leaders have to discuss freely and openly what ails our country and the cause of the ethnic divisions," he said, expressing hope of receiving support from "every single leader and every single Kenyan" in the quest to "unite the country." However, less than two months after that gesture of statesmanship that even earned the two leaders honourary degrees from the Jaramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science and Technology, the Handshake was facing opposition.

A cross-section of leaders from the Jubilee Party started questioning Raila's sincerity claiming he was hell bent on dividing the ruling party by sidelining Deputy President William Ruto and denying him a chance to ascend to the Presidency in 2022.

Confusion rife

The cavalry, led by Leader of Majority in the Senate Kipchumba Murkomen questioned why Raila only shook hands with the President and not Ruto.

In a complete antithesis of the intention that was declared at Harambee House, the Handshake has led to a spectacular and public disintegration of the ruling party as leaders from two groups—Kieleweke and Tanga Tanga—traverse the country holding fundraisers and political rallies either expressing their support or painting the Handshake as a ploy by Raila to push for a change in the Constitution and create a political position for himself in the government, even after losing elections.



SHAKING OF HANDS

- **President Uhuru Kenyatta mark end of political rivalry with ODM leader Raila Odinga by shaking hands outside Harambee House, on March 9, 2018.**
- Cross-section of leaders from the Jubilee Party start questioning Raila's sincerity claiming he was hell bent on dividing the ruling party by sidelining Deputy President William Ruto and denying him a chance to ascend to the Presidency in 2022.

President Uhuru Kenyatta with Opposition leader shake hands as a sign of unity on March 9, 2018, outside Harambee House, Nairobi. PD/FILE

As the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) team tasked with collecting views from the public on how to unite the country prepares to release its report, confusion seems to be rife over what the initiative is meant to achieve.

Uhuru has, on more than one occasion, lost his temper and publicly handed Central Kenya leaders several dressing downs, casting the image of a man, seemingly, fed up with politicians who don't understand what the Handshake represents.

Opinions among the Mt. Kenya political leadership are that the region heaved a collective sigh of relief after the Handshake.

Maara MP Kareke Mbiuki once credits the Handshake for the freedom with which the President is now able to make frequent trips all over the country.

However, there is an endemic distrust for Raila. Naivasha MP Jayne Kihara says Raila may very well be misusing the President's goodwill for his own selfish gains.

Ruto is also on record casting doubts on the former Prime Minister's sincerity with the handshake. In a TV interview early this year, Ruto declared that he does not believe Raila did it in good faith adding that this was history just repeating itself. "See what happened in the merger between Kanu and LDP. Raila came in and walked away with half of Kanu," said Ruto.

The notion that the deal between the President and the man he once described as *muguruki* (a mad man) is also meant to sideline Ruto has been a driving force for the growing resistance to the Handshake.

Political undertones

However, Kipipiri MP Amos Kimunya believes that Mt. Kenya leaders should be at the forefront in championing for an integrated Kenya.

His sentiments are shared by Nyandarua Governor Francis Kimemia who has called on leaders to trust the President because he is in a better position to know what is good for the country.

Political analyst Mutahi Ngunyi, however, summarises the Handshake as being "a secession of hostilities that did not end or resolve any of our hostilities. It only froze something that will recur later on," while Machakos governor Alfred Mutua says only a "generational change" will save the country from the perennial "politically inclined conversations that do not solve any of our problems."

All in all, one thing is clear; Uhuru has an uphill task of convincing the country and more so Mt Kenya that the Handshake will ensure an improvement in their quality of life and does not bear political undertones.

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REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

In the matter of consideration by the National Assembly
The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly bill No. 58 of 2019

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that, *"Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees"*. Further, the National Assembly Standing Order 127(3) requires the Departmental Committee to which a Bill is committed to facilitate public participation and take into account the views and recommendations of the public when the Committee makes its report to the House.

The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (Amendment) Bill (National Assembly bill No. 58 of 2019 seeks to amend the National Government Constituencies Development Fund Act, 2015 to provide for the adjustment of the ceiling of the fund to reflect an equitable sharing of the fund amongst the constituencies.

The National Government Constituencies Development Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2019 has undergone First Reading in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 127(1) and ia now committed to the **Select Committee on National Government Constituencies Development Fund** for consideration and thereafter report to the House.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Committee invites members of the public to submit representations they may have on the said Bill. The representations may be forwarded to the Clerk of the National Assembly, **P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi;** hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly, **First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi;** or emailed to **clerk@parliament.go.ke;** to be received on or before **Monday, 30th September, 2019 at 5.00 pm.**

Copy of the Bill may be downloaded from parliamentary website:http://www.parliament.go.ke/the-national-assembly/house-business/bills

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CLERK OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

In the Matter of consideration by the National Assembly
The Accession of the Convention on the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

SUBMISSION OF MEMORANDA

Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution provides that, *"Parliament shall facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees"*. Further, Section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012 provides for the consideration and Ratification of Treaties by Parliament and subsection(3) states that, *"the relevant Parliamentary Committee shall, during its consideration of the Treaty, ensure Public Participation in the ratification process in accordance with laid down parliamentary procedures"*.

The National Assembly is in receipt of the above-mentioned Convention for approval for ratification by the Government of the Republic of Kenya. The main purpose of the Convention is to provide for coordinated hydrographic activities, surveys and information to provide for orderly exploitation of marine resources, within the vast water areas.

The convention has been committed to the **Departmental Committee on Defence and Foreign Relations** pursuant to Standing Order 216(5)(fa) for consideration and thereafter report to the House.

Pursuant to Article 118 (1)(b) of the Constitution and section 8 of the Treaty Making and Ratification Act, 2012, the Committee invites members of the public to submit any representations they may have on the said Convention. The full text of the Convention and its accompanying memorandum to Parliament may be accessed from the parliamentary website at *www.parliament.go.ke.* The representations or written submissions may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the National Assembly, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi;** hand-delivered to the Office of the Clerk, **First Floor, Main Parliament Building, Nairobi;** or emailed **to clerk@parliament.go.ke;** to be received **on or before Monday, 30th September, 2019 at 5.00 pm.**

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SAMUEL MOROTO

The government needs to pump more resources into schools situated in counties rocked by insecurity in terms of human capacity and infrastructure before implementing the Competency Based Curriculum.



MIKE SONKO

I have always committed myself to fight corruption and no matter what is happening now, I will not be distracted. I can assure the President, the EACC and DCI and DPP that they all have my support.



HASSAN ROUHANI

Foreign forces can cause insecurity for our people and for our region. If they're sincere, then they should not make our region the site of an arms race. Your presence has always brought pain and misery for the region.

Church should reclaim its moral high ground

The recent clash between Nominated MP Maina Kamanda and Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro in a Murang'a church points to the low regard in which politicians hold places of worship.

Regrettable as it was, the incident focuses attention on the continued hobnobbing between political players and the men of the cloth, much to the chagrin of the faithful.

It may be the faithful who, through their spiritual leaders, invite the politicians into their churches, ostensibly to raise funds for projects that appear to go on and on.

Indeed, a video clip that has gone viral shows a group of church elders pleading with politicians dishing out money to churches to also "remember" them as they, too have church projects they would want to complete. This is a clear demonstration of how low some members of the cloth have sunk. Most never care the source of the cash being dished out, whether it is proceeds of ill-gotten wealth or corruption.

It is for this reason that we urge the church to reclaim its place of moral high ground and remain the last port of call for all and sundry; in the spirit of offering succour to the down-trodden and needy.

Further down on the path to ignominy, men of the cloth have been fingered in acts of immorality and even outright crime. Some church leaders have filmed themselves debasing and humiliating their flock, complete with epithets, insults and other shenanigans.

It is time the government vetted such churches and tightened the rules that govern registration of societies. That is without prejudice to the inherent right by the selfsame churches to the freedoms of religion, conscience and thought.

But there must be a rider; these freedoms must be tempered with and accompanied by absolutely high degrees of responsibility so that no individual or religious outfit will ride roughshod over their flock in the name of spiritual fulfillment.

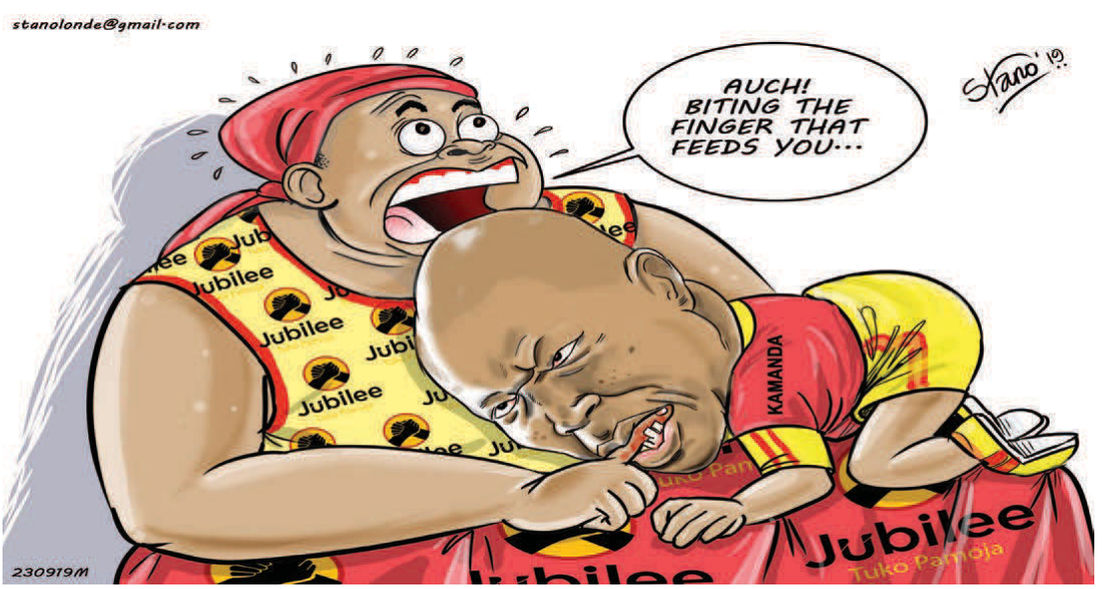
Maybe the government could learn from Rwanda, which last year took a bold step to regulate churches in a crackdown that saw hundreds of them closed. The move was meant to shield the faithful from exploitation.

Churches must remain places of worship and not be seen as personal property or podiums for political shenanigans.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

HENRY WARD BEECHER

The Church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for education of imperfect ones.



Uhuru's Pan-African agenda deserves support



MUKALO KWAYERA

Leaders must change the AU from a mere talk-shop into a serious caucus

It was gratifying to hear President Uhuru Kenyatta addressing himself to the nauseating plight of African immigrants who perish in the Mediterrenean Sea every day *en route* to Europe in pursuit of greener pastures.

Europe and America are pushing to close their doors to immigrants and it is only fair that African leaders resolutely tackle challenges bedevilling the continent. They must create space for every aspect of democracy and economic growth, which will assure residents of prosperity.

Addressing the 42nd conference of the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity in Nairobi last week, Uhuru observed: "I really want to reiterate from one pan-Africanist to several in this room, let us work together for our unity. It is very sad, it is very disheartening to see our sons and daughters struggle, lose life crossing the Mediterranean, being humiliated in foreign lands because we cannot get together and grow our own prosperity and provide employment, a future and hope for them...But I do believe that together with our African brothers and sisters, we can find the answer."

Uhuru could not have put it better. He spoke on behalf of hundreds of millions of people on the continent who do not have a privileged platform and voice like his. That he stepped up to the plate and confronted a sensitive subject which his counterparts on the continent dare not touch is encouraging.

Majority of African countries attained independence between 55 and 70 years ago. This is sufficient time for the continent to have charted its own path amid the challenging global geopolitics. Unfortunately, it has not. Africa still sits on the periphery at all fora where important decisions of far-reaching social, political and economic ramifications of international impact are made and executed.

Each year, thousands of African migrants brave the harsh conditions of the Sahel and the Sahara aiming to reach Europe, with hope for a better life. It turns out not to be; some drown in canoes and boats while attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea.

Others who do not make it after failing to pay smugglers are held in squalid militia-controlled dungeons, while those who make it across the sea end up as prostitutes and casual labourers in circumstances not dissimilar to slavery.

For far too long now, Africa has taken a back seat on matters affecting its own people and left the Western capitals—and in recent times the Far East—to solve its problems. Yet African heads of state converge under the auspices of the African Union (AU) annually to discuss the continent's challenges and achievements.

Strangely, the issue of illegal migration and repression from the affected countries do not feature. Such matters are left for the West to find solutions. Those whose shoes pinch most elect to remain mute.

Time is now for Africa to stand up. Leaders must change the AU from a mere talk-shop into a serious caucus of reasonable men and women to lay strong foundations for the future of the continent.

Which is why President Uhuru must be lauded for sticking out his neck to boldly speak about this menace. He should be encouraged to take this agenda to his colleagues at continental gatherings.

Since becoming President, Uhuru has shown a convincing desire and determination to engage the rest of Africa on matters of Pan-Africanism, culture and free movement of people, goods and commodities for the common good of each and every State.

He should not shy away from taking the baton if only - as it should - earn Africa the respect and dignity it deserves in the eyes of the world.

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New NLC team must make clean break from past

GATHU KAARA

NLC commissioners should revoke the thousands of title deeds that were fraudulently given out for public land

The National Land Commission (NLC) will soon get new commissioners after vetting of the nominees by Parliament began last week. The last set of commissioners left office in a cloud after their term ended.

The former commissioners had a tenure whose focus was completely subverted by infighting, accusations of fraud and corruption and financial impropriety.

Former chairman Prof Mohammad Swazuri was arrested and charged in court together with the chief executive Tom Chavangi, Communication secretary Lilian Kaverenge and other commissioners and directors. They faced 20 counts of corruption, abuse of office, financial misconduct, among other charges.

They left the NLC in quite a pickle. The incoming commissioners will have to hit the ground running. They have a raft of challenges that are awaiting them. What they need to know is that they must, by both word and deed, demonstrate that they have made a clean break with the past! It will not be easy.

The most critical challenge is reinstating and maintaining public confidence in NLC. Public trust in the organisation has been shot by a series of highly controversial transactions, especially relating to compensation for land compulsorily acquired by the government for infrastructure and agricultural projects.

So much expectation had been placed on the shoulders of this commission that Kenyans who have had issues and were hoping the NLC will finally bring them resolution, are deeply disappointed. This means the new commissioners must start with some early wins to restore public confidence that NLC has tuned over a new leaf, that the new commissioners have integrity.

Leases are coming to an end in various counties, and investors are sitting on most of those leases. Swazuri left many lease issues in abeyance, and investors, who had hoped for automatic renewals are facing challenges. Some leases fraudulently changed hands, and those dispossessed will be hoping for justice from the new commissioners. This has destabilised a lot of businesses in the country.

Further, they must create a new system that is transparent, accountable and quick in dealing with the key issues facing the NLC namely compensation for compulsory acquisition, long standing land disputes, historical displacement, and leases. Under Swazuri, the NLC seemed not to have appreciated its critical role in helping resolve the land issues in the country. Land is a very emotive subject in Kenya, and many years of all manner of chicanery over land has left the matter thoroughly convoluted.

It was in an attempt to insulate land issues from politics that the NLC was established through the birth of the 2010 Constitution. It is sad that far from becoming a key part of the solution, NLC has worsened things by creating a new layer of problems.

Among its key mandates is the management of land on behalf of national and county governments. This is a key mandate because in the past, the so-called land grabbing and fraudulent acquisition of government land by politically correct individuals has been rampant.

NLC should revoke the thousands of titles that were fraudulently given out for public land. This would demonstrate to Kenyans that a new sheriff is in town and he intends to clean up. There is also the issue of historical injustices over land. Many individuals and communities have lost land over decades either through compulsory acquisition with no compensation, fraud and other illegal activities.

The new commissioners should invite people with such cases even if they have moved to court, to see how they can assist. Historical injustices over land have long remained a tinderbox in this country, that politicians use every five years during electioneering to create tensions for political agenda. The question that remains is, will the new commissioners have the courage to buck the political establishment from whom the largest culprits of all these shenanigans involving land are drawn from? Only time will tell.

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Holistic approach needed to tame teen pregnancies



CHEGE NGUGI

In order to deal with teenage pregnancies, there is need to address the underlying causes

Year in, year out, hundreds of girls are forced to drop out of school, after falling pregnant. We hear of cases of teenage girls who give birth while sitting the national exams. Unfortunately, this is slowly becoming the norm with similar scenario played out every year. The magnitude of this problem is indeed alarming.

More than 11,000 girls in primary and secondary schools got pregnant last year, latest statistics from the Ministry of Education show. The data shows that out of the 11,950 girls who fell pregnant, 2,885 of them were in primary while 9,065 were secondary school students.

The government has come out strongly to condemn and stamp out this vice and to support the sexual reproductive health rights (SRHR) of girls in various ways. An example is the provision of free, sufficient and quality sanitary towels to every girl child enrolled in a public basic education institution who has reached puberty.

As much as this is a laudable initiative, it is still not enough. In order to decisively deal with teenage pregnancies and other challenges related to the sexual reproductive health of girls and women, there is need to address the underlying causes and adopt a multi-disciplinary approach that will steer us in the right direction towards fulfilling the rights of all women and girls.

For example, at ChildFund, we have adopted a proactive and holistic approach that not only focuses on behavior change and sensitising girls on their sexual and reproductive health, but also addresses the fundamental issues. These include poverty, child marriage, female genital mutilation (FGM), gender inequality and other retrogressive socio-cultural practices that belittle the girl child thus limiting their access to educational opportunities and overall empowerment. Such issues cannot be addressed by working only with girls; we have to work with all members of the community, including the perpetrators.

While addressing the issue of teen pregnancy, we must hold all involved parties responsible and accountable. Several entities have a role to play in combating this vice. We must ask ourselves; are parents talking to their children about these things, the dangers of risky behaviour? Are schools sensitising both male and female teenagers about sexual reproductive health? Are the police arresting the perpetrators? Are the perpetrators being prosecuted? Are schools making the reentrance of girls into school as easy as possible? Is the community involved in protecting its children?

In addition, there is need to streamline primary and technical and vocational training policies so that school drop-outs can have a seamless transition. The government should consider having integrated vocational training centres where out-of-school youth can be trained on various skills and income generating activities.

In November, Kenya will host the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD25) themed 'Accelerate the Promise.' The ICPD was a 1994 meeting in Cairo where 179 governments adopted a revolutionary programme of action and called for women's reproductive health and rights to take centre stage in national and global development efforts. In line with the theme, we urge government and stakeholders to prioritise sexual reproductive health rights for women and girls. In order to drive development, we all must commit, fully and actively, to ensuring that access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls, regardless of their economic status or where they live becomes a basic human right.

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KOT reaction after President Uhuru Kenyatta orders cancellation of the Sh22.2 billion Kimwarer Dam project saying it was overpriced and neither technically nor financially viable

Jared Momanyi@jaredmomanyi488: President Uhuru Kenyatta has indeed confirmed thieves (known by the state) looted kimwarer dam. They stole from us, the projects was inexistent but was allocated billions that was looted.

FreeRepublik@RepublikFree: When DP Ruto has been aggressively pushing for the #KimwarerDam project claiming it is clean, his boss has slammed brakes on it.

Elly loile@elly_loile: so Uhuru has cancelled a technically and financially unviable dam in Elgeyo Marakwet after a team chaired by KIBICHO presented a report? So its only projects in certain parts of kenya that are not viable?

STREET TALK

Former legislator's peculiar eating habit

A former long-serving female assistant minister, who is currently serving in a public university, has left many puzzled over her eating habits. The former lawmaker is said to normally take a heavy breakfast and thereafter survives on an apple the entire day. And what annoys her aides is that she expects them to do the same.

Firms count losses as merger is postponed

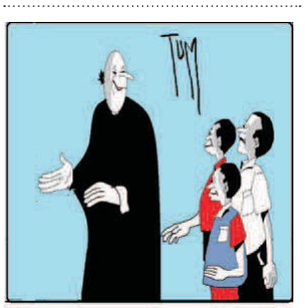
Two telco giants are counting losses after a much-hyped launch of their merger was postponed at the last minute. After spending millions of shillings in branding and public relations activities through a leading marketing company, the launch was stopped in its tracks due to a bureaucratic hiccup with the government. Leading global stars who were expected to grace the event and had already been paid half of their appearance fees, were left hanging. More intriguing is the fact that the government has remained mum over the issue.

Rogue cops seeking bribes on the spotlight

The Internal Affairs Unit in the National Police Service is said to be on the tracks of two female police officers, an Inspector in the Administration Police and a constable in the regular, who have been running a mobile toll station. The duo and other colleagues based in Westlands area are on the radar after bar and restaurant owners made formal complaints about the rogue cops' demands for bribes to allow them to operate.

Research firm woes pile as staff decry pay delays

Problems bedevilling a leading research company seem to be piling. Freshly recruited staff are now accusing the firm of failing to keep their word on payment dates and deadlines. The company is said to be going through a lean time, which employees attribute to a leading political party for not paying the firm for the work it did for it in the 2017 General Election.



TRUTH IS: Children may close their ears to advice, but their eyes are always open to example.

Why outlawing farting could cause a stink...



PATRICK WACHIRA

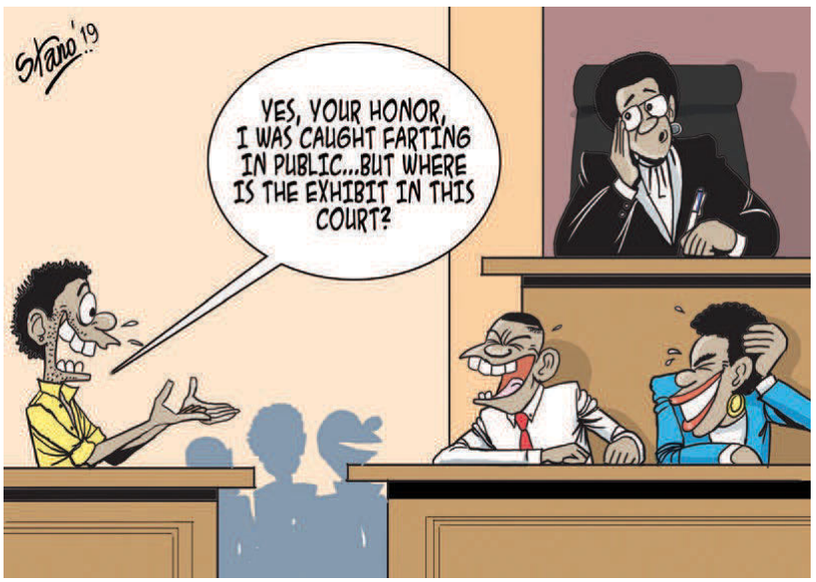
How would anyone prove that the fart was yours and that it caused offence?

Former Nakuru North MP Dickson Kihika Kimani was famous for his acerbic tongue. He was also known for his wisecracks and quips, which gave journalists, yours truly included, incredible sound bytes and quotes.

For instance, when Kihika heard that someone wanted to buy his Peugeot 504, he remarked: "Arenda kugura gakari gaka nduire thuragiria?" (He wants to buy this car, in which I have been farting?).

To this day, I am unable to decide if farting was cited as a good or bad thing, but that is beside the point. It is a debate we can have another day.

Let us just say that in all the sittings we had together, along with scores of Nakuru scribes then, we may have been enormously lucky not to have encountered any such olfactory offence from the man.



Shift weight

Away from honourable flatulence, I recall a student in my days in high school who was famous for his antics. He could prance like a peacock one moment and in the next, bob up and down like the Tom and Jerry cartoon characters.

But Mwega was most (un) popular for his afternoon charades, which included releasing absolutely noxious fumes that rose slowly to the ceiling and stayed there for long, agonising minutes. Now, on a hot afternoon, that was pure torture. His farts were as nasty as his jokes were entertaining.

I am not sure if he had read Elechi Amadi's The Concubine, where the knock-kneed, big-eyed Wodu Wakiri, the village wag, would choose a gathering of his age mates, lift one bottom, and gently break wind, as the author puts it.

That is precisely what Mwega would do. He would shift his weight on one bottom, and the next thing you knew, he would grin, having released an almighty, silent, deadly fart that permeated every corner of the classroom.

A few months from now, what Kihika and Mwega used to do would be considered an offence. Possibly. Yes, you heard right.

A suggestion by Rangwe MP Dr. Lilian Gogo that farting in planes should be outlawed stinks to the high heavens. Can you believe it?

Add statutes

Listen to her: "If there is any one given irritant that makes people fight on board, it is the fart, it is terrible within the plane." And she said that in Parliament, in those exact words. *Haiya*!

You know what that means. You could be seated in a restaurant, minding your business and lapping up the contents of your plate. Just when you fart, a passing waiter could pick the stink and call the police.

Supposing this piece of nonsense actually becomes law. Just in case. How would anyone prove that the fart was yours and that it caused offence? What if two or three people fart at the same time in the same setting? How would anyone distinguish between the farts?

I thought our law enforcement agencies have enough problems figuring potential bank robbers and law-breakers for worse offences (than just farting). But no, we have to add statutes that would provide comic relief or nuisance value. Or both.

Any laws about farts would actually cause a stink. Even in the literal sense. Why? Cops would have to be trained to sniff farts. Dr. Gogo thinks aircraft crew could be trained to combat this menace. Ha! She did not give details but this would be very, very interesting!

I can imagine victims of this piece of law challenging their accusers in court. So, where would the evidence be? And how would farts be described?

Just so we are on the same page, there was a similar proposal in Malawi a few years ago. It ended up being just hot air if you know what I mean.

Walk away

And farts come in varieties, at least from my experience (as a victim). Some types rumble, startling the culprit and drawing curious, not-so-friendly stares.

There is another type that meows like a cat. Those present screw their faces, wondering about an unseen cat. They even look under tables and chairs. The culprit puts on a straight face and pretends all is well: that is how you know who did it.

There is the most lethal type, what is referred to as nuclear because it merely hisses, and you need to have extraordinary hearing to discern it. This one, you just smell it and your first reaction is to walk away to some open space for some relief.

Have a flatulence-free week, folks!

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The day blood ties landed us in trouble with our governor

Whoever said a politician will always be there when he needs you obviously had our governor in mind. This is one person who has not had much time for me in the recent past. I was, therefore, surprised when he invited me for a meeting last week at a holiday resort 'to be away from prying eyes', as his message explained.

The following day, I drove to the resort. On arrival, I found the county boss already there. With him were the county executives for finance and health.

"Welcome, Gwinso *mwenyewe*," he said. He was clearly in a jovial mood. After a few niceties, we settled down to business. The governor gave strict orders that no one should be allowed into our meeting room, except firefighters, in case of a sudden inferno.

"As you know, we have received the revenue allocation funds and we were ordered to prioritise the payment of pending bills," he said and turned to the finance executive.



MCA GWINSO

I think he began with me because of my famed honesty. I did not disappoint.

"Are we able to clear all our pending bills?"

"Yes, but if we do that, we will have nothing left for us … I mean for other things," the executive answered.

"That is why I have invited you here. We must decide which bills to clear and what to do about the rest. MCA Gwinso is here to play the oversight role. The health executive is here because most health-related bills must be cleared," the governor said.

I was pleased to hear that because, as you may know, the company that supplies foodstuff to the county hospital belongs to the daughter of my mother-in-law.

The county supremo then emphasised the need for transparency in our discussions. "Let us start by declaring our interest in the bills. Don't hide anything."

"Let us start with you, *Bwana* MCA."

Survey report

I think he began with me because of my famed honesty. I did not disappoint. I revealed that my spouse was owed some money. The finance executive also told us that his sister's company had not been paid for repairs of all the county roads. The health fellow said his spouse was yet to be paid for supplying building material for renovation of the health centres. I waited for the governor too to declare his interest, but he just gave us the look of a headmaster who had caught his pupils doing something particularly naughty.

"Ok. We will clear these bills and then decide on what to do with the rest," he said, instantly transforming the mood in the room.

"Pure wisdom," declared the health man.

"No wonder you are the most popular governor in the country," the finance executive added.

The governor suggested that we break for lunch and handle weighty matters in the afternoon.

Lunch was served in the dining room. No sooner had we settled for our meal than Lunch Time News on TV began. The lead item was a survey report on the ranking of governors according to their performance. We all waited with bated breath to hear the performance of ours.

"This is nonsense," the finance executive muttered when our boss had not featured by the time the top 20 had been listed. To our utter disbelief a short while later, he was named among those with a negative score.

A strange groan escaped the governor's lips. He then stood and left the room leaving his food barely touched. We were left in askance. None of us dared to touch the food in front of us.

A few moments later, the county chief returned, his face a picture of unbridled fury.

"I won't fall alone. After all, it is you people who have failed me by awarding tenders to your relatives. I have cancelled this meeting and decided we are not going to pay anything to those relatives of yours," he thundered. "Let them blame the blood ties between you and them. They can go to the Supreme Court if they want." He then stormed out.

My efforts to reach our governor since then have borne no fruit. He should know that I do not have any blood ties with Mama Hiro, *ama namna gani?*

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EACC seeks Sh68m from Kidero

State, through EACC, aims to recover money lost during his tenure as Nairobi governor

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The woes bedeviling former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero have deepened after the anti-graft agency moved to recover Sh68 million that was allegedly lost in irregular deals during his tenure at City Hall.

Although the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) has already charged Kidero and 15 others, it wants to recover the money from them on grounds that they fraudulently made the payments as legal fees to Stephen Mburu of Wachira, Mburu, Mwangi and Company Advocates in 2014.

Mburu is now deceased.

In April, Kidero and his co-accused denied charges of corruption including money laundering, abuse of office and unlawful acquisition of public property when they appeared in Milimani law courts and were freed on bail.

But in a letter dated September 12, EACC has written to Kidero, his former chief of staff George Wainaina and Nyakach MP Aduma Owuor, who was the Director of Legal Affairs at the Nairobi City County, among others, giving them two weeks to refund the amount.

Acts of omission

Others accused are former Nairobi Mayor and ex-Embakasi Central MP John Ndirangu, Paul Mutunga, Manasseh Karanja, Philomena Nzuki, Ng'ang'a Mungai, Charity Muringo, Peterson Njiru, Ekaya Alumasi, James Mbugua, Elizabeth Wanjiru, Alice Njeri, Hannah Muthoni and John Ngari.

"As a consequence of your negligent acts of commission and omission the government of Kenya incurred a loss of Sh68 million. In light of the foregoing you are jointly and severally liable to compensate government Sh68 million together with interest," reads part of the letter signed by David Too, the director legal services, EACC.



Former Nairobi Governor Evans Kidero in court recently. PD/FILE

According to the anti-graft body, the amount was paid to Mburu on January 7, 2014 which then transferred Sh15 million to Cups Ltd whose directors — Wainaina and Ngari — are the former governor's associate.

The following day, Cups Ltd transferred Sh14.4 million to Kidero. The advocate firm also transferred Sh18.9 million to the account of Ndirangu, Sh11 million to Muthoni and Sh7 million to Mutunga.

EACC detectives believe that the beneficiaries of the money conspired to defraud City Hall and therefore must return the money.

The anti-graft body has given them three options of refunding the money, with the first one being organising among themselves to ensure they jointly return the money.

DAVID TOO

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Recovery proceedings

Secondly, Kidero, Nzuki, Ng'ang'a, Alumasi, Mbugua, Wanjiru, Njeri, Wainaina and Ngari are required to jointly refund Sh58 million while Mutunga, Karanja, Murigo, Aduma and Njiru have been asked to return Sh10 million.

In the last option, Kidero, Wainaina and Ngari have been asked to pay Sh14.4 million, while the latter two have been asked to pay Sh600,000 to ensure the Sh15 million that was received from Kariuki before being sent to Kidero is refunded.

EACC has asked Ndirangu to pay back the Sh18.9 he allegedly received from the late lawyer while Muthoni and Mutunga have been asked to pay Sh11 million and Sh7 million respectively.

Failure to pay the money within the period which will lapse tomorrow, EACC said it would institute recovery proceedings against them.

BRIEFLY

Waiguru given 14 days to issue title

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Mumbi has been given a two-week ultimatum to release title deed of 100 acres of land belonging to the Kenya Medical Research Institute. The land is earmarked for the construction of a Sh15 billion ultra-modern research institute and a referral hospital. The project hangs in the balance following what local leaders said was failure by the county government to release the document. Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i, who chairs a committee mandated to supervise government projects, recently told Waiguru to release the document by September 30. **-Githinji Mwangi**

Disband Nairobi county, says MP

Kiambaa MP Paul Koinange has proposed the abolishment of Nairobi County Government. He said the county should be done away with and its activities undertaken by the national government. Koinange, who doubles up as the National Assembly's security committee chairman, wants Nairobi to be run by a Cabinet Secretary appointed by the President to ensure efficiency and accountability. Speaking to *People Daily*, he said the current leadership has failed on development. **-Clement Kamau**

Murgor family finally resolves 24-year Sh1b property dispute

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After 24 years of court battles, the children of the late former Rift Valley Provincial Commissioner Charles Murgor have settled a succession dispute in the multi-billion shilling estate.

Through court-annexed mediation, lawyer Philip Murgor and his siblings finally agreed to equally share the Sh1 billion property.

The dispute ended last weekend after three years of mediation at the High Court in Eldoret, Uasin Gishu county, following the advice of presiding judge Hellen Omondi.

"As we start this case remember the Murgor name is reputable. My advice to you is not to expose private family affairs to the public through the media. Think of mediation," said Omondi.

The process, led by accredited mediator Dennis Magare, saw the 17 children arrive at a unanimous agreement to settle the dispute.



The Murgors—Philip, Enit and Sheila—with their lawyer George Oduor outside Eldoret High Court in June. PD/FILE

The estate under protracted battle include 250 acres of agricultural land in Uasin Gishu and 212 Chebenyiny farm in Elgeyo Marakwet county.

Other properties at the centre of the family feud include prime plots in Eldoret and Iten towns.

The agreement has now put to rest two decade-long succession battle that was threatening to tear apart the empire of the late former Kanu-era powerful administrator.

The former PC left behind four widows namely Selinah Murgor (five children), Hannah (two children), Christine Chebor (six children) and Dinah (four children).

Murgor is the first born son of Chebor, now deceased.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

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PUBLIC HEARINGS / RECEIPT OF MEMORANDA

The Care and Protection of Child Parents Bill (Senate Bills No. 11 of 2019) was read a First Time in the Senate on Tuesday, 10th September, 2019 and was thereafter committed to the Senate Standing Committee on Labour and Social Welfare for consideration.

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

1. Public Hearing for the Bill shall be held on **Thursday, 26th September, 2019 at the Shimba Hills Hall, 1st Floor, KICC Building, Nairobi** from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.
2. Written Memoranda may be forwarded to the **Clerk of the Senate / Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, P.O. Box 41842-00100, Nairobi,** hand-delivered to the **Office of the Clerk of the Senate / Secretary, Parliamentary Service Commission, First Floor, Main Parliament Buildings, Nairobi** or emailed to **csenate@parliament.go.ke**, to be received **on or before Thursday, 26th September, 2019 at 5.00 p.m.**

The Bill may be accessed on the Parliament website at http:/www.parliament.go.ke/senate.

CLERK OF THE SENATE/ SECRETARY,
PARLIAMENTARY SERVICE COMMISSION.

Publishers want Storymoja to explain how controversial textbook got into classroom

by Irene Githinji
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Kenya Publishers Association (KPA) has summoned Storymoja publishers to explain modalities in which the controversial book, *Blood Ties*, got to schools without appropriate approval.

KPA chair Lawrence Njagi slammed the publisher over the Class Six book that caused uproar last week owing to the vulgar language used saying quality should be observed to the letter.

He said education freedoms come with responsibility and limitations and as far as the controversial book is concerned, it was unsuitable in language used and was also not approved by Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD).

"KPA agrees that books we use in schools must be up to standard and we do our best to ensure that the content is suitable for learning institutions. It is unfortunate that the book co-published in Kenya found its way to schools yet it is not suitable for that level of education," said Njagi.

He said KPA takes great exception with insinuations that they have not been keen on looking at quality of books saying they are vetted in a very rigorous process.

"KPA assures that we are in charge of the education system and we also ensure that only books that have passed quality control processes," he said.

He made the remarks yesterday as the Council gears for the 22nd Nairobi International Book Fair to be held from September 25 to 29.

NJAGI

Books we use in schools must be up to standard.



Kenya Publishers Association chair Lawrence Njagi (right) with his deputy Simon Session addresses the media in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/ KENNA CLAUDE

Grade Four rollout plans on course

by Irene Githinji
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At least 14 books for different subjects meet the required threshold and have subsequently been approved for use in Grade Four ahead of its roll out next year.

Expectations are that distribution of the books will commence in November, given the strict timelines that publishers have to work with.

Kenya Publishers Association (KPA) chair Lawrence Njagi said yesterday that the Ministry of Education last week opened tender and evaluation report on the books that have been selected for Grade Four.

Final editing

Njagi said all publishers approved for Grade Four instructional materials will meet this week with Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) experts in Nairobi to further edit and correct any outstanding issues.

"Starting tomorrow (Monday) editors and experts will sit to make corrections on approved books for Grade Four for purposes of quality control after which publishers can go to the press and by end of November, distribution of books to schools will have started," he said.

At least 1.2 million books will be published per subject towards ensuring the ratio of 1:1 policy is maintained.

Since the roll out of Grades One to Three in January, at least 18 million books for learners have been distributed and 22 million when combined with teachers' guide.

Ruto tells troops to backpedal on 2022 campaigns

DP urges politicians to instead focus on State projects

by Seth Onyango
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Deputy President William Ruto yesterday asked politicians in his camp to avoid early campaigns for the 2022 elections. He urged his brigade to, instead, focus on helping the government fulfil its campaign pledges to the populace.

"Right now is not time for politics, the time for politics will come. Right now, we want to focus on development," he told worshippers after attending a church service at ACK St. Patrick in Embakasi.

His move came a day after Interior Principal Secretary Karanja Kibicho accused him of creating confusion through his political overtures in Mt. Kenya.

Political confusion

In what could further sour relations between the two, Kibicho called out the DP for causing political and administrative confusion in Kirinyaga county.

"You just come here to reap where you did not sow. This is the kind of confusion we will not entertain," the PS said.

"If you tell us you want to Tanga Tanga, what are you telling Kenyans who want money in their pockets to support their families? Please, give us a break from this noise," he added.

Yesterday, Ruto called on his lieutenants to stop politicking and instead focus on government development programmes.

But Kikuyu MP Kimani Ichung'wa, however, hit out at Kibicho over his comments against the DP, accusing him of getting drunk with power.

Speaking when he accompanied the DP to Runyenjes, Embu County on Saturday, the MP accused the PS of chest thumping, adding that the power he has was donated by Kenyans.

He said the PS has no powers to intimidate Ruto and politicians allied to him from touring the expansive Mt Kenya region asserting that he has the mandate to serve all Kenyans.

In June, the Kikuyu Council of Elders raised concern over the early 2022 campaigns which it said threatens the country's political and social stability.

Secretary-General Peter Munga, in a statement, urged Deputy President to 'control' his presidential ambitions and respect Uhuru.

Munga said Ruto should instead concentrate on helping the President manage the affairs of the nation.

RUTO

Right now is not time for politics, the time for politics will come. Right now, we want to focus on development

MPS' TAKE

- **Kimani Ichung'wa (Kikuyu), said Jubilee leaders were focused on addressing needs of the people.**
- **Charles Kanyi (Starehe), asked Jubilee leaders not to fall into the trap of Opposition politics that is informed by abusive language.**
- **Millicent Omanga (Nominated MP), said Nairobi residents shall not back constitutional amendments that would burden them.**



A healthy handshake...

Kitui Governor Charity Ngilu (right) with the Universal Service Advisory Council (USAC) chair Dr Catherine Ngahu during a courtesy call at the governor's office in Kitui last week. The team held discussions on the various projects under the Universal Service Fund (USF) that the Communications Authority of Kenya has rolled out in Kitui county. PD/COURTESY

State mulls dogs census over rabies

by Murimi Mutiga
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Kenya is mulling carrying out a census on dog and cat population in an attempt to tame rising cases of rabies-related deaths among humans.

The rise in cases of the fatal viral disease has been blamed on the increase in dog and cat population in the wake of an international ban on chemical poisoning of the animals.

It is estimated that about 1,000 people die in Kenya every year from rabies infection.

Director of Veterinary Services Dr Obadia Njagi said the census will help the government in planning on how to manage the population.

"Figures are important for planning, the excise is quite an expensive affair and it would cost almost the same money spent on human population census," he said.

It is estimated that 98 per cent cases of human rabies in the country are dog mediated.

BRIEFLY



Clerics chide leaders for 'neglecting' them

Some clerics from the South Rift have accused politicians of neglecting their churches. The clerics from 12 interdenominational groupings claimed their churches have been abandoned with the politicians only concentrating on their colleagues in Central Kenya. "We encourage them to visit churches but we wondering when our day will come," said Fredrick Maritim. **– Felix Yegon**



MP urges locals to defy eviction order

Isiolo Women Rep Rehema Jaldesa (*pictured*) has asked residents of Elsa Ntirim in Burat ward to stay put and defy the 30-day eviction notice issued by the Kenya Defence Forces on Friday. Jaldesa accused the military of forcibly expanding the land accorded to them by local communities years ago. At least 30,000 people live within the area being claimed by the military.

– Hussein Salesa



Distiller disconnected from public sewer

Mavoko Water and Sewerage Company has disconnected London Distillers from the public sewer over claims of polluting the environment. The water company accused the distiller of not curing the effluents to acceptable standards and gave them a fortnight to improve the waste treatment plant or be permanently barred from discharging to public sewer.

– Christine Musa



Bickering threatens Naivasha dry port

by Kirera Mwiti
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Members of the Maasai community living around the proposed dry port in Naivasha have sharply differed over their impending relocating, placing the multi-billion project in jeopardy. One group is fully behind the move to relocate them from the land located near Mai Mahiu town to 4,000 acres donated by Kedong ranch. But another group led by Narok East MP Ken Aramat (*pictured*) has declined the offer and is instead demanding 12,000 acres from Kedong management. The move threatens works on the multi-billion special economic zone on the 1,000 gazetted acres which is currently occupied by hundreds of the pastoralists. The MP said the land would not be enough for the over 10,000 families affected by the project.



SONKO

Buildings found to have defied zoning regulations will be demolished

Sonko calls for full audit of City Hall's Planning department

Officials in the sector are said to rake in millions of shillings from bribes

by Eric Wainaina
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An explosive purge targeting Nairobi County's planning department is looming after embattled Governor Mike Sonko ordered for a full systems audit to expose rogue officials who are said to have turned the section into a den of extortion and bribery.

The audit, according to sources at City Hall, was commissioned after tens of residential associations in Nairobi wrote to Sonko complaining of impunity in the department that has been offering permits to set up tall buildings against the law.

Sonko has already suspended his planning department chief officer Justus Kathenge for allegedly violating Physical Planning Act and zoning regulations, and who the governor has accused of sabotaging his government and being the mastermind of the extortion racket.

So deep is the rot at the planning department, the *People Daily* has learnt, that some senior officials have been switching off the system to facilitate illegal transactions and then shifting blame to outside sources, who have since denied interfering with the county servers.

The approvals have seen the county get at loggerheads with sensitive departments such as Department of Defence and State House.

Last month, the governor accused his officers of hiding the complaint letters from him.

The estates under scrutiny include South C, Karen, Kileleshwa and Lavington where claims of buildings constructed without adherence to zoning regulations are widespread.

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Counting losses...

More than 15 families were left homeless when a fire, suspected to have resulted from an electric fault, razed houses in Kibera, Nairobi at the weekend. Illegal power connections are a major challenge in slum areas with hundreds of lives lost to resulting fires. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

NYANZA

Obado upbeat after beating Nyanza colleagues in poll

Migori Governor Okoth Obado has emerged as the top performing governor in Nyanza in a recent poll despite a tainted image. The study on the Effectiveness of Devolution in Kenya: 2013-2019 by London-based advisory firm All Africa Advisers (AAA) placed Obado as the seven best performing governor among his 47 peers and ahead of his contemporaries in Nyanza. He beat James Ongwae (Kisii), Anyang' Nyong'o (Kisumu), Cornel Rasanga (Siaya), John Nyagarama (Nyamira) and Cyprian Awiti (Homa Bay). Obado scored 62 points shy of 460 scored by Machakos governor Alfred Mutua who was first nationally. "The ranking was not done by governors which shows it was independent, it is a reflection of what we have achieved on the ground through development," Obado told morning talk shows in several Dholuo vernacular radio stations in call-ins on Wednesday.

– Tom Rachuonyo

MURANG'A

Kabogo hits out at 2022 campaigners

Former Kiambu Governor William Kabogo has told off leaders engaging in premature campaigns ahead of 2022 General Election.

He said the country is already in election mode "while nothing tangible is being done to alleviate poverty and suffering among Kenyans."

Speaking in Kabuta, Murang'a County on Saturday at the burial of prominent entrepreneur Jacinta Wairimu, the former governor urged them to ignore the leaders and give a chance to their selfless counterparts who are engaged in implementation of development projects.

"People from Central region should not allow politicians who are just traversing the area campaigning to distract them. Just give a chance to those who are focused in development," he said.

– Wangari Njuguna

BRIEFLY



US man drowns in Pemba during marriage proposal

PEMBA, SUNDAY: An American man has drowned while proposing to his girlfriend underwater on holiday in Tanzania. Steven Weber and his girlfriend, Kenesha Antoine, were staying in a submerged cabin at the Manta Resort, off Pemba Island. Footage shows Weber diving under water to ask Antoine to marry him. In the video, Weber presses a hand-written proposal note against the cabin window as Antoine films from inside. Antoine, confirming Weber's death in a Facebook post, said he "never emerged from those depths". The Manta Resort said in a statement that Weber "tragically drowned while free diving alone outside the underwater room" on Thursday afternoon. "It is with the deepest regret that we inform that a fatal accident occurred at The Manta Resort on Thursday 19 September, 2019." Weber and Antoine had booked four nights at the resort's underwater room, which lies approximately 250 metres from the shore. Costing $1,700-a-night (Sh175,000), the cabin is anchored in water around 10 metres deep. On the third day of their stay, Weber, from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, plunged into the water to make his proposal. Wearing goggles and flippers, he held a note against the cabin's glass window as Antoine watched on from within. His note read: "I can't hold my breath long enough to tell you everything I love about you. But… everything I love about you, I love more every day!" The US Department of State said it is aware of the death of a US citizen in Tanzania. **-BBC**

Malta to hold inquiry into 2017 murder of journalist

MALTA, SUNDAY: Malta is to hold an independent public inquiry into the murder of anti-corruption journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia. She was killed by a bomb planted under the seat of her car in 2017. Three men are facing trial for the killing, but the people who ordered it have not been identified. Caruana Galizia investigated several high-profile figures — including Prime Minister Joseph Muscat and other Maltese officials and politicians. In June the Council of Europe human rights watchdog said the failure to identify who was behind the culprits raised questions about the rule of law in the country. It gave Malta until September 26 to start a public inquiry to establish if the journalist's death could have been prevented. Her family has repeatedly called for such an inquiry, saying she had suffered years of intimidation. Muscat has put retired Judge Michael Mallia in charge of the inquiry. Muscat has offered a €1 million(Sh113m) reward for information leading to the arrest of those behind her killing. **-BBC**

WHO accuses Tanzania of sitting on Ebola information

DAR ES SALAAM: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has rebuked Tanzania for failing to provide information about possible Ebola virus infections. The WHO said it had learned of one suspected fatal case in Dar es Salaam and two others but, despite repeated requests, was given no information. Tanzania has said it has no suspected or confirmed cases. The latest outbreak has killed more than 2,000 in eastern DR Congo, with Uganda battling to stop any spread. An epidemic that ravaged parts of West Africa from 2014 to 2016 killed more than 11,000 people. A statement on Saturday said that on 10 September the organisation had learned of a suspected infection in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania's most populous city, in what would be the country's first Ebola case. It said the patient had been to Uganda, shown symptoms of Ebola in August, tested positive and died on September 8. It said the woman's contacts had been quarantined. WHO said it had unofficial reports of two other possible cases. **-BBC**



An Iranian tank officer saluting President Hassan Rouhani and other top military commanders including Armed Forces Chief of Staff Major General during a parade in Tehran . PD/ AFP

Keep off Gulf, Rouhani tells foreign forces

US plans to deploy troops to Saudi Arabia results into escalated tensions between Washington and Iran

Tehran, Sunday

Iran's president has warned that foreign forces are threatening the security of the Gulf, after the US said it was deploying troops to the region.

Hassan Rouhani said foreign forces had always brought "pain and misery" and should not be used in an "arms race".

The US is sending more troops to Saudi Arabia after an attack on Saudi oil facilities both nations blame on Iran.

Rouhani also said Iran would present a new Gulf peace initiative at the United Nations in the coming days.

This year has seen continuing tension between the US and Iran, following President Donald Trump's abandonment of a deal aimed at limiting Iran's nuclear activities in return for the easing of sanctions.

The latest flashpoint was caused by drone and missile attacks on the Saudi oil facilities at Abqaiq and Khurais on September 14. Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels said they had carried out the attacks, but both the US and its ally Saudi Arabia - Iran's main regional rival - said Iran was behind them, something Tehran has strongly denied.

He was speaking on the anniversary of the start of the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, and alongside a series of military parades in Tehran and other cities.

"Foreign forces can cause problems and insecurity for our people and for our region," he said in the televised speech.

THE ISSUES

- **This year has seen continuing tension between the US and Iran, following President Donald Trump's abandonment of a deal aimed at limiting Iran's nuclear activities in return for the easing of sanctions.**
- **UN Special Envoy for Yemen says it is important to "take advantage of the opportunity and move forward with steps to reduce violence and military escalation.**

He called the deployment of such forces in the past a "disaster" and told them to "stay away". "If they're sincere, then they should not make our region the site of an arms race... The farther you keep yourselves from our region and our nations, the more security there will be."

The president said it would be presented to the UN, which begins the main part of its general assembly in New York on Tuesday.

However, he gave no details, saying only that peace in the Strait of Hormuz could be achieved "in co-operation with various countries".

Rouhani said Iran was "ready to let go of the past mistakes" made by regional neighbours.

Military escalation

"In this sensitive and important historical moment, we announce to our neighbours, that we extend the hand of friendship and brotherhood to them," he said.

The Houthi rebels in Yemen have also made a peace initiative, saying they would end all attacks on Saudi Arabia provided the kingdom and its allies did the same.

UN Special Envoy for Yemen Martin Griffiths said in a statement it was important to "take advantage of this opportunity and move forward with all necessary steps to reduce violence, military escalation and unhelpful rhetoric".

The Pentagon announced on Friday that, in response to a Saudi request, there would be a moderate deployment to Saudi Arabia, not in the thousands and focused on air and missile defence.

Defence Secretary Mark Esper said: "We will also work to accelerate the delivery of military equipment." **-BBC**

Russian seamen kidnapped off Cameroon coast freed

Moscow, Sunday

Moscow on Sunday said three Russian seamen abducted in an act of piracy off the coast of Cameroon in August have been freed and brought to Germany.

The Russians were part of a group of sailors, including Chinese and Ukrainian citizens, taken hostage in mid-August after an attack on their merchant ships in the Gulf of Guinea.

In a statement, the Russian foreign ministry said they were "released from pirate captivity" and that their health was "satisfactory". They are due to return to Russia on Monday, it added.

The attacks took place off the port of Douala, located at the northeastern corner of the Gulf of Guinea that has become a hotspot of seaborne crime.

The total number of hostages taken in the attack is unclear. The Cameroonian navy reported the kidnappings at the time but was unable to give the number of those taken. The Gulf of Guinea, whose coastline stretches in a huge arc from Liberia to Gabon, is notorious for piracy. **-AFP**

Seven killed in Baghdad suburb

Seven people have been killed in three attacks in the northern outskirts of the Iraqi capital, security sources said Sunday, despite the army recently declaring the area swept of jihadists. The overnight attacks targeted the homes of tribal fighters belonging to the powerful Hashed al-Shaabi paramilitary force, as well as army barracks, in the Sunni suburb of Tarmiya, the sources said. The Tribal Hashed is composed largely of Sunni fighters. **-AFP**

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KENNETH NGOSIA

"AI finance technology has been uniquely designed to tackle the problems facing the lending market

How banks can use technology to reduce increasing bad loans

Experts say AI-based systems can help lenders make more informed and profitable credit decisions

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Commercial banks which rely on data of individuals' information as the basis to disburse credit have been challenged to do more to contain the ratio of non-performing loans (NPLs).

Studies indicate that while the NPLs of individuals who obtained credit through mobile banking are still low, the uptake of the loans through mobile banking is on the rise and the default rate equally increasing.

A study presented at Kenya Banker Association (KBA) conference by experts found out that banks are increasing leveraging mobile money technology to undertake banking operations and profitable services but which also exposing them to high non-performing loans.

Tiriongo Samuel and Dr Peter Wamalwa both of Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), say in a recent survey that mobile banking services have increased drastically to 79.4 per cent this year from 27.9 per cent in 2009.

"Commercial banks continue to leverage on mobile phones to extend loans, deposit savings or by credit processing procedures become less cumbersome but can also increase the ratio of non-performing loans (NPL)," the study says. Indeed, nearly every bank in the country has a mobile app that enables customers to access credit facility which they provide besides carrying out other critical issues in banks.

The apps allow bank customers to do banking activities, get instant loan, transfer funds or purchase insurance besides carrying out many other functions – which used to be done by the traditional banking.

"With the banking apps or a bank website on your phone or tablet, you can complete many common tasks, including checking your account balance, finding nearby ATMs and depositing a cheque by snapping a photo," George Amollo, an expert in IT said.

The value of bad loans in the banking sector is estimated to have hit a new high of Sh345 billion at the end of March. Banking sector data compiled from the lenders' financial reports shows that gross NPLs increased by Sh27.5 billion or 8.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2019.

Data from KBA — the lenders' lobby group — shows that 21 per cent of digital loans were not repaid between 2015 and last year and that at least one in five loans have not been repaid since 2017, compared to 10 per cent for customers who take regular loans.

Amollo said the reason why banks still, lend to borrowers who default using mobile banking apps is because most institutions have not networked or been linked as is required in developed countries.

Credible information

"The challenges we have is that most institutions are not networked to allow the banks to get credible information on an individual to enable them to assess them appropriately and therefore may end-up providing loans to defaulters," he added.

Kenneth Ngosia, an IT expert with a private firm, said credit score – which most banks use does not take into account some of the rich data available in new-age platforms that can help to improve the ability to predict loan defaults.

He said increased adoption of technology, especially Artificial Intelligence (AI), can help banks in getting their NPLs in check.

"AI finance technology has been uniquely designed to tackle the problems facing the lending market and is disrupting the loan-underwriting process and hence the lending industry as we know it," Ngosia added.

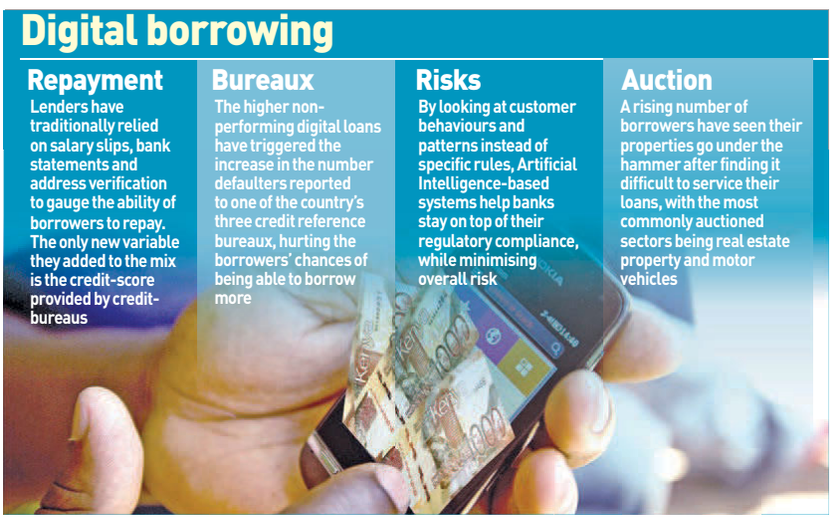
He said AI finance technology can capture complex patterns in customer's data analysing many aspects including personal and business financials, revenue, credit score and more to find borrowers that are more likely to default.

"AI if programmed better can use other things not just loans received from banks or financial institutions to measure the credit score of an individual but take into account other issues such as paying water, electricity etc.," Ngosia said.

A senior official at KBA said although loans offered through mobile banking apps are still small in quantity, there is need to examine how banks can use technology to grow profits as well as keep the NPLs low.

"The mobile banking is here to stay. It is the banking sector which needs to be vigilant whenever they use it," he said.

Digital borrowing



Repayment
Lenders have traditionally relied on salary slips, bank statements and address verification to gauge the ability of borrowers to repay. The only new variable they added to the mix is the credit-score provided by credit-bureaus

Bureaux
The higher non-performing digital loans have triggered the increase in the number defaulters reported to one of the country's three credit reference bureaux, hurting the borrowers' chances of being able to borrow more

Risks
By looking at customer behaviours and patterns instead of specific rules, Artificial Intelligence-based systems help banks stay on top of their regulatory compliance, while minimising overall risk

Auction
A rising number of borrowers have seen their properties go under the hammer after finding it difficult to service their loans, with the most commonly auctioned sectors being real estate property and motor vehicles

DEFAULTS

- **Experts say defaults for digital loans are high because they are more accessible and requirements less stringent.**
- **The NPLs may also be high because the high interest rates they are charging, unlike conventional loans which charge an annual rate, mobile loans charge per month for the short term loans.**



Lamu Port set to boost business

COMPETITION: Kenya and Tanzania have long competed to have the most competitive ports in East Africa and their rivalry is about to become more intense as they compete for the region's multi-billion-shilling import and export business.

The Port of Mombasa and Tanzania's Dar es Salaam Bagamoyo port are the traditional competitors but with massive investments Kenya has put to improve efficiency at the Mombasa port and the yet to be launched Lamu Port, will position the Kenya's port business in its own league. Kenya Ports Authority Managing Director, Daniel Manduku said the country hopes to attract cargo destined for Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam, Mauritius, Somalia as well as Port of Beira in Mozambique once Lamu Port launches next Month.

– Harrison Kivisu



Tanzania eyes high nut ouput

HARVEST: Tanzania expects to raise cashew nuts production by 33.5 per cent in the year to September 2020, helped by favourable weather conditions and increased plantings, agriculture minister Japhet Hasungahas said. Output in 2019/2020(October-September) is seen reaching 300,000 tonnes, up from the 225,000 tonnes produced in the 2018/2019 season. "We expect to get a bigger harvest in the coming season, with our cashew nut production likely to rise to more than 300,000 tonnes," the minister told *Reuters*. "This forecast of increased output is attributed to good weather, widespread availability of farming inputs and increased plantings."

– Reuters

Cotton production set to rise as more farmers retrace their roots

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The move by the government to revive textile industry, which plays a key role in promoting and sustaining cotton farming in the country, has led to a rise in the demand for the crop.

A number of farmers, some who said they abandoned growing the crop four years ago, are already diversifying to cotton from maize in a bid to optimise earnings.

They say the government's move to revive the textile industry has provided impetus to boosting production.

Over 200 cotton farmers from Mbembani, Kivingoni and Ndalani villages in Machakos County were over the weekend trained on best farming practices in a bid to improve production.

The training in Ngangani location by Kitui County government's department of Agriculture in collaboration with Kitui Ginnery and Thika Cloth Mills saw the growers taken through the best farming methods and how to ensure they get huge returns.

Regeneration of industries such as RIVATEX, Thika Cloth Mills has rekindled hope of farmers having ready market for the products.

At the Kitui Ginnery, farmers saw how the cotton they grow is processed before it ends up weaving garments. They also witnessed how seeds are processed to biodiesel, oil and cotton seedcake for animal feeds.

Albert Mwaniki of Ngangani location, where the farmers received the training, said he had abandoned the farming four years ago, adding, however, that he has started growing the crop in large scale with the revival of key textile industries in the country.





EXPANSION STRATEGY: Jambojet Captain Pauline Bichanga (left) explains features of the brand new Jambojet De Havilland Dash 8 – Q400 to Jambojet CEO Allan Kilavuka (centre) and Chairman Vincent Rague (right) during the aircraft's unveiling at Kenya Airways hangar in Nairobi. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG.



BOOK LAUNCH: Andrew Maina presents a copy of his new book *Grace Onyango; the Butterfly that Touched the Clouds* to Nairobi Woman Rep Esther Passaris during the launch of his new children's books in Thika Town, Kiambu. Other titles include *I Am Listening*, a Collection of Short Stories and *Lying Under the Mound.*



WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY: Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort staff led by Operations Manager Francis Msengeti participate in the world's clean-up day marked on September 21 this year.They cleaned a section of the beach and the main road and collected 106kgs of debris including plastic, bottles and indecomposable items

BOOST TO MEMBERS: Stima Sacco CEO Chris Useki (second right) and StarTimes Kenya Vice President Hanson Wang (second left) exchange a memorandum of understanding document that will see Stima Sacco members enjoy discounted prices while acquiring StarTimes digital TV devices. With them are Stima Sacco Chief Manager, Strategy and Business Hassan Gamaliel (right) and StarTimes Head of Corporate Sales Edward Wesonga.





GALLERIA SPONSORSHIP: Event Director of the CBA Africa *Concours d'Elegance* Bob Dewar (centre), Salma Cherono (left), Galleria Shopping Mall Communications Manager and Eunice Muigai, the Head of Accounts study the sponsorship agreement for three motorcycles competitors from South Africa to contest the *Concours* to be held from September 29 at the Nairobi Racecourse.



ASSET FINANCING: David Chesoni (right), Managing Director of Car and General and Stanley Munyao, Chief Executive Officer of Musoni Microfinance sign a memorandum of understanding to facilitate buyers of TVS motorcycle and Piaggio tuk tuks access finance.



EYEING MANGO MARKET: From Left: Betty Kibara Director, Food Team, at Rockefeller Foundation, Linah Mukami CEO, Association of Kenya Mango Traders (AKMT) and Julius Njuki Chairman AKMT during the launch of the organisation expected to bring together individuals involved in sourcing of mangoes from farmers for local and international markets.



PRESTIGIOUS AWARD: From Left: Fanaka Real Estate staff Dennis Wandera, Elizabeth Njoki, Tabitha Katheu and Kenneth Mwangi display the Award for the Most Preferred Mid-Level Land Selling Company at the 2nd Annual Real Estate Excellence Awards held in Nairobi.

Ten...

Big names who will be missing in Doha



The 2019 World Athletics Championships begins on Friday in Doha, Qatar, with Kenya among countries with high hopes of winning medals. However, a number of big names will be missing in action due to a number of reasons.

1. David Rudisha (KENYA)

A two-time Olympic and World 800m champion, David Rudisha is also the world record holder but he will not be in Doha to add onto his glittering medal collection. Injuries, poor form and marital issues have seen Rudisha fail to make any appearance on the track since 2017, robbing Kenya a guaranteed gold at the Worlds. In his absence, Ferguson Rotich, Kipngetich Ngeno and Emmanuel Korir are the men tasked with leading Kenya's onslaught in 800m in Doha.

2. Usain Bolt (JAMAICA)

A showman, athletics and the world will indeed miss Usain Bolt. The Jamaican sprinter has been the biggest attraction at the World Championships and Olympics since 2008 when he broke two world records (100m and 200m) but he retired two years ago after a disappointing bronze medal in London. Bolt set the bar so high in sprints and his burst of pace coupled with trademark celebration was a constant feature whenever he was on the track. A new breed of sprinters have sprung up since Bolt hung his spikes and Americans Christian Coleman and defending champion Justin Gatlin look to be the men to beat in Doha.

3. Mo Farah (GREAT BRITAIN)

The man largely responsible for Kenya's drought in 5,000m and 10,000m at the Worlds and Olympics since 2011, many will be happy that the Somali-born Briton is no longer on the track. Farah switched to road races (half and full marathons) after the 2017 Worlds, having won six gold medals at World Championships and four at the Olympics and in his absence, a number of runners have been trying to fill the void. Ugandan Joshua Chepetegei and Ethiopian trio Selemon Barega, Hagos Gebrhiwet and Yomif Kejelcha are among the athletes Kenyans will have to stop if they have to end their 14-year 5,000m gold drought.

4. Ruth Jebet (BAHRAIN)

Locked out of Doha due to doping, Ruth Jebet was suspended in February 2018 for testing positive for EPO. The Kenyan-born Bahraini had been on an upward trajectory after winning an Olympics gold in 3,000m steeplechase in 2016 before smashing the world record a few days later at the Paris Diamond League. In her absence, Kenya's Beatrice Chepkoech, who lowered her world record in Monaco last year, appears the favourite in Doha alongside world champion Emman Coburn of USA.



5. Caster Semenya (SOUTH AFRICA)

The biggest casualty of IAAF's new testosterone rules, Semenya would have loved to be in Doha but was locked out after the World governing body decided that women with higher than normal hormone levels to artificially lower it if they are to compete in races over distances of 400m to the mile. The two-time Olympic 800m champion, who took bronze in her world 1,500m debut in 2017, will be out alongside Kenya's Margaret Nyairera and Francine Niyonsaba of Burundi, opening the door for world bronze medalist American Aje Wilson.

6. Sally Pearson (AUSTRALIA)

Australia's greatest modern-day track and field athlete Sally Pearson retired last month after injuries took a toll on her. The 32-year-old, who won gold in the 100m hurdles at the 2012 London Olympics and is a two-time world champion, had hoped to end her career in spectacular style next year at the Tokyo Olympics, only for her body to let her down once again. Pearson missed the 2015 world championships and 2016 Rio Olympics due to injury before making one of Australian sport's great comebacks in 2017 when she coached herself to gold at the Worlds in London.

7. Elijah Manangoi (KENYA)

There will be a new 1,500m winner in Doha after defending champion Elijah Manangoi pulled out last week, citing an ankle injury. Manangoi had earned a wild card to Doha by virtue of being the defending champion but his withdrawal now opens the door for stable-mate Timothy Cheruiyot although Norwegian brothers Henrik Ingebrigtsen and Jakob Ingebrigtsen pose the greatest threat. Ronald Kwemoi and George Manangoi are the other athletes in Kenya's 1,500m team.



8. Asbel Kiprop (KENYA)

The three-time world champion was the undisputed 1,500 king between 2008 and 2015 and also won an Olympics gold in 2008. The lanky athlete also has medals in African Games and Cross-Country but his hopes of adding more in this year's World Championships were dashed in May 2018 when it was first reported he had tested positive for the banned performance-enhancing substance EPO in November 2017 and handed a four-year ban in April 2019.

9. Genzebe Dibaba (ETHIOPIA)

The 1,500m world record holder will miss the World Championships due to a right foot injury. The Ethiopian lowered the 1,500m world record to 3:50.07 in 2015, then won the world title a month later. Kenyan Faith Kipyegon relegated her to silver at the Rio Olympics. Dibaba was last in the 12-woman final at the 2017 Worlds, then withdrew from the 5,000m at that meet, citing illness. Her absence should make Kipyegon's defence of her title a little easier but Americans Shelby Houlihan and Jenny Simpson are also rubbing their hands with glee. Ethiopian-born Dutchwoman Sifan Hassan is also a favourite.

10. Wayde van Niekerk (SOUTH AFRICA)

Olympic champion Wayde van Niekerk will not defend his world 400m title in Doha after suffering an injury. The world-record holder has been sidelined from competition for two years since tearing a meniscus and ACL in a celebrity tag rugby match. He returned to competition in February but had suffered a "minor setback" in his recovery.

Take Off

Bill to pave way for sign language use in schools

The proposed law is expected to ease the interraction of abled Kenyans and their hearing impaired countrypeople such as PAUL MUSYOKA and ELIZABETH WAMBUI



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"I needed someone who could understand my language' may seem like any other phrase for most people, but for Paul Musyoka and Elizabeth Wambui, it is the essence of their existence.

The two are hearing impaired, married and parents to two abled children. Their journey was not as smooth, and as Elizabeth says, even her mother wanted someone abled and well off to marry her. But once they settled into marriage with Paul, she has been supportive, even helping them raise their abled children.

"I remember we got a lot of help from Paul's sister–in-law because she works at the hospital otherwise, we had already faced numerous communication challenges," Elizabeth recalled. All their communication in the hospital was in writing because none of them knew how to sign. Sometimes, a doctor would volunteer to take them through all necessary processes from the triage to the pharmacy.

That their daughters were not deaf was exciting. "We were so happy and thanked God that they could hear and talk! No parent would wish for their children to go through the same challenges they went through; we are no exception," they said.

From the onset, the Musyokas took it upon themselves to ensure their daughters learnt sign language. "We taught them sign language because that is how we communicate at home and they did not stigmatise us. They are all fluent and it has made life bearable because they have helped us where we fail to understand each other even in the society," they add.

However, their first-born, who is in grade five, has faced more stigma than her sisters. "At first, we noticed she was uncomfortable with us around because of the way her schoolmates looked at us while we conversed. She was embarrassed, but with time, she adjusted and we use sign language without the shame," Elizabeth says.



MAIN: **Paul Musyoka and Elizabeth Wambui with their daughters. They are among sign languages users in Kenya.** LEFT: **Senator Isaac Mwaura says the bill will ensure recognition of sign language as medium of communication.** PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Entrenched in Constitution

The Musyokas are among an estimated 500,000 sign language users in Kenya. Besides the challenges in communication, this group faces prejudice, rejection by family and poor access to vital services such as education and health care, despite the fact that the Constitution recognises sign language as an indigenous language and one of the languages of Parliament.

In Article 54 (1) (d), the Constitution provides for the inclusion of sign language in education curriculum and for its use in legal proceedings. It also states that a person with any disability is entitled to use of braille, sign language or any other appropriate means of communication. It also promotes the development and use of sign language and other communication formats and technologies accessible to people with disabilities under Article 7(3).

There have been moves to include sign language in the general public, with the Persons with Disability Act 2003 requiring all television stations to provide "a sign language inset or subtitles in all newscasts and educational programmes, and in all programmes covering events of national significance."

A bill tabled in the Senate in May this year hopes to bolster the inclusion of hearing impaired people within the society. The Kenya Sign Language (KSL) Bill 2019 seeks to promote literacy of people with hearing disabilities through adoption of Kenya sign language, help persons hard of hearing integrate into the society and recognise and regulate sign language interpreters.

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It seeks to standardise sign language interpreters and ensures that they are issued certification so that there are no quacks in the profession

Mother tongue

"The bill will ensure that sign language is recognised as a medium of communication between deaf and those who are hard of hearing and with other people who have no hearing difficulties. It will also ensure KSL is used to teach language and other academic subjects and not as a substitute for English or Kiswahili," says Nominated Senator Isaac Mwaura.

Tabled in the Senate by Nominated Senator Dr Getrude Musuruve and currently in the second reading, it compels the national and county governments to ensure use of KSL in provision of services and information to the public.

To promote ease of learning, the bill proposes the cabinet secretary for education ensures that learners who are hard of hearing are taught in a language they can understand. It further proposes that teachers of students with hearing disabilities ensure KSL is taught in sign and not in written form.

Under the bill, the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) is to develop, review and approve curriculum and supporting material for learners with hearing disabilities. It will facilitate the adoption of KSL as the mother tongue of the deaf. The reluctance to adopt KSL as the first language for the deaf denies them an equal opportunity to compete with their hearing counterparts.

Regulation against quacks

The bill also outlines provisions to regulate sign language interpreters in the country. "It seeks to standardise sign language interpreters and ensures they are issued with certification so that there are no quacks in the profession," adds Mwaura.

To regulate sign language interpreters, the Bill proposes that any person wishing to provide KSL interpretation services apply for registration from the ministry in charge of matters regarding disabilities in accordance with the criteria laid down by the relevant cabinet secretary.

The cabinet secretary is to develop these procedures and criteria in consultation with representative from a registered association of sign language interpreters. All the names of the people authorised to offer sign language services will be kept in a register and a certificate valid for one year issued.

The cabinet secretary, in consultation with representative of a registered association of people with hearing disabilities and National Council For Persons With Disabilities, is to develop an action plan six months after the bill becomes an Act to monitor the progress on the implementation of the provisions of the Act.

Additionally, the Bill compels employers to create opportunities for people with hearing disabilities to be eligible for jobs and to promote career progression for such employees and the national and county governments to promote learning of the KSL among those with hearing ability by introducing it as a language subject in the curriculum.



Teaching abled Kenyans how to sign

As the world marks the International Day of Sign Languages today to support and protect the linguistic identity and diversity of users, **DIANA WAMBUI-KAMAU** hopes to modify beliefs and values of abled people towards people with disability

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Majority of Kenyans see disability as physical, yet there is more to it. Invisible disability, such as deafness, makes it hard for the inclusion of hearing impaired individuals, because of the negative attitudes and beliefs against people with disabilities (PWDs).

It is against this background that Diana Wambui-Kamau made it her mission to find a solution to make the persons with hearing and speaking disabilities to be included in the society. As the founder and coordinator Sign Language Is Cool (SLIC), she wants to influence able-bodied people by modifying their beliefs, values and attitudes towards the PWDs, more so, the deaf and dumb.

Negative mindset

"I noticed and experienced first-hand the kind of challenges faced by PWDs in terms of discrimination and stigma. I realised abled people were willing to interact with them, but did not know how to," she says.

For her, sign language was a great step to get rid of the negative mindset and attitudes. She chose to introduce it as a cool language and as a communication skill. "That is how the SLIC was launched. Our campaign works towards embracing inclusivity through sign language. We offer several services including Sign Language Customised Training, SLIC Interpretation Services, SLIC Clubs in schools, including institutions of higher learning and in communities," Diana says. Other services include trainings and consultation in inclusive communication strategy and audits.

"All our services lean towards inclusion. We ensure there is acceptance of PWDs. It has not only impacted the lives of the deaf, but all the other disabilities too into accessing available opportunities," she said.

Diana hopes that through SLIC, organisations and companies will be prompted to find ways to be more inclusive and fulfill the five per cent threshold of employing PWDS.

Interest in learning

The SLIC platform has gradually changed people's and organisations' mindset. "We have had people come on board to support us, and their attitude towards PWDs drastically change through the basic, interactive and conversational sign language skills and inclusion awareness trainings," an excited Diana smiled. Over time, more people acknowledge sign language is cool and want to learn more.

The introduction of SLIC clubs in schools is something Diana is also proud of. The clubs expose pupils to peoples or children living with different disabilities and by this, their world becomes more inclusive. It helps deal with discrimination and stigma from a young age as well as ensure sustainability of the language and interactions with PWDS.

Even then, it has not been a walk in the park. "A huge chunk of hurdles we face include the mindset and attitude from people we come across. The moment sign language is mentioned, minds immediately go to the deaf and dumb community and so, not many see the need to learn it," Diana points out. Because of the mindset, it has been challenging to get opportunities for people with disabilities.

On a daily basis, communication is the greatest barrier these persons face. "This has made it difficult for them to acquire even basic services, including those that would not require an interpreter. Consequently, they are ridiculed, unnecessarily punished even to the extent of death. Most people think they are pretending since their disability is invisible," she sighs.



TOP/ABOVE: **Staff of Slic in sign language sessions. They teach abled Kenyans sign languge to encourage inclusivity and beat stigma against hearing impaired people.** BELOW: **Diana Wambui-Kamau, founder of Slic.** PD/COURTESY



Inclusivity

Diana says the passing of the Kenyan Sign Language Bill 2019 would help move matters along. "The bill lobbied for the use of sign language by employees in the work place as well as the promotion of the language. This, for us, will go a long way in encouraging inclusivity," she adds.

SLIC would like the government to introduce sign language as a compulsory language in schools. "This will introduce the children to disability awareness knowledge hence a total inclusive society free from stigma and discrimination," she concludes.

RANDOM SENSE

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Investments in renewable energy increase

The past decade has experienced significant global investment in renewable energy and increased installation of solar power than ever before, recently released figures show. A recent report, *Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment, 2019*, shows investment in renewable energy has almost quadrupled from 2009 to date. Solar power capacity has particularly grown from 25 giga watt (GW) in 2009 and is expected to reach 663 GW by the end of 2019. Overall the global share of electricity from renewable sources including geothermal and wind power reached 12.9 per cent in 2018, up from 11.6 per cent in 2017. This is considered a step in the right direction since renewable source of energy are clean and safer for the environment and assist in reducing global warming.

INQUICKFIGURES

Sh 260t
the estimated total global investment on renewable energy by end of 2019

Investments on renewables leaped from 414 GW in 2009 and are expected to grow to 1650 GW by end of 2019



726 MW
the estimated geothermal power capacity in Kenya

14,900 MW
the global geothermal power generation capacity

167 GW:
of new renewable energy capacity was completed in 2018, up from 160 GW in 2017

Data source: Global Trends in Renewable Energy Investment, 2019.

Scholar

Training future leaders

BRIEFLY

Harvard, Aga Khan varsities partner in leadership programme

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The Aga Khan University Graduate School of Media and Communications (GSMC) will, for the second consecutive year, collaborate with John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in a leadership programme.

The project is meant to help executives from Africa exercise leadership, boost their skills and effectiveness while communicating for impact. It marks Harvard's first collaboration with a university in the region to offer a similar course.

The initiative dubbed *Transforming Leadership for 21st Century Africa* combines the teaching experience of established faculty from both Kenya and US and incorporates seasoned leaders to share their experiences in dealing with leadership issues.

Dr Eric Aligula, Secretary, Infrastructure Sector, Executive Office of the President said the commitment of the Government to work in partnership with The Aga Khan University to help develop leadership capability within Kenya's public sector. "Skills garnered from the programme will guide participants to understand organisational dynamics, but also perform leadership in regional and global levels," he said.

The programme comprises two modules: Adaptive Leadership for Africa and Voice of Leadership. It welcomes emerging and proven leaders from various sectors from Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Botswana, Egypt and Malawi.

A representative from Harvard, Dr Hugh O'Doherty, said the programme is an excellent opportunity to bring leadership ideas from the American university to Africa.

The interim Dean of GSMC and Vice Provost of Aga Khan University East Africa, Dr Alex Awiti, said the partnership is crucial in nurturing the skills needed to advance leadership.

Participants will graduate in November 2019, and receive certificates from both Harvard and the Aga Khan University. "They will gain new skills, fresh perspectives and strategies for dealing with specific workplace challenges and their organisations," Awiti said.



Hugh O'Doherty from Harvard University speaks at the renewal of the partnership with Aga Khan Universty at Radisson Blu hotel, Nairobi. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG



Parents grapple with new syllabus challenges

National Parents Association chairman Nicholas Maiyo wants State to ensure all parents are fully sensitised and engaged in CBC implementation

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As Grade Three pupils tackled classroom-based national assessments last week, parents said implementation of the new Competency Based Curriculum (CBC) has thrown a spanner into their works.

Education CS George Magoha said the assessment is not an exam, but a determinant of learners' abilities acquired since they were enrolled two years ago.

"It has not been easy up to this moment," said Pauline Munene, a parent in Nairobi. "Just last week, my eight-year-old daughter, Esther Joy even noted that the media was broadcasting news about their tests. Nowadays, she is very keen on news," she said.

During the school holiday last month, Pauline and other Grade Three parents countrywide underwent a memorable schedule. "We receive their assignments via our *WhatsApp* groups and in August we were working on an environment assignment. I say 'we' because the new syllabus requires the pupils and the parent to do the homework together. I need to supervise it," she said.

The assignment was to clean a local market and so Munene ensured that Esther joined pupils who swept and collected trash at Ruai market, Nairobi. "We reside in Utawala and that was the nearest market. Before that, we had to improvise aprons, gloves and dust caps to get the job done," said the mother of three.

The mother-daughter team used old sacks at home to make the aprons and caps. "CBC has taught my daughter to be responsible. Now we have a dust-pan made of cartons to clean the house and we no longer help her make her bed every day," beams the marketer.

Since she has a busy work schedule, Munene occasionally engages her house-help to help her daughter do homework. "She has to go to a cybercafé, download and print out the homework. This costs us a few more coins not to mention the other things that we keep buying," she said.



Ann Wanjiru, guides her children Sheila (centre), a Grade Three pupil at Ngangarithi Primary School and Lesly, a Grade Two pupil at DEB Muslim Primary School, do their homework at their Blue Valley home, Nyeri town, last week. RIGHT: Parents and pupils shop for books in Nakuru town. PD/JOSEPH KING'ORI and RAPHAEL MUNGE

Story books

Another parent from Mombasa, Khadija Mohamed, with two children in pre-school knows too well how expensive it can get. "Last holiday, reading assignments needed us to buy our daughter some books," she said.

The family had to read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day and answer questions after the exercise. "We have a CBC Guardian's booklet where we fill-in how well certain words were read and what those words were," she said.

Khadijais now a client of one of Mombasa's textbook stores. "We had to ensure she read good fresh books so we spent quite a bit. We also needed manila paper, colouring pencils and much more," she said with a sigh.

And it has not been a walk in the park for the family. "Because of the nature of my job, I leave the office late and I do not get to sit through with them as they do sit homework. I really miss out on spending time with them," Khadija said.

After the holidays, the children had to identify a favourite character and dress up like them to school. "My daughter picked a princess as her character; the dress alone cost Sh2,500 without the tiara and shoes," she laughed.

Recently, she had to take her daughter shopping for assignment materials. "The homework required her to use Sh500 or less to shop and I had to take photos of the process. She then had to develop a math problem out of her experience— a shopping budget," she said.

However, the relationship between parents and their children is becoming stronger. "We are very good friends because we have bonded over the homework," Munene said. Similar sentiments were echoed by Khadija who said she has no qualms about CBC. "I love the individuals my children are being moulded into," she said.

Speaking during the Third National Annual conference on CBC in Nairobi last month, the National Parents Association chairman Nicholas Maiyo asked the Education Ministry and the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) to ensure that all parents are fully sensitised and engaged so that they too are accountable for their role in implementation of the curriculum.

He described the new syllabus as diverse, dynamic, practical and appropriate for Kenya's socio-economic needs. "Without a doubt it is an important pillar in the realisation of the Big Four agenda," he said.

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Delayed school funds irk Kilifi teachers

Education stakeholders in Kilifi county are protesting delays by Treasury to release funds for schools amid heightened preparations for national examinations scheduled to begin next month.

Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education of Teachers (Kuppet) Kilifi county branch Executive Secretary Charles Katungo says secondary schools principals countrywide are crying they do not have funds to purchase essential materials for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exams.

Most critical is purchase of apparatus and chemicals for practical papers. KSCE practical exams take place between October 21 and October 25.

Katungo said already, many primary and secondary school students have been sent home because of lack of funds, which were supposed to have been released before the beginning of the term.

"The Ministry of Education remains mum on when the Sh10 billion set aside for the purpose will be released," he said at a press briefing in Kilifi town last week.

The government normally releases the funds to schools based on the total number of learners in schools per year. "Public secondary schools have been in financial crisis since second term and are unable to run smoothly also because of huge fees balances amounting to millions of shillings owed by parents," Katungo said.

A secondary school deputy principal of a new school that opened this year, who sought anonymity, said they have not paid salaries to two teachers hired by the board of management since July due to lack of funds.

Most affected are boarding secondary schools where parents are required by the government to pay a certain percentage to cater for food, and accommodation.



Kenya Union of Post-Primary Education of Teachers (Kuppet) Kilifi county branch Executive Secretary Charles Katungo. PD/ WALKER MWANDOTO

Your Health ▶ It matters

Rogue hormones put me down, but not out

After severe bouts of pain and agony of not knowing what was ailing her, ROSE MUTHONI endured endless tests, until the 'enemy within' was discovered...

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The irregular periods, followed by vomiting, extremely painful and almost crippling cramps left her exhausted and angry with an unanswered question: why can't I be just like every other woman? And this has been Rose Muthoni's life since she was 14 when she started experiencing severe pains during her menses. It was so obstinate it defied the strongest of painkillers .

Her condition was compounded by irregular periods. In high school, her periods would be a no-show for a whole term. Though this was welcome relief, Rose was constantly worried about her condition. But once in university, she could no longer live with the pain and decided to seek medical attention. "I began looking for a way to ease the pain, because I always had to play catch-up in class. I opted to go to a gynecologist," she says.

And in 2009, after years of anxiety, she was diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a hormonal disorder common among women of reproductive age. Women with PCOS produce higher-than-normal levels of androgen, a group of hormones that play a role in male traits and reproduction.

This hormone imbalance affects menstruation and fertility. The exact trigger of PCOS is unknown, and the symptoms vary from one woman to another. Some factors linked to the condition include excess insulin, genetics, and inflammation that cause the production of androgen.

In Rose's case, she had cysts the size of a tennis ball around her ovaries. At mid cycle they would burst, causing intense pain rendered her immobile. Doctors advised her that getting pregnant was the only way out.

"I tried over and over again, but the process would be interrupted because the ovum couldn't develop into full term. I visited the gynecologist for the second time and she prescribed Clomid, medication that forces the ova to develop into full term for fertilisation to take place in the uterus," she recalls.

Heartbroken

After two years of trying, she finally received the best news: she was pregnant! But even then, Rose needed confirmation. She headed back to the doctor, but her hopes were shattered when the doctors told her she had an anembryonic pregnancy; it turned out to be something else; a sac and a placenta growth, but no baby.

Heartbroken, but hopeful, she again embarked on the journey to pregnancy. It wasn't easy. "I went into depression. For over a month, confusion reigned and everything stopped making sense. It took me about a month to adapt to life. But on the second Clomid round, I found out I was pregnant, but I had also developed a bigger cyst," she says.

The cyst burst again, inflamming her lower abdomen and sending her back to hospital. She was immediately put on drugs to prevent a miscarriage and treat the fluid collection in between the uterus and rectum, known as the Pouch of Douglas.

All went well and in July 2011, she delivered her first born. She was later put on combined birth control to tame the cysts. It wasn't long before she got pregnant again, this time, without the help of fertility drugs. "I delivered my second child in 2013 and went back to the combined pill on doctor's advice. It was the only way we could keep the cysts at bay," she says.

Rose would later be diagnosed with complex ovarian cysts, a condition where cysts are filled with either blood or a hard substance. Although, she underwent succesful surgery to remove the cysts, she had to make some lifestyle changes to stay healthy. "I put myself on a strict diet and regular exercise to get better. It's quite a challenge staying away from processed foods, but if that's what it takes to get better then I don't mind it," she adds.

Rose is among the six to 12 per cent —an estimated five million— of women of reproductive age suffering from PCOS, which according to World Health Organisation, is among the commonest causes of female infertility.



DR Kireki Omanwa, gynecologist and obstetrician. BELOW: **Rose Muthoni was diagnosed with PCOS in 2009.** PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Dr Kireki Omanwa, a gynecologist and obstetrician, says PCOS affects most women in various degrees. The condition manifests in many ways leaving patients confused.

"When you start having irregular periods, you will think that it's normal. However, when you get prolonged periods, which go to as far as 90 days, it is best to go for a check up to know what might be the problem," he adds.

Treatment options

Women with PCOS may have excessive hair growth on pubic areas and nipples, face or even legs. "This is because of androgen production, which is unnecessary to the female body," Dr Omanwa says,

They may also exprience low libido, and fertility issues because of the prolonged irregular periods.

Omanwa, however, says the best way to deal with it is to go for a check-up and examine the family's medical history.

He says during the menstrual cycle, an egg grows in a sac called a follicle.

"This sac is located inside the ovaries. In most cases, this follicle or sac breaks open and releases an egg.

But if the follicle doesn't break open, the fluid inside can form a cyst. But, when they become many then they are called multicyst or polycyst.

"Mostly, we prescribe combined birth control pills and diabetes medicine, which assist to regulate insulin.

If it gets worse, we may try oophorectomy, the surgical removal of ovaries." he adds.

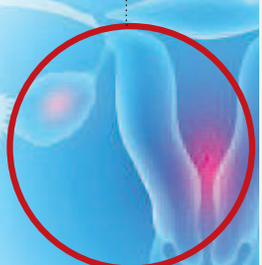
He highlights that, in most cases, losing weight is the only thing that may assist women in managing the lifetime condition.

PCOS FACTS

- **Polycystic ovary syndrome** (PCOS) is a hormonal disorder common among women of reproductive age. It involves the development of small sacs in the ovary.
- **The exact cause** of PCOS is unknown, but it often runs in families. Risks factors include excess insulin, genetics, and inflammation that cause the production of androgen hormone.

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

- **Irregular periods or none**
- **Difficulty getting pregnant (because of irregular ovulation or failure to ovulate)**
- **Excessive hair growth – usually on the face, chest, back or buttocks**
- **Weight gain**
- **Thinning hair and hair loss from the head**
- **Oily skin or acne**



According to WHO, it affects as many as five million women of reproductive age globally.

- **Treatment include** medication, especially birth control to help with hormonal changes and diabetes medicine to help regulate insulin production.
- **Surgical options** are also available and may include ovarian drilling, where holes are made in the ovaries to reduce androgen levels; Oophorectomy, removal of one or both ovaries; removal of parts of or the whole uterus; Cyst aspiration, removal of fluid from the cyst.
- **Home remedies** for PCOS include eating healthy, exercising and maintaining healthy weight.



NUTRITION
WITH CHRISTINE NDERITU

Why can't we keep weight off as we age?

The answer, according to a new research by Karolinska Institutet in Sweden, lies in the lipid turnover that is the capacity to store and remove lipids. As we age, the lipid turnover in the fat tissue decreases making it easier to gain weight even if we don't eat more or exercise less than we did in the earlier years.

The study, *Adipose Lipid Turnover And Long-Term Changes In Body Weight*, which took an average period of 13 years, examined 54 men and women. All of them showed decreases in the rate at which fat cells were removed and stored (lipid turnover), regardless of whether the individuals gained or lost weight. Those who did not adjust their diets so that they ate less calories gained weight by an average of 20 per cent. The researchers also studied lipid turnover in 41 women who had undertaken bariatric surgery, and how the lipid turnover rate affected their ability to keep the weight off four to seven years after surgery.

From this group, they found that those with a low lipid turnover rate before the surgery managed to increase their lipid turnover and maintain their weight loss. According to the researchers, those with a low rate before surgery could have had more room to increase the lipid turnover rate, compared to those who already had a higher rate pre-surgery.

At a time when obesity has become an epidemic, it is important we understand this fat tissues process as a factor that affects weight gain and maintenance, independent of other factors that have been associated with weight gain and obesity. This is however not to delink them. As studies have shown, excess body fat is associated with low lipid turnover rates while exercising has been shown to increase the lipid turnover rate.

Given, food portions and exercise regimens need to be adjusted accordingly as we age, to keep the weight away.



Spice

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It is no longer trade as usual for musicians, as the Internet has disrupted and broadened avenues for them to make more money. And as **ANN NYATHIRA** writes, good tidings still lie ahead for artistes

BUSINESS UNUSUAL





A decade and a half ago in Kenya, all one needed to make the cut as an outstanding artiste with desirable income was a fair level of talent and mild music distribution skills. However, at around halfway through the decade, there was a paradigm shift in the music industry thanks to the Internet and smartphone. As more and more of mainstream audience began to access the music online, they altered the entire fabric of the music industry to what it is today.

There is an irrefutable consensus among artistes that the music industry has grown over the years. This emergence of digital disruption forced many artistes to embrace the changes and have since managed to gain themselves a healthy income to supplement their other income streams.

Singer Wahu Kagwi, has surpassed the pressure of the music industry and managed to stay musically relevant for more than a decade now, while her peers slowly disappeared from the limelight. She has successfully ventured into hair and beauty industry and communication consultancy and says a lot has changed due to the digital disruption in the industry, with people monetising their content on digital platforms such as the video-sharing site YouTube.

"The digital disruption was the last nail in music's traditional way of making money — selling of CDs and DVDs, which has become outdated. Putting up your work on the digital platforms is now a priority because that is where the money is. Personally, besides music, my other ventures in hair, beauty and communication consultancy has been an eye opener," Wahu tells *Spice*.

The diversity

Gospel artiste Daddy Owen insists there are many avenues for artistes to generate income. According to him, artistes today have bigger platforms compared to those who did music by the turn of millennium. He says all one needs to do is to put in a lot of work in the business, other than relying on distributing their music through radio and TV stations because it never translates to income.

He says: "As an artiste, you need to be proactive; it is all about planning yourself. From my personal observations, the music life span of a musician in Kenya is normally three years after releasing a hit song. I have seen more than 50 artistes fall into this pit of relying on selling DVDs to make money. Yet there are so many channels that one can generate income from and marketing tools that can help facilitate creation of income. Social media platforms are now highways for one to market self," he says.

Daddy Owen, who during his career as a musician has worked on projects with different corporate and public entities such as Airtel, Safaricom and the National Health Insurance Fund, urges artistes to realise and embrace digital platforms to supplement their earnings adding to other ways such as commercial endorsements.

Social followers

According to Google statistics, a whopping 1.3 billion people around the world use YouTube to watch 4.95 billion videos every day. Artistes make money on this platform by uploading content, which is paid based on the number of adverts viewed and clicks.

Artiste Timmy TDat notes that a platform such as YouTube is a good avenue to make money, but there is a need for one to have a huge audience of followers who relate with their content. Only then can one make money from Google Ads, which appear before the music plays on the artiste's channel.

"YouTube has money; you can actually make good money from it depending on the number of people who visit your channel. As an artiste though, you need to identify your audience and create relevant content for them. You have to then keep it interactive so as to maintain them and you will make a decent amount of money through Google Ads, which has became popular with marketers and advertising companies," says Timmy.

Online music stores such as Spotify, iTunes, Mdundo and Songa are among other digital platforms that help musicians generate money. Call back tunes such as Safaricom's Skiza Tunes and Airtel's Hello Tunes are popular services that Kenyan musicians use to make money.

Smartphone penetration in Kenya is huge and that translates to a highly democratised Internet access for the populace. The Internet comes with algorithms that makes the demand side of the equation is influential to what tops the search results.

"Social media is one of the platforms for Kenyan artistes to market their content. Back then we would use radio and TV shows as a marketing tool and would find some of the presenters had biased tendencies in that if you were not friends with them, your song would hardly get airplay. Social media has changed that and now fans can access music from these social platforms and no longer have to rely on TV or radio to access your music. It is a complete paradigm shift," says Daddy Owen.

So, the dynamics that used to rule the industry in the years gone by are no longer applicable in this day and age. Therefore, it's upon artistes to readjust their approaches if at all they are willing to realise their full worth.

CAMPO**RAGE** @michael_muraya

End month means parties

That time of the month when parents have money and Campo kids have convincing lies is here! It's that time when these kids have cash and that means only one thing...party time! Owe unto you, if you aren't a student and you happen to choose a place of residence in close proximity with campo students at such a time. You will have subscribed to an eternity of the sights and sounds of these parties; from ladies in skimpy dresses in the middle of a chilly July, to drunk adults who will go singing Christmas carols not minding it's the middle of the year.

Shocking is the way this drunk lot, perhaps a group of 25, manages to fit in a small bedsitter and still get space to dance. These parties, just the same way in betting there are three probable outcomes (a win, draw or a loss), have three possible outcomes; a balanced party, a sausage party or a women's union committee.

We'll begin with a scenario that everyone hopes for after they have successfully duped their parents into sending them 'class trip money' and are now organising a bash; a balanced party. This is where the number of males turning up is directly proportional to the number of females with the 'ufisi' in both remaining constant. Basically it's the perfect scenario, when the party goes well, people interact well and everything goes according to script. But of course, such parties don't miss those two girls who never speak to anyone and sit on a corner drinking and silently judging everyone in the room.

Now to the worst-case scenarios, the sausage party. Well, as the name suggest, this is where the holder is either a male who does not have female friends or a female who only has male friends because only men turn up! The lot of smartly dressed, well-scented guys will arrive with all sorts of ambience with the aspirations of hooking up with some random third year. They will start outdoing each other on the dance floor, each flexing muscles as they wait for the 'preys' to turn up so that they unleash their claws.

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



Marubeni Corporation East Africa general manager Mitsunori Mori with Shizen Energy's Kaige Kibe.



Vocational and Technical Education principal secretary Kevit Desai.



ABE alumnus Rendzina Dolly and Esther Wagagu.

EDUCATION AND ENTERPRISE

by Grace Wachira

Japanese Embassy in Kenya and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) held the sixth African Business Education (ABE) Initiative send-off ceremony in Nairobi. The programme, primarily targeting business enterprise development in Japan and Africa, was tailored to meet the academic as well as future career goals of successful participants. Eleven participants from Kenya were awarded with full masters scholarships to study engineering, science and technology and sustainability in universities in Japan. Among those present were Japanese Ambassador to Kenya, Ryoicji Horie, his Somalia counterpart Mohamoud Ahmed Nur, Vocational and Technical Education PS Kevit Desai and Youth Affairs secretary Raymond Ochieng.

PD/ CYNTHIA MUKANZI



Scholarship beneficiaries Philemon Kiprotich, Frankline Mboya and Bett Gilbert.



Somalia Ambassador to Kenya Mohamoud Ahmed Nur congratulates the awardees.



Youth Affairs secretary Raymond Ochieng applauds the soon-to-be students.

Tomorrow's Africa today

by Njambi Wanjiku

The Kara Kana Online initiative recently launched a photography exhibition dubbed *Kesho Afrika*, at Alliance Francaise in Nairobi, aimed at making a connection between African history and its future. The initiative is an artist run social enterprise that brings together creatives to foster collaborations in Kenya's arts, culture and creative industries. Nahya, Shikkiey, Nick Agesa and the Mbogi Konnection Band treated guests to exciting music performances.

PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA



The perfect foursome: Mbogi Konnection Band looks upbeat.



Music lovers Chigozie Nweke-Eze and Christiane Stephan.



Lucia Wairimu with Sheila Sergon.



Stephen Nderitu, Celeste Wamiru, Margaretta wa Gacheru and Nahya Kuri.



Musicians Shikkiey and Nick Agesa serve some melodies.



Singers Shekkiey, Atieno Faith, Stella Kinyua and Waithera Macharia.

GAZETTE NOTICE

THE LABOUR RELATIONS ACT (NO. 14 OF 2007)

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES AND CHANGE OF NAME OF THE UNION

Notice is hereby given to all members of **KENYA NATIONAL UNION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS** in pursuant to Section 27(4) of the Labour Relations Act, that a Notice of Change of the Constitution and a Notice of Change of name of the union has been received.

The union intends to change its name from **KENYA NATIONAL UNION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS to KENYA NATIONAL UNION OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

Any person or member intending to raise any objection against the amendment of the constitution of the union and the change of name is required to submit in writing any such objections within twenty-one (21) days from the date hereof. The amendments are open for scrutiny from the undersigned office during working hours.

E. N. GICHEHA (MRS)
REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel **No. Nyeri/ Municipality Block 7/116** situated in Kangemi area, proposes to change use from **Residential (One Private Dwelling)** to **Multi-dwelling use**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institutions and organization with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

The County Director of Physical Planning,
County Government of Nyeri,
P.O. Box 1112-10100,
Nyeri.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT, 2019

CHANGE OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel **No. Muhito/Kamoko/1010** situated in Ndunyu area, proposes to change use from **Agricultural** to **Commercial (Resort)**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institutions and organization with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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RAYSON NYALE CHARO –VS- JOSPEH JEMBE MRAMBA & JOSEPH CHIPA GOE

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2. PM COURT KILIFI CC NO. 69 OF 2019
CLEMENCE KARICHWA KWICHA –VS- JOSEPH JEMBE MRAMBA & JOSEPH CHIPA GOE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PHYSICAL PLANNING ACT (CAP 286)

EXTENSION OF USER

The owner of **plot NO. T59** situated within Habaswein Town, Bulla Juu neighborhood, proposes to **extend its use** to include **Base Transceiver Station (Tower, Equipment shelter, Antennae & Communication Equipment)**, subject to approval by the Wajir County Government. Any individual(s), institution(s) or organization(s) etc with comments or objections to the proposals are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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County Government of Wajir
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Wajir



TIME OUT!

K24

5.00 Inuka
6.00 K24 This Morning
9.00 The Punchline
10.00 The Daily Brief
12.30 Inside Business
13.00 News Cut
13.30 Sports Hub Live
14.00 Bongo Movie
15.00 Sweetest Love
16.00 K24 Mashinani
16.30 Jus Kids
17.00 Beatbox
18.00 Unique Love
19.00 K24 Saa Moja
19.30 Jane And Abel
20.05 The Secretary
21.00 K24 Evening Edition
22.00 Nairobi Diaries
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5.00 Ime Ria Ruciini
6.00 Rikiratha
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1.30 Kameme Iharoini- Live
2.00 This Wildlife-Rpt
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10:00 Wild Drake Rpt
11.00 Tendereza
12.00 The Entrepreneur Rpt
12.30 Daktari RPT
1.30 Drive it
2.00 Afri Screen
4.00 Mbiu ya KTN
4:10 The Emperor's New School
4.30 Teenage Mutant; Ninja Turtles
5.00 Baseline - Music Show
6.00 Beautiful Strangers
7.00 KTN Leo
7.30 Mshamba
8.00 Steve Harvey
9.00 KTN Prime
10.00 Documentary
10.30 Movie
11.30 Movie

8.05pm The Secretary



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ANGA DIAMOND PLAZA: **10:30, 17:10, 18:25: AD ASTRA 2019**
ANGA IMAX CBD: **08:30, 10:50, 18:30: AD ASTRA 2019**
ANGA SKY CINEMA: **10:00, 20:35: AD ASTRA 2019**
NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA: **13:15, 16:00, 18:45: AD ASTRA 2019**
PRESTIGE CINEMA PRESTIGE PLAZA: **12:45, 15:30: AD ASTRA 2019**
WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL: **15:15, 18:20, 21:10: AD ASTRA 2019**



KBC Channel 1 – Kenya's Watching

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5:30 Gear Up
6:00 Good Morning Kenya
9:00 Layd Back
9:30 Animation Time
10:30 Jee, huu ni ungwana?
11:00 Hypochondriach RR
12:00 Afrusion
1:00 Lunch Time News
2:00 IAAF Recorded
4:30 Big Minds Rpt
5:00 Club 1
6:30 The Great Debators
7:00 Taarifa
7:30 Grapevine
8:00 First Lady
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11:00 CCTV
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12:00 Wicked edition
12:30 Aunty Boss
1:00 NTV at 1
1:30 NTV Sasa
3:00 China Wings
3.30 Gina D's Clubs
4:00 NTV at 4
4:15 Password
5:00 The Beat
6:00 Be careful with my Heart
7:00 NTV Jioni
7:30 Wicked Edition
8:00 Shark Tank
9:00 NTV Tonight
10:00 Road to Russia
11:00 The Beat
12:00 NTV Tonight
01:00 CNN

HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
They will jump at the chance to do something without you if it sounds like more fun. You may have been too agreeable to someone who just wanted to use you.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
Misunderstandings at work could easily lead to your demise. Peers may not be on your side. Trips will be more than adventurous.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
Be careful; your ideas are good but make sure that you're realistic and start off on solid ground. Your best gains will come through helping others emotionally.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Investments concerning your residence will be profitable. Don't second guess yourself, just go to it.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
Daydreaming will be your downfall. Listening can be more valuable than being a chatterbox.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
Get them to pitch in, if you need help. Your mate may want to pick a fight but if you're persistent with your affections their anger should dissipate.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. Do not let others exhaust you financially.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)
Your partner may push buttons that infuriate you. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22.- JAN. 20)
You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you today. Make money using your ingenuity and creative talent.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)
You may want to plan physical activities that will help burn off some of their excess energy.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
You can become obsessed with detail and must be sure to divide your time appropriately. You might not be as reserved on an emotional level as you'd like.

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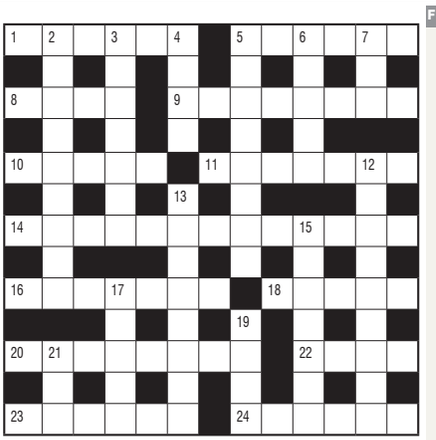
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The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is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

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1. Bodily organ (6)
5. Preserved cucumber (6)
8. Outdoor swimming pool (4)
9. Omens (8)
10. Slitherin animal (5)
11. Popular or colloquial (7)
14. Someone skilled in penmanship (13)
16. Mythical female sea creature (7)
18. Virile (5)
20. Small-scale musical drama (8)
22. Sand hill (4)
23. Code (6)
24. Moved (6)

DOWN
2. Determine ones's position (9)
3. Breathing aid in water (7)
4. Lisp (anag) (4)
5. Italian cheese (8)
6. Doctrine; system of beliefs (5)
7. Alllow (3)
12. Impertinence (9)
13. Sparkling (8)
15. Stashed away (7)
17. Jollity (5)
19. Young sheep (4)
21. Inquire into (3)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS
1. Nadir
4. Parrots
7. Spent
8. Tramping
9. Macho
11. Niceness
15. Concrete
17. Skips
19. Sideshow
20. Local
21. Glasses
22. Spear

DOWN
1. Nastiness
2. Debauch
3. Reaping
4. Pianos
5. Replay
6. Tench
10. Outerwear
12. Screams
13. Beehive
14. Appals
16. Osiris
18. Knoll

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ATHLETICS- PG30

Chespol hopes her patience will finally pay off in Doha

Head injury rules tweaked after All Blacks protest

INJURY: Rugby officials announced a change to concussion procedures at the World Cup yesterday, a day after New Zealand's Sam Cane was told he had spent too long having a head injury assessment and could not return to play. World Rugby said the 10-minute window allowed for an HIA would now start when players reach the assessment room, rather than as they leave the pitch. All Blacks flanker Cane went off in the first half against South Africa but had to cross the 72,000-capacity International Stadium Yokohama for his HIA, meaning he couldn't get back in time despite passing the test. "This is to facilitate slightly longer distances to the HIA room from the field of play at some of the venues" World Rugby said in a statement yesterday. **-AFP**

Japan's rugby growth steals the spotlight

HERITAGE: Ten years ago the rugby world finally opened the window and let a little air into the room by awarding a tier two country Japan the 2019 Rugby World Cup. Ten years is also significantly more than the normal time allotted to plan an event of this magnitude. However, the thinking was that the two parties could use all that time to get to know each other. But Japan and rugby needed only 10 minutes, not 10 years, to look at each other and say, "Dammit, you look awfully familiar." Of all the storylines that may emerge during this six-week tournament, none will be more prevalent than the confluence of two very stubborn cultures. Few countries are as unyielding to new ideas and change as Japan and few sports have similarly resisted change and growth like 15-a-side rugby union. **-AFP**

Umpires on radar after questionable weekend decisions



OFFICIATING: Former top referee Jonathan Kaplan said he had "absolutely no idea" how Australia's Reece Hodge avoided a red card for his tackle on Fiji's Peceli Yato as officials came under fire on the opening weekend of the Rugby World Cup. Wallaby wing Hodge prevented Yato from scoring a try in the 26th minute of Australia's tournament-opening 39-21 win on Saturday by blocking the flanker with a shoulder-led, no-arms challenge to the head that saw the Fijian leave the field with concussion. It looked a clear case for a sending-off and a penalty try, particularly as World Rugby referees chief Alain Rolland had insisted Monday high tackles would be punished severely, even if that meant a rash of red cards. Yet no on-field action was taken against Hodge, who could yet face a citing. **-AFP**

Simbas target Victoria Cup winning return after second place finish

by Alex Njue
@PeopleDailyKe

Kenya Simbas went back to their winning ways against Zimbabwe at the Nakuru Athletic Club with a 36-14 win to end Sables unbeaten run and closing the third edition of Victoria Cup second behind the two-time champs.

The Sables first defeat on Kenyan soil pleased Simbas skipper of the day Samson Omsomu who made his 27th cap at 27 years at the full house Nakuru Club that also savoured hosting its first international fixture.

"I am honoured to captain the young side that has brought glory on home soil. This season we have had a big pool of many young players who have been exposed and tested by head coach Paul Odera. One of the brilliant players discovered is Vincent Onyala. He has the wheels and understands the game and we wish him all the best in his upcoming Shujaa assignments," Simbas skipper Samson Onsomu told the *People Sport*.

On their runners-up finish, Onsomu hopes Simbas polish up and return stronger to claim the title next year.

"We have won four matches but two losses to Uganda and Zimbabwe have cost us the cup but we will return stronger for the next title," said Onsomu.

Simbas won the return fixture courtesy of five tries, four conversions and a penalty against their opponents' two first-half converted tries.

The return result in Nakuru reflected Simbas try scoring consistency against the Sables with an improved defensive play that contributed to Simbas conceding just a try in each half.



Zimbabwe's Sables celebrate with the trophy after winning Victoria Cup on Saturday. PD/RAPHAEL MUNGE

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Saturday
Australia 39-21 Fiji
France 23-21 Argentina
N.Zealand 23-13 S.Africa
Italy 47-22 Namibia
Sunday
Ireland 27-3 Scotland
England 35-3 Tonga
Monday
Wales vs Georgia (1.15pm)



Ireland brush aside Scots, England soar

Predictable result for Irish in opening fixture as low-key English beat Tonga at Rugby World Cup on Day Three in Tokyo

Tokyo, Sunday
@PeopleDailyKe

Three push-over tries in the first half did the damage before wing Andrew Conway grabbed a fourth after the break to secure a bonus-point win, with games to come against Japan, Russia and Samoa in Pool A.

"We started really well — we were positive, we wanted to attack," said Ireland captain Rory Best.

"Obviously with the conditions in the second half it became a bit more of an arm-wrestle but we know how good a team they are and we're delighted with that win."

With a sea of green-clad Ireland supporters dominating the stands at a packed but wet International Stadium Yokohama, Ireland were in no mood to be nice to their Six Nations rivals.

In a brutally physical game, in which the medics were rushed off their feet, Ireland bossed the breakdown and held a commanding 19-3 lead at half-time.

As the rain's intensity increased in the second half it was Ireland who relished the deteriorating weather most with a further eight points.

Conor Murray was given a dream ride behind a rampant forward pack, directing traffic with aplomb, particularly with an on-target kicking game, and pre-match concerns about Ireland's injury-hit backline quickly evaporated.

Scotland, meanwhile, did not help themselves with a weak defensive effort while being unable to penetrate the green wall in front of them.

The bonus-point win put Ireland level with hosts Japan with their first-round victories in Pool A, and the two go head-to-head next weekend.

James Ryan, Rory Best, Tadhg Furlong and Conway scored for Ireland with Johnny Sexton and Murray landing a conversion each and Jack Carty kicked a penalty.

Manu Tuilagi scored two tries as England launched their bid for a second Rugby World Cup title with a comfortable but error-strewn 35-3 bonus-point win over Tonga.

The Samoa-born centre crossed twice under the Sapporo Dome roof in a first half that ended with England well ahead at 18-3. **-AFP**

Andrew Conway gets over the line for bonus point try in this opening Rugby World Cup match against Scotland at the International Stadium in Yokohama yesterday. PD/AFP

Seven-goal hero Njoroge rises to occasion to lift Buccaneers



Justus Kipkirui of JKUAT attempts to score under pressure from Buccaneers defenders yesterday during their KHF Men's Premier League match at Kaloleni Social Hall. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

by Lynette Matheka
@PeopleDailyKe

Francis Njoroge scored seven goals against his former teammates to help Buccaneers clinch their first win in a 22-20 outcome against Jomo Kenyatta University of Science and Technology (JKUAT) in a tightly contested Kenya Handball Federation (KHF) men's league match.

Moses Seme scored three with two other former JKUAT players, Innocent Akunda and youngster Isaac Fortune adding three each as the newbies subjected the university side to their first loss in four matches this season.

JKUAT's Nahashon Cheruiyot and Edgar Malalu scored five and four goals respectively in the loss. The students were trailing by six goals at the end of the first half at 13-7 but they returned with urgency for goals in the second half. Their comeback fell short by two goals.

"We are new in the league as a team but most of these players have played for other teams at this level. Managing to pick our first win after playing for a draw against Boomerang in our opener is commendable and I hope the trend continues," said Buccaneers captain Smith Mbogo.

He added: "At the moment, we are riding on individual brilliance on the court. As a team, we are yet to have solid structures and style of play but we are working on that. While we are confident of good results going forward, we expect stiff competition from last season's top four finishers and most of the university teams as they have structures."

Meanwhile, varsity side Strathmore opened their season this weekend with two wins against Warriors and National Youth Service (NYS). In their Saturday match against Warriors, the varsity side had easy time as they won 71-11.

Simon Mutuku hit double digits at 12 goals with Samson Oduor and Felix Omondi managing nine goals each for Strathmore. Isaac Mwaura scored seven for the losers. Maxwell Munene top scored at seven goals as Strathmore picked their second win of the weekend and season at 41-18 against NYS.

Thriller, fun at Ngong as Kigen, Nyachae raise dust

Fanfare and spins as youngsters outdo each other in seventh round of the championships

by Barry Silah
@PeopleDailyKe

Round 7 of the Kenya National Autocross Championships proved a hit living up to its billing with cracking displays at Jamhuri Motocross Park yesterday.

All through the heats, it was an epic battle evidenced on the dry and dusty tracks with the MX2 and MX125 captivating the audience.

Kigen Kiplagat and Ethan Nyachae were the toss of the tie as they wowed motocross onlookers with their artistry on the tracks.

Kigen needed a good start at the final heat to make impact and consequently won it after collecting the chequered flag 20 minutes ahead of Nyachae and garner 57 points on the day.

He (Kigen) was bullish after nicking the second hear by a commanding 200m ahead of his rival following Nyachae's miscalculated corner turn and slowdown. However he had the last laugh in the final heat with a poised performance.



Meanwhile in the MX 85 class, Alex Kandie took all heats easy with his start par always an advantage. He picked 60 points to reduce the overall gal between himself and group leader Nandi Kiplagat to just 16 points with two rounds to go. Kiplagat was a poor fourth in the fist heat following navigational challenges but improved in the next two heats however not much to match the imperious Kandie. However Nandi has 338 points while her challenger has 322 points.

"I am leading the standings but today was a bit tough.In the first heat I fell and in the next two heats I had poor starts which affected my results.But next leg we go again and see on ways of improvement," Nandi told People Sport. In the MX 65 class, Wahome Mutahi put up a spirited fight against Tanav Choda to win an aggregate 57 points - three ahead of Tanav Choda.

Mutahi took the first and last heat courtesy of impeccable riding and superb attacks on opportunities as Gisa Benzinge took third be position overall on 45 points after a third place finish in all heats.

Maxine Wahome beats Christian Chege to the bend during the Seventh Round of the Kenya Motocross at Jamuhuri race Course yesterday. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA



Gladys Cherono reacts after crossing the finish line to win the women's Berlin Marathon last year. PD/AFP

Battle royale slated for Berlin streets

by Ericson Kiprono
@PeopleDailyKe

An interesting running battle is expected this Sunday when defending champion Gladys Cherono and Olympic 5,000m champion Vivian Cheruiyot face off during the 46th edition of BMW Berlin Marathon.

The duo is among an elite group of world-class women runners who have improved their personal bests in the past year winning various races in the Abbott World Marathon Majors (WMM) series.

They will be alive to threats from Ethiopian Mare Dibaba, who has twice run under 2:20 and took the bronze medal in the 2016 Olympic Marathon in Rio.

After victories in 2015 and 2017 Cherono achieved her third triumph in Berlin last year.

The 36-year-old, who won the World Half Marathon title in 2014, also broke the course record of Japanese Mizuki Noguchi of 2:19:12 which had stood for 13 years.

Cherono's time of 2:18:11 was a big improvement on her lifetime best and helped her join the exclusive company of women champions in Berlin with three wins apiece: Renata

My goal is now to win for the fourth time in Berlin and I am well prepared even though the marathon would be tough owing to stiff competition from my rivals," said Cherono.

She may well have to run another personal best to win her fourth title.

Among her rivals will be her compatriot Cheruiyot who will be making her debut in Berlin.

The 35-year-old Olympic 5,000m champion in 2016 won last year's London Marathon, improving her best to 2:18:31.

This year in London she finished runner-up, beating Cherono on both occasions.

CBK, Equity record victories at banks fiesta

by Charles Thuku
@PeopleDailyKe

Despite missing former national volleyball team coach Bernard Musumba, Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) braved to beat Barclays in the opening match of the Kenya Institute of Bankers (KIB) Inter Banks challenge at the Kenya School of Monetary Studies (KSMS) in Nairobi at the weekend.

The banking regulator missed the services of Musumba who guided to their first ever volleyball inter banks title in 2017 is away on a national team assignment with the country's para volleyball team in a regional championship in Kigali, Rwanda.

CBK disposed Barclays 2-0 with sets of 25-12, 25-17 to stay on course of reclaiming the title they lost to Cooperative Bank.

Equity Bank kept their hopes alive of an unprecedented third consecutive football title by booking a quarter finals berth after amassing a total of 13 points.

Equity under the tutelage of Zuberi Mohammed beat SBM, Commercial Bank of Africa, Credit Bank, Post Bank with identical 3-0 wins before being held to a barren draw by Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB).

Former football champions National Bank of Kenya (NBK) coached by Wilfred Osaso stayed in contention of the football title by qualifying for the quarterfinals by whipping Kenya Bankers Sacco 4-1 in their last group match.

In tug-of-war, CBK surrendered a 1-0 lead to lose 2-1 to Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) in the men's contest as the banking regulators women's team suffered a 2-0 hiding in the hands of Cooperative Bank.



CBK Deputy Governor Sheila Mbijjiwe meets players during the opening of the KIB Festival. PD/CHARLES THUKU

DOHA2019 -4 DAYS TO GO

Kimeli, Merigor clinch Mombasa road race titles

MOMBASA: Mathew Kimeli from Iten and Delvin Merigor of Kaptagat Athletics Club are the champions of the 2019 Safaricom Mombasa 10km road race. Kimeli, 23, who is also the defending champion of the New York Health Kidney 10km road race won in May last year, clocked 31:27.23 to win the men's race and pocket the Sh100,000 winning prize with Stephen Mwendwa from Ndumbi Athletics Club in Makueni (31:38.76) and Solomon Kiplimo from Iten (31:45.23) in second and third positions respectively. In the women's category, 2018 Madoka 21km winner Meringor clocked 36.10.45 for the title to also pocket Sh100,000 as Cynthia Kosgei and Rosaline Chepketer settled second and third slots in that order.

-Harrison Kivisu



Perfect Frankfurt preps for Aiyabei after Kabarak win

NAKURU: Beijing marathon champion Valary Aiyabei successfully defended her title in 21km during the Kabarak half marathon held at Kabarak University on Saturday. Aiyabei (***pictured***) timed 1:15.1 for victory ahead of second-placed Lydia Njeri who clocked 1:17.4 and little-known Lydia Simiyu who was third in 1:18.4. "I am very happy to have won this marathon and now I am optimistic that I will do well in the Frankfurt marathon next month," said the Iten-based athlete. In the men's race, little-known Leonard Barsoton stormed to victory in 1:05.26 ahead of Ezra Sang who came second in 1:05.41 and Ben Kipleting, who was third, in 1:05.45.

-Ericson Kiprono



Kenya amass 54 medals to claim deaf championships

NAIROBI: Hosts Kenya topped the medal standings as the five-day inaugural Africa Deaf Athletics Championships ended at Kasarani at the weekend. Kenya amassed 54 medals (20 gold, 16 silver and 18 bronze) to be crowned ahead of Nigeria emerged second with eight medals (two gold, five silver and one bronze). Kenya took all the podium places in the half marathon on Saturday which headlined the last day's events.

Team Kenya coach Sammy Kibet said fielding more athletes was one of the reasons the country was able to collect more medals from the Championships that attracted 12 countries. "It was a result that came a surprise because we didn't expect so many medals. Credit must be given to our athletes for surpassing the expectations," said Kibet.

-Amos Abuga

After trials shocker, it's time to deliver for Ng'eno



Ng'eno Kipngetich during a training session at Kasarani Stadium. PD/AMOS ABUGA

by Amos Abuga
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Not in his wildest dreams did Ng'eno Kipngetich envisage himself in the Kenyan team to World Championships that begin in Doha, Qatar on Friday.

He only took part in the national trials two weeks ago to try and run the elusive 1:44 and improve his personal best, with hopes of being invited to IAAF Diamond League meetings in future. However, the World Under-20 800m silver medallist shocked many by beating heavyweights to qualify for the Worlds.

"Kenyan trials are the most gruelling and very competitive. Winning gave me new found hope. I will head to my first senior assignment full of confidence," said the athlete, who recorded a new Personal Best of 1:44.57 at the trials.

The Bomet-born athlete who trains in neighbouring Kericho previously had a best time of 1:45.29 before entering the finals at the Nyayo National Stadium for the trials.

"Ferguson Rotich, Jonathan Kitilit and Emmanuel Korir are big names that were expected to win the trials and that is why my victory was a surprise to everyone. That did motivate me a lot," he added.

"I am praying that Rotich, Emmanuel and myself work harder to get to the finals in Doha. During the heats, it will be individual effort but from semis, we can run together depending on how we perform. Teamwork can only work once we are in the finals," added the 19-year-old.

In the absence of world record holder David Rudisha, the Kenyan contingent will have to be wary of Botwana's Nigel Amos and Donovan Brazier of the US who have had a great season.



Fancy Cherono (bronze), Beatrice Chepkoech (gold) and Celliphine Chespol (silver) after a steeplechase clean sweep at the 2018 Africa Athletics Championships in Asaba, Nigeria. The three will be joined by Hyvin Kiyeng at the Doha Worlds. PD/JAMES MAGAYI

TOP SIX, 3,000M STEEPLECHASE RUNNERS

8:44.32 Beatrice Chepkoech (KEN) -Monaco 2018
8:52.78 Ruth Jebet (BRN) -Paris 2016
8:58.78 Celliphine Chespol (KEN) -Eugene 2017
8:58.81 Gulnara Galkina (RUS) -Beijing 2008
8:59.62 Norah Jeruto (KEN) -Brussels 2018
9:00.01 Hyvin Kiyeng (KEN) -Eugene 2016

TOP RECORD HOLDERS WORLD U20 3000M S/C

9:05.70 Celliphine Chespol (KEN) -Doha May 5, 2017
8:58.78 Celliphine Chespol (KEN) -Eugene May 26, 2017
9.20.37 Birtukan Adamu (ETH) -Rome May 26, 2011
9:22.51 Almaz Ayana (ETH) -Brussels Aug 27, 2010
9:24.51 Ruth Bosibori (KEN) -Daegu Oct 3, 2007

Chespol has eyes on Doha medal

Youngster hoping her patience will finally pay off at World Championships in Qatar

by Amos Abuga
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Celliphine Chespol does not for once feel intimidated by the steeplechase golden generation tagged on her, world record holder Beatrice Chepkoech and Hyvin Kiyeng.

Instead, the 20-year-old, the first woman to win back-to-back World Under-20 titles in steeplechase, sees that as an opportunity to improve herself.

She will head to the September 27 to October 6 World Championships in Doha, Qatar, knowing she has the third fastest time in history behind Chepkoech and embattled Kenyan-turned Bahraini Ruth Jebet.

Her time of 8:58.78 during the 2017 IAAF Diamond League meeting in Eugene, Oregon, United States, remains her personal best to date.

"I want to keep working hard knowing there is a very strong Kenyan team presently. They motivate me to become a better athlete," said Chespol, who at 16, won the IAAF World U18 Championships in Cali, Colombia in 2015.

"I am patient with my running. I prefer to run from behind and monitor the athletes ahead of me. That helps me in making the right decision later in the race," added Chespol, who first won the World U20 Championships Bydgoszcz, Poland in 2016 before defending the title in Tampere, Finland last year.

"I have tried to run from the front previously but it does not go well most of the time as I tend to burn out. I have learnt to be patient and strike when it matters most because I think my finishing kick is strong," said the Mt. Elgon-born athlete.

Her running was perhaps polished at the infamous Nairobi's Riruta Central School, a renowned institution in athletics.

"There are so many athletes who have gone through that school including World 5,000m champion Hellen Obiri. The school made me a better athlete," said Chespol, who won bronze in the U20 women's race at the 2017 IAAF World Cross-Country Championships Kampala, Uganda.

Chespol will head to Doha hoping to improve on her sixth place finish in London two years ago and with Chepkoech, Kiyeng and junior Fancy Cherono in the squad, she is upbeat of a good medal harvest.

"I have matured since the previous edition. I know my time is coming and that is why I am not worried. However, whoever wins in Doha from the Kenyan team, it will be fine with me. I am just hoping teamwork prevails," she added.

BRIEFLY

Rival fan throws knife at Millonarios star in Colombia top flight match

FOOTBALL: A Colombian top-flight clash was marred by ugly scenes as a rival Medellin fan threw a knife towards a Millonarios player. At Medellin's Atanasio Girardot stadium on Saturday, a supporter threw a blunt object from one of the stands onto the playing field, where David Macalister Silva was standing. Fortunately, the fan who threw the knife missed and nobody was injured in Medellin. It was launched on the pitch after the Millonarios' players celebrated their second goal in injury-



time as the visitors went on to record a narrow 2-1 victory. Goals from Juan David Perez Benitez and Hansel Orlando Zapata Zape wrapped up the victory for Millonarios.

Following the final whistle, sources from Millonarios claimed the weapon fell close to Silva on Saturday night.

-Dailymail

Malkia Strikers pick 'positives' as poor World Cup form persists

VOLLEYBALL: "We are disappointed to lose." These were the sentiments of Malkia Striker's coach Paul Bitok following the team's sixth loss by straight sets, this time at the hands of Dominican Republic yesterday morning at the ongoing FIVB Women's World Cup in Japan. The East Africans lost in sets of 25-17, 25-19 and 25-19 to finish half the 12-team tournament without winning a set."We started to make progress in our last match. We wanted to play better but lost 3-0. We want to improve our reception and play faster. Our aim here is to improve our quality. We have to think long-term," said a disappointed Bitok.

Captain Mercy Moim said their performance was average and they are looking to do better going forward. "We did not play poorly or well. When they attacked we had trouble with blocks and tips. Before the end of the tournament we want to do our best," she said.

-Lynette Matheka

Kiambu school embraces karate as part of co-curriculum activities

KARATE: As Karate continues to make waves in the country, some public schools have also introduced the game in their co-curriculum activities. In the past, the game only seemed to be available in elite schools where parents could pay hefty fees for instructors but the trend seems to be taking a new trajectory. At Moi Primary School at the boarder of Kiambu and Murang'a counties, pupils are slowly being introduced to the game and they seem to be loving it. Fredrick Kiongo, an instructor, says the children's discipline, self-esteem and performance has greatly im-



proved with the girl child having gained skills on self-defence. Besides the skills, the children are also looking at the sport competitively as witnessed last year when students from the school represented the country in a tournament held in India and emerged overall winners.

-Mathew Ndung'u

Gor, Homeboyz show class

The two KPL teams display championship quality to edge out KCB and Sharks in weekend ties

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Gor Mahia's Ghanaian striker Francis Afriyie had a bittersweet experience as his team edged out KCB 2-1 in a Kenyan Premier League (KPL) match at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos yesterday.

After scoring his first ever goal for the league defending champions, Afriyie fell awkwardly while searching for a second through a header and sustained a groin injury which may rule him out of action for several matches.

The goal, which came in the 12th minute was a masterpiece with impressive Wellington Ochieng floating a cross from the right wing with the loose ball falling on the path of Afriyie who dutifully beat KCB goalkeeper Joseph Okoth at the near post.

Lawrence Juma cushioned the lead in the 32nd minute following a lapse by the KCB defence.

Gor started off the stronger with Omondi's cross in the third minute finding no taker as Enock Agwanda, playing against his former team, cleared KCB's lines.

KCB's first real chance came in the fifth minute with Agwanda missing the target after being teed up by Samuel Mwangi.

However, Gor should thank their custodian David Mapigano for fighting to avoid conceding wice after he saved dangerous throw-ins by Agwanda.

In the second half, Agwanda atoned for his misses when he powered in a powerful free-kick after Stephen Waruru was brought down inside the box.



Gor Mahia's Samuel Onyango (right) battles for the ball with KCB striker Stephen Waruru during their KPL match in Machakos yesterday. PD/DAVID NDOLO

In a match played earlier at the same venue, Western Stima beat Posta Rangers 1-0.

In the highly physical match, in which a record six yellow cards were dished out by centre referee Peter Waweru, Ugandan striker Villa Oromchan scored the all important goal in the 32nd minute.

In Kakamega, veteran striker Allan Wanga scored a brace to inspire Kakamega Homeboyz to an emphatic 3-0 win over Kariobangi Sharks at Bukhungu Stadium.

It was the second win for Homeboyz in three matches despite missing some of their dependable players such as winger Moses Mudavadi and holding midfielder Moses Chikati through injuries.

Homeboyz coach Nicholas Muyoti fielded David Okoth, Wanga and Peter Thiong'o in attack and threw on-form youngster Steven Etyang in midfield.

Homeboyz capitalised on a defensive lapse from Sharks that resulted in the first goal through defender Kennedy Onyango who tapped in David Okoth's well-taken corner in 21st minute.

Wanga would score the first of his two goals in the 51st minute through a spot-kick after Sharks striker Eric Kapaito handled the ball inside the box before putting the issue beyond doubt in the 69th minute.

Saleh, 'Odijo' clash as NSL gathers pace

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It will be teacher against his student when Ushuru FC and Kibera Black Stars collide in one of the 10 National Super League matches today.

Ushuru coach James Omondi worked under his Kibera counterpart Leonard Saleh at KCB almost a decade ago and with the former having become his own man recently, he would love to have one over his master today.

Indeed, the table already suggests the student doing better than the teacher as sixth-placed Ushuru have eight points from four matches while Kibera are 12th after garnering just four points from as many games.

"The respect I have for my teacher is huge. We have a good relationship because we have worked together. However, this is a match where friendship will not count because we are keen to close the gap at the top," said Omondi, commonly known as Odijo.

Saleh too does not have time for sentiment. "We have an interesting duel against a tough opponent, one of the contenders. We will try and go there to pick a positive result," said Saleh.

Meanwhile, leaders Nairobi Stima, on 10 points, face a tricky Fortune Sacco who are eighth on the log with seven points. Stima coach Leonard Odipo is keen to bounce back following a barren draw with Ushuru in their last match.

High-flying Nairobi City Stars, Bidco United and Shabana FC are expected to get the job done when they meet lowly-ranked Coast Stima, Muranga Seal and Administration Police respectively.

City Stars, under Bosnian Sanjin Alagic, are unbeaten this season and lie second on the table with 10 points.

NSL ROUND 5 FIXTURES (TODAY)

N.Wanderers vs Talanta (1pm, Toyoyo)
K.Police vs Migori (1pm, Karuturi)
A.Police vs Shabana (3pm, Toyoyo)
Ushuru vs K. B.Stars (3pm, Ruaraka)
N.Stima vs F. Sacco (3pm, Karuturi)
APS Bomet vs Mt.Kenya (3pm, Kericho)
St Joseph's vs V. Bullets (3pm, Afraha)
M.Coast vs Vihiga Utd (3pm, Serani)
M.Seal vs Bidco United (3pm, Thika)
C.Stima vs. City Stars (3pm, Mbaraki)

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Friday
Bournemouth 3-1 Southampton
Saturday
Leicester 2-1 Tottenham
Everton 0-2 Sheffield United
Man City 8-0 Watford
Newcastle 0-0 Brighton
Burnley 2-0 Norwich
Sunday
Crystal Palace 1-1 Wolves
West Ham 2-0 Man United
Arsenal 3-2 Aston Villa
Chelsea 1-2 Liverpool

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Shocks, drama and goals



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West Ham too good for Man United, Arsenal pull off major comeback as Liverpool pile more misery on Chelsea

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Where does Ole Gunnar Solskjaer go from here?

His team's winless streak away from home in the Premier League stretches to seven following this dismal reverse at West Ham.

Whatever lustre conjured by the once-mighty Manchester United name is long gone. Solskjaer's team are a complete mess.

Abysmal Man Utd

Granted allowances must be made for the absences of Paul Pogba, Anthony Martial and Luke Shaw but all teams suffer injuries.

What lies beneath the surface, when United have to draw on their squad, is pitiful and not fit for purpose. Then again, they hardly pull up many trees with their first XI either.

They may have got their second league win of the season last week against Leicester at home but that had more to do with how the visitors wilted in the expectation that they would take care of business.

That win, given to them by a penalty converted by Marcus Rashford, papered over the cracks at the club.

Here, against West Ham, they got exactly what they deserved in a 2-0 loss. There was no punch, no verve and the distinct lack of a plan. They beat Astana, narrowly, in midweek. That's currently about their level. West Ham are too good for them.

They had what United didn't; a busy midfield, a lively attack line and a striker who knows what he's doing in Sebastien Haller.

'Auba' rescues Arsenal

Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's stunning free-kick helped 10-man Arsenal come from behind to beat Aston Villa in a pulsating encounter at the Emirates Stadium.

Aubameyang curled home his seventh goal of the season with six minutes remaining to complete a remarkable turnaround for the Gunners, who had Ainsley Maitland-Niles sent off after 41 minutes.

John McGinn flicked home Anwar El Ghazi's cross to put Villa ahead after 20 minutes before Maitland-Niles was shown a second yellow card.

Arsenal levelled early in the second period thanks to Nicolas Pepe's first goal for the club from the penalty spot only for Wesley to restore Villa's lead from Jack Grealish's low cross less than two minutes later.

But in a thrilling final nine minutes, substitute Calum Chambers' close-range finish brought the Gunners level before Aubameyang's late strike secured their third Premier League win of the season to lift Unai Emery's side back into the top four.

Liverpool soar

Liverpool made it six wins from six with a 2-1 triumph at Chelsea, who are still without a home win in the Premier League this season.

Frank Lampard's men failed to contain the European champions, who benefited from two first-half injuries to a Chelsea defence that never looked comfortable.

Chelsea's defensive record plummeted to a new low against Liverpool as they conceded for the 13th time in just six Premier League games.

Frank Lampard's side are yet to keep a clean sheet amid their shaky start to the new campaign. Since opening the season with a 4-0 defeat at Manchester United, the likes of Leicester, Sheffield United, Norwich and Wolves have managed to breach the defence at least once.

-Agencies



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1. Manchester United's Marcus Rashford reacts during their EPL clash against West Ham. 2. Liverpool's Roberto Firmino, Sadio Mane and Virgil van Dijk celebrate their team's second goal against Chelsea. 3. Arsenal striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang savours the moment after scoring the winning goal against Aston Villa. AGENCIES

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