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The power of the lawyer is in the uncertainty of the law

Jeremy Bentham
English philosopher

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Uncertainty as Raila withdraws from Oct 26 poll

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PHYSICAL: Starehe MP Charles Njagua and Embakasi East MP Babu Owino fight Parliament yesterday. Njagua told Owino to respect the President /HEZRON NJOROGE

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The late Senator Mutula Kilonzo's second wife Nduku testfies in a Machakos court yesterday /ANDREW MBUVA

RECEIVED LETTER WITH STRANGE POWDER

Mutula had premonition of his death — 2nd wife

'Said his life was in danger after he saw some insects in his house'

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The late Makueni Senator Mutula Kilonzo had a premonition of his death, a day before he was found dead at his Kwa Kyelu ranch in Machakos.

His second wife Nduku yesterday told a Machakos court that her husband said his life was in danger after seeing some insects in their house.

Mutula died in 2013, barely a few months after he won the county Senate seat.

"I had noticed some insects in the house. I wanted to call a fumigation company, but he told me, and I quote: 'My life is in danger. I cannot allow strangers in the house'," Nduku said.

She asked her husband whether it was about a threat he had received earlier, but "he did not want to discuss the matter".

Nduku said Mutula told her "what you do not know will never hurt you."

She said Mutula looked bothered, but did not disclose the nature of the threat.

Nduku added that her husband had received threats in a letter that was sent to him with some powder in it.

She said the letter was sent to a school in Mbooni in 2009.

"The letter was written in red. It read: Mutula Kilonzo breath your last," she told the court.

Nduku told the court Mutula also received a threat in 2012 from a woman who said she had been sent by her boss to kill him.

The threat was sent in form of a message to his phone. Both threats were reported to the police.

She added that she did not get to know who the woman was.

"He was expressing the fears to his life on Thursday, a day before his death," Nduku said, adding she had last seen her husband that Friday morning before he left for work.

She told magistrate Kipkurui Kibellion that she had been married to the late senator for 31 years and she had not known him to suffer from any ailment.

At the time of his death, the late legislator was, however, taking some lozenges for a cold, Nduku added.

She said her relationship with the children of the first wife was strained.

Nduku blamed it on their mother, "who was unhappy when I got married to Mutula".

Hearing continues on October 22.

NAIROBI 'DERBY'

Jaguar, Babu fight in House media centre



MPs Charles Njagua and Babu Owino at Parliament's media centre yesterday /HEZRON NJOROGE

GIDEON KETER
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Legislators Charles Njagua and Babu Owino fought at Parliament's media centre yesterday, forcing sergeants-at-arms to intervene.

It is not clear why the Starehe and Embakasi East MPs resorted to blows, but journalists at the centre said Njagua followed Babu after he walked in.

A few minutes to 3pm, Babu walked to the Media Centre — the section that hosts the head of media relations.

He greeted journalists.

The reporters said Babu had been chatting with them when his counterpart grabbed him from the back and started pulling him while yelling.

It was then that a confrontation ensued. Njagua is a singer and goes by the stage name Jaguar. Babu is a former UoN student union leader.

"We heard Jaguar shout: 'You cannot do that to the President. He is not a caretaker President'," one of the journalists said.

The two newly elected MPs were held in the chambers

Babu angered Jubilee supporters after he allegedly referred to President Uhuru Kenyatta as 'mtoto wa mbwa'.

He was charged with subversion, insulting Uhuru and incitement to violence.

Babu denied the charges. He spent two nights in police cells and was eventually released on Sh200,000 bail.

STAR SURVEY

TODAY'S QUESTION

Do you support Raila's decision to withdraw from October 26 rerun?

YESTERDAY'S QUESTION

Do you think Kenya police officers should be disarmed and only issued with batons?

YES 38%

NO 62%

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ALI KORANE
To eliminate Garissa ghost workers

Garissa county has at least 900 ghost workers and one staff member has at least 100 active salary accounts. About 6,200 people on the payroll do not report to work. These are among findings in a report by the Public Service Board presented to Governor Ali Korane two weeks ago. On Monday, he disclosed the findings to reporters.
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NATION MEDIA
Ordered to pay for defamation

Two High Court judges have separately ordered the Nation and Standard media groups to pay former Githunguri MP Njoroge Baiya Sh6.5 million as compensation for defamation. The politician had sued the Nation Media Group and the Standard Group after the two published articles he claims ruined his political career.
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WEBUYE TOWN
Std 6 boy found murdered

The body of a 12-year-old boy was found yesterday morning in Nangoto village next to a road, two kilometres from his home. Meshak Nato, a standard six pupil, is from Mji in Maraka ward, Webuye East. He went missing on Monday night. Police suspected he was strangled. His clothes were nowhere to be seen.
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NASA MPs arrive for a media briefing in Parliament yesterday. They said they would not participate in debate on the amendments to the election laws /HEZRON NJOROGE

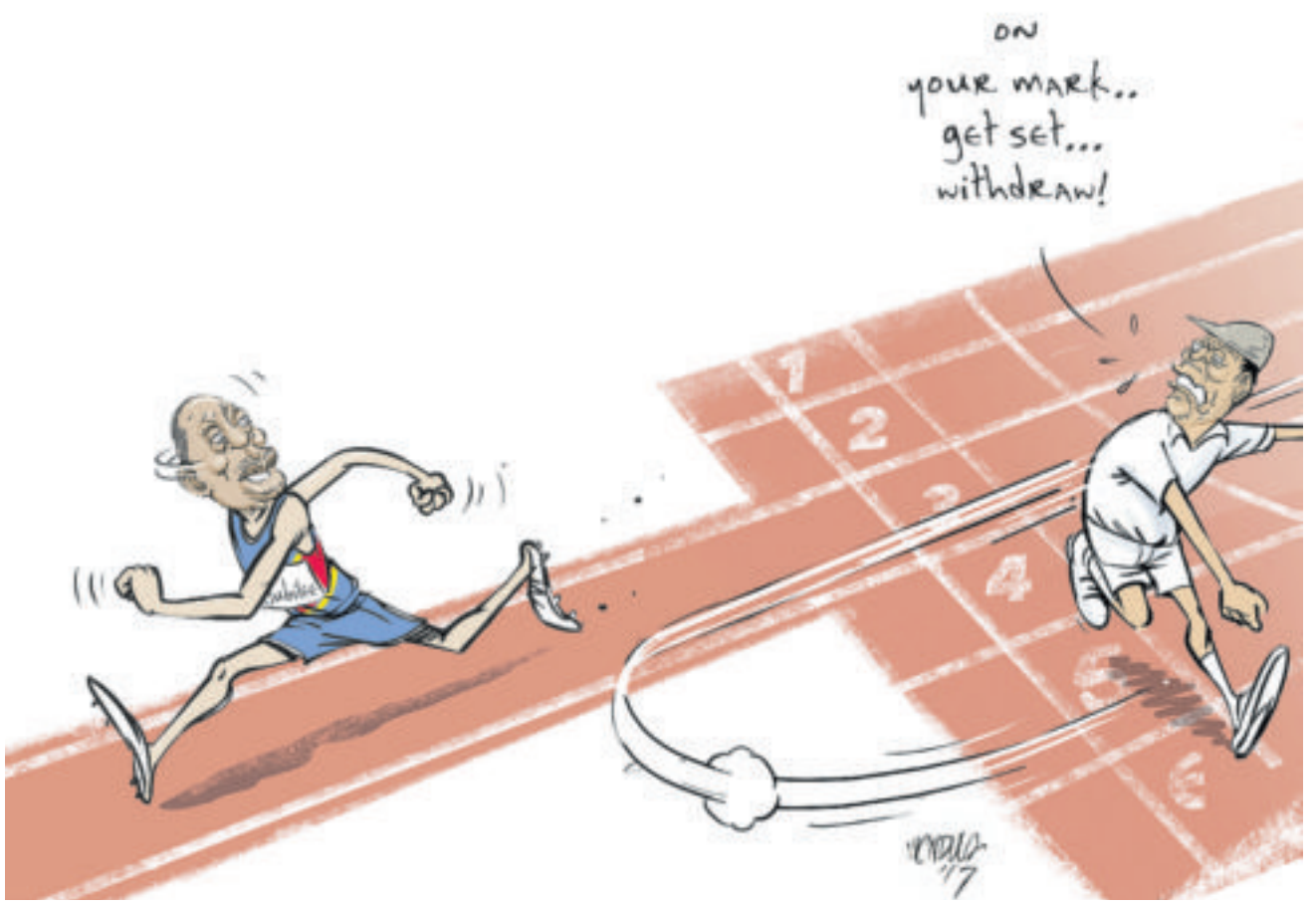


Starehe constituency ODM candidate Steve Mbogo arrives at the Milimani law courts yesterday for the pretrial conference of his petition challenging the election of MP Charles Njagua /COLLINS KWEYU

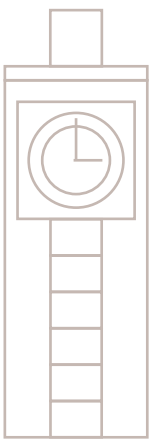


Gender CS Sicily Kariuki and President Uhuru Kenyatta's sister Kristina Pratt launch the NYS programme at Nyanturago Stadium, Kisii , yesterday /COURTESY

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POLITICAL GOSSIP

Who is doing what and where in the world of politics



★ **THE** disquiet in Ukambani over the community's political future is becoming acutely distressing to many people. Since Monday last week, politicians and professionals have met several times to chart the way forward for the region that voted largely for NASA. A major concern: If flagbearer **Raila Odinga** (pictured) boycotts the October 26 presidential rerun, where will that leave running mate **Kalonzo Musyoka** politically? To them, the Kamba nation will be the biggest loser. On Monday evening, three Wiper MPs and a former governor aspirant met at a Nairobi hotel on Mombasa Road to discuss the community's fate.

★ **COULD** there be plans to temporarily relocate the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission away from Anniversary Towers in Nairobi's CBD — to the Bomas of Kenya? A mole within the commission tells Corridors that as the chaotic NASA anti-IEBC demonstrations are now held three days a week, a move to Bomas "somewhat far from town" might be a good idea. It would end the disruption of business around the downtown building. And it would be easy for police to control demonstrators at Bomas, which has only one access gate.

★ **HAS Hassan Omar** abandoned his ideals? The principled man who spent most of his time fighting the establishment has set tongues wagging with his about-turn. Hassan is said to have been at the centre of identification of ICC witnesses in the case against DP **William Ruto** and President **Uhuru Kenyatta**. Ruto and Hassan engaged in ugly spats over the matter as Ruto apparently believed the ex-Kenya National Commission of Human Rights commissioner was among people who wanted him jailed at The Hague. When he entered politics, Hassan linked Jubilee to all manner of ills, including the disappearance of Muslim clerics at the Coast. So when did Ruto become Hassan's mentor, as he claimed on Sunday? Just like ex-Budalang'i MP **Ababu Namwamba** — who once said if his blood is mixed with Jubilees, it forms a fatal clot — Hassan has pulled a surprise. Now he may help Ruto's 2022 presidential bid.

★ **JUBILEE** legislators yesterday had a field day in Parliament, taunting their NASA counterparts that have to pay their supporters to participate in anti-IEBC demonstrations in some perceived NASA strongholds. Four Jubilee MPs were overheard in the corridors telling NASA legislators to come clean and stop funding protests — if the people support their genuine cause. Another challenged them to account for the money recently collected from Kenyans, some in an M-Pesa account, to fund **Raila Odinga's** presidential bid. They said that could be the money used to pay demonstrators.

POLITICS

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Uncertainty as out of October

IEBC meets legal advisers to decide way forward. NASA says interim period should be used to reform electoral commission, President says rerun should go on as ordered by Supreme Court



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Opposition chief Raila Odinga yesterday dramatically withdrew from the presidential rerun and cited a 2013 Supreme Court ruling to scuttle the October 26 vote.

President Uhuru Kenyatta insisted elections must go on.

The Raila shocker, which could push the repeat election to March 2018, threw Kenyan politics into uncertainty.

Raila said street demonstrations will continue indefinitely.

The IEBC yesterday announced it had assembled it legal team to study implications of the withdrawal.

There has been much speculation about a boycott or Raila withdrawal and possible constitutional crisis. NASA has repeatedly said, no reforms, no election.

"Following withdrawal of NASA's presidential candidate, the Commission and legal team are meeting and will communicate way forward," Chairman Wafula Chebukati said.

Various lawyers yesterday said IEBC may be forced to call off the election because Article 138 of the Constitution says an election will be between two or more people.

It was not clear how this should be interpreted, considering the Supreme Court ruling om September 1 nullifying Kenyatta's victory on August 8. The court ordered a fresh election within 60 days. That period ends this month.

In pulling out of the race, the ex-Prime Minister said IEBC had blatantly refused to implement its 12 irreducible minimums. He declared it was clear the repeat polls will be worse and less credible than the August 8 poll.

Raila has demanded removal of secretariat staff that bungled the August vote, removal of IT provider OT Morpho as well as ballot papers printer Al Ghurair. None of those has been granted.

"After deliberating on our position in respect of the upcoming election, considering the interests of the Kenyan people, the region and the world at large, we believe that all will be best served by NASA vacating its presidential candidature in the election scheduled for 26 October," Raila announced.

He was flanked by co-principals running mate Kalonzo Musyoka, Musalia Mudavadi and Moses Wetang'ula.

Raila said the "same criminal enterprise" that rigged the Augustvote is still firmly in charge and now setting up "more lethal mechanisms" to steal the vote. The four read the statement in turns.

Raila laid the blame squarely on IEBC CEO Ezra Chiloba.

"The Commission CEO who was the coup plotter-in-chief and his litany of senior secretariat staff

RAILA'S POLITICAL JOURNEY





1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000

- Detained for alleged role in **attempted coup**
- **Exiled** to Norway
- Returned to join **Ford**, led by his father **Jaramogi Oginga Odinga**
- Left **Ford Kenya** to join NDP
- **Finished third** in the presidential election, with **667,886** votes

Raila pulls 26 election



NASA leader Raila Odinga (C) announces yesterday he will not stand in the presidential rerun scheduled for October 26 / REUTERS

continue to dominate the operations of the commission and stifle any attempt to initiate reforms at the commission," Raila said.

Referring to the split that has rocked the IEBC, Raila claimed jubilee is firmly in charge of IEBC through four commissioners.

He termed unconstitutional Jubilee's proposed election law amendments and blasted Jubilee for clamouring for an election that it must win, even unlawfully.

In a well-calculated legal strategy, Raila and his NASA brigade have cited the 2013 Supreme Court ruling — which dashed his own presidential ambitions — to scuttle the October 26 rerun.

Raila cited paragraph 290 of the ruling in which the six-member bench led by Chief Justice Willy Mutunga ruled that if a candidate withdraws, the election stands postponed.

The paragraph states: "Suppose, however, that the candidates, or a candidate who took part in the original election, dies or abandons the electoral quest before the scheduled date: then the provisions of Article 138(8) (b) would become applicable, with fresh nominations ensuing."

Ironically, this constitutional citation, which now appears to be an arsenal targetting Jubilee, had been sought then by Attorney General Githu Muigai, the government's chief legal adviser.

According to NASA, the implication of that ruling is that upon their withdrawal, the election scheduled for the 26 October stands cancelled.

"Our withdrawal requires the IEBC to cancel the election and conduct fresh nominations.The procedure for nomination of presidential candidates is provided for in the Elections Act 2011," the NASA statement said.

The Elections Act states that political parties must nominate their presidential candidates at least 90 days before a general election.

This means that if IEBC complies with NASA's interpretation of the law, the new election will be held next year.

"It is clear this provision gives adequate time to undertake the reforms necessary to conduct an election that is in strict conformity with the Constitution and the relevant laws," Raila said.

"This being the case, it is our conviction our withdrawal is in the best interest of the country and a win-win for everyone."

But speaking in Voi, a clearly agitated Uhuru said the election will go on as planned, as it was not a must for Raila to be on the ballot.

"We are ready whether he is on the ballot or not. It is the people's right to participate in an election to choose their leader. Whether you are there or not, we are proceeding to the people who have sovereign right to elect leaders of their choice," Uhuru said

"There is nowhere the Constitution saying Raila Amolo Odinga must be on the ballot. Nowhere it is written, so when you are tired of the journey, relax and let others proceed."

Uhuru said no one individual can stand in the path of progress of 45 million Kenyans.

"Therefore, we expect on October 26 the election will go on and Kenyan people will determine their leader," he said.

It would appear, however, that Jubilee was well aware of this provision when one of its MPs dashed to court to compel Raila to participate in the rerun.

Pokot South MP David Pkosing argued that a NASA boycott would trigger a constitutional crisis.

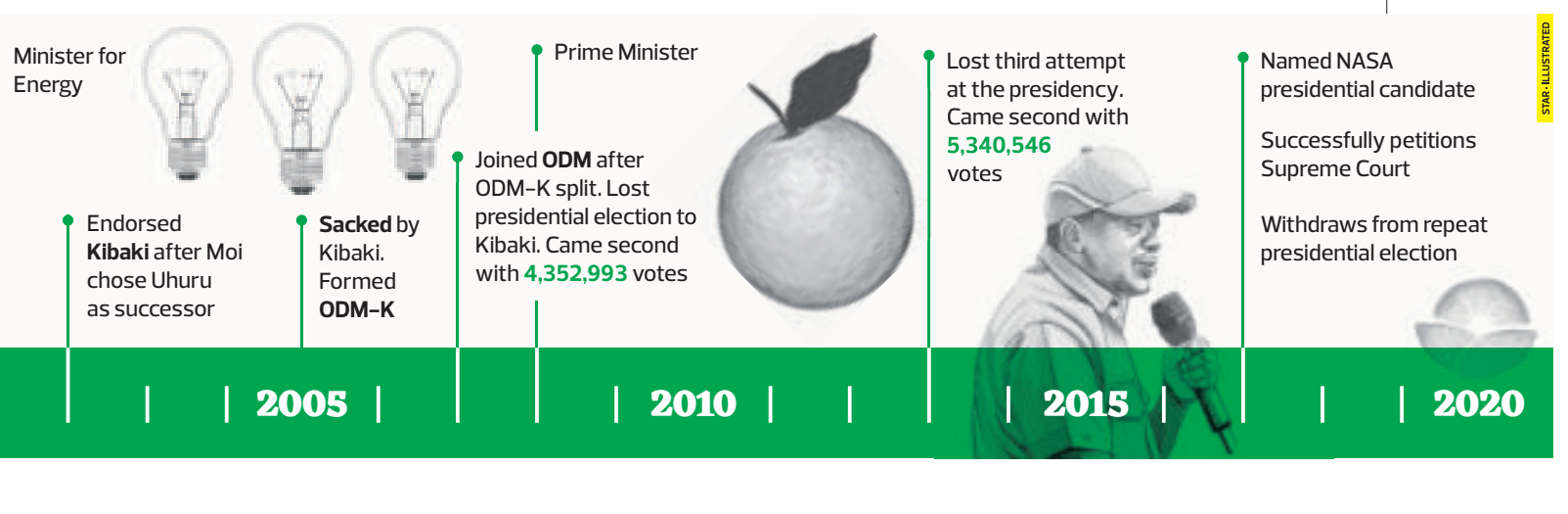
In the controversial amendments tabled in the National Assembly for debate yesterday, Jubilee seeks to make it law that if Raila withdraws, Uhuru will be sworn in as President.

"An eligible candidate for election for an election pursuant to Article 140 (3) of the Constitution may withdraw from the election by notice in writing to the Commission," the proposed amendment says.

It goes on: "Where only one candidate remains after the withdrawal, the remaining candidate shall be declared elected forthwith as the President-elect without elections being held,"

Raila said international actors who have supported Kenyans in their quest for democracy and good governance are appeasing dictatorship in the mistaken belief it will maintain stability.

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EXPERT COMMENT

MACHARIA MUNENE

Raila's withdrawal can't strip Uhuru of legitimacy

I understand NASA presidential flagbearer Raila Odinga has said he doesn't want to be elected President of Kenya. He has withdrawn from the race two weeks to the polls.

What is right is that he does not have to be elected. But as Raila has withdrawn from the contest, there are procedures to be followed, as stipulated in the Constitution. I know he has laws but I hope he will follow them

Raila's resignation does not change the reality on the ground and in the Constitution. The Supreme Court ordered elections in 60 days, which IEBC must follow His withdrawal is a non-issue. The IEBC will have to follow procedures laid down to conduct the October 26 poll.

Whether Raila is on the ballot paper or not, Kenyans will still wake up early in the morning and vote, exercising their constitutional right.

Once they vote — they elect President Uhuru Kenyatta again as they did on August 8 — the IEBC will be able to announce the winner at the Bomas of Kenya.

The country will organise proper preparations to swear in President Uhuru, a big event attended by our international partners.

Casting doubt on the legitimacy of Uhuru's election after Raila boycotts the poll is wishful thinking. The opposition has been trying to create that sense of withdrawal. It's nothing new but they will not succeed. It's not something to take seriously. They won't succeed with their new ambitions.

They spent every day and night creating an excuse to delegitimise a legitimate President. They are just being normal busybodies. When the electoral body ordered new fresh elections, they did not want Raila to become the referee and make new demands. They did not want Raila to make changes in his favour.

The opposition chief is committing a crime by interfering with the work of the IEBC. It's serious. He is also contemptuous of the apex court. The court ordered fresh elections and someone is trying to sabotage the polls. He wants things done in his way. Raila won't succeed.

For Uhuru, it's another day for more antics from Raila. Uhuru will take his time and take these antics in his strike. He will continue to obey the court. People should not worry about the latest development because we were expecting it from Raila.

Macharia is a university lecturer

WOULD HAVE BEEN 40

Mary Deya put down age as 35 in 1999 and 2004, when kids were stolen – witness

A statistics officer yesterday told a Nairobi court Bishop Gilbert Deya's wife Mary registered her age as 35 in two different years – 1999 and 2004.

These are the same years children believed to have been stolen were allegedly registered at the registrar of births, with Deya and his wife listed as parents.

Deya was charged in August with stealing five children, all under the age of 14. He was deported from the UK to face the charges after fighting his extradition for 12 years.

David Kimwele testified that CID officers went to his office in 2004 and demanded to see the register, saying they were investigating a case of miracle babies.

The hearing continues this afternoon, when Deya's lawyer Fred Ngatia is expected to cross-examine Kimwele.

OPPOSITION'S RIGHT

State agencies harass us for criticising Uhuru government, say NASA legislators

NASA yesterday accused security agencies of hounding them for criticising President Uhuru 's administration.

Opposition lawmakers said they have received threatening phone calls from the DCI, DPP and NCIC over hate speech and incitement to violence.

"NASA MPs have been receiving phone calls from state institutions to stifle the opposition comments on government or President Uhuru. We cannot be intimidated not to speak because of the fear of being persecuted," Rarieda MP Otiende Amollo said at Parliament Buildings.

He referred to the recent summons of Homa Bay women rep Gladys Wanga by the NCIC, saying it was unlawful and meant to muzzle the opposition.

The commission accuses her of linking Uhuru and DP William Ruto to the spread of cholera on September 25.



Deputy President William Ruto in a meet-the-people tour in Kaloleni, Kilifi county /PSCU

LACUNA

I won't hesitate to sign election law changes, says President

Uhuru and DP say elections are the only way to Kenya's presidency, and any belief that protests would lead to a nusu mkate government are mistaken

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President Uhuru Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto yesterday voiced strong support for amendments to electoral laws to fill the gaps identified by the Supreme Court when it annulled the August 8 election.

Speaking in Mombasa, Uhuru said it was necessary to remove the lacuna in law cited by the Supreme Court to ensure the same gaps do not force the court to deliver another verdict in future.

"To lay a foundation for free, fair, transparent and credible elections, we need broad support for these amendments that the Kenyan people have demanded," he said.

Uhuru and Ruto were addressing Mombasa Jubilee leaders at State House, Mombasa.

A select committee of both Houses of Parliament yesterday presented the amendments for debate and approval.

KENYANS' SUPPORT

Kenyans of all walks of life have told the President, as well as to the select committee, that they wanted to see the changes so elections do not become an endless charade. The IEBC also broadly supported the changes.

"I will not hesitate, for even a minute, to sign the new amendments into law once presented to me after debate and approval by Parliament," Uhuru said.

POLL WILL GO ON

Ruto urged Parliament to expedite the process.

"How is it possible to blame Parliament (for amending the law) when it is addressing the problem identified by the Supreme Court, yet the court was clear they would nullify if the same errors are repeated? Does the opposition want us to keep nullifying the elections?" he asked.

"That's why we have told Parliament to formulate laws to fill the electoral gaps to ensure a smooth election. They have our strong support."

Ruto said the country cannot afford to go for a fresh presidential election without rectifying the electoral laws, which are key to free, fair and credible polls.

The President and DP said elections are the only way to Kenya's presidency, and any belief that protests would lead to a nusu mkate government are mistaken.

Uhuru said the election will go on as scheduled, with the IEBC presiding, and urged Kenyans to stick with his agenda of unity and development.

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Children televangelist Gilbert Deya is accused of stealing

The children were all under the age of 14. Their birth certificates indicated they were Deya's and his wife Mary. Deya fought his extradition from the United Kingdom for 12 years. He was deported in August.

BREACH OF POLL LAWS?

AG asks court to lift order barring government ads on achievements

The Attorney General wants the court to suspend orders restraining the Presidential Delivery Unit from publishing any adverts on government achievements.

Under a certificate of urgency, the AG said the directive has disrupted the functional existence of the PDU.

In affidavits signed by PDU's Andrew Wakahiu, the AG said the temporary orders militate against the public's right to be informed on important information affecting the state as is required of the government.

Wakahiu said the PDU is mandated to report to the public on the timely fulfilment of the government's key development programmes.

The AG said the order was granted without disclosure that the issue of government adverts is subject to two petitions pending before the same judge.

Early this year, lawyer Apollo Mboya filed a similar case to that of Katiba Institute, seeking to stop the PDU from advertising the government's achievements.

Judge Chacha Meira granted the order in the Katiba Institute case, which is seeking information on how much the state has spent on adverts in the run-up to the August 8 General Election.

The court stopped the PDU, through Head of Civil Service James Kinyua (pictured), Wakahiu and Nzioka Waita, from publishing the adverts known as #GOK Delivers on print, electronic media or public hoardings until mid-November, when the case is due for hearing.

In their petition, the institute said it needs the information to know whether it was necessary to spend public funds on government adverts and establish the electoral laws breached.





NASA MPs during a media briefing at Parliament Buildings yesterday/ HEZRON NJOROGE

'DANGEROUS AND DICTATORIAL'S

NASA MPs decline to debate poll law changes in House

The lawmakers made good their threat of boycotting the sitting as the Joint Parliamentary Committee tabled its report



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NASA MPS yesterday boycotted debate on the proposed changes in the election laws.

The lawmakers made good their threat of snubbing the sitting as the Joint Parliamentary Committee tabled its report.

Opposition lawmakers led by John Mbadi (Suba South) and Mutula Kilonzo Jr (Makueni) said the proposed laws tabled in the Senate and the National Assembly were unconstitutional and unprocedural.

Mbadi said provisions of the Parliamentary Standing Orders and tradition were not adhered to by the Jubilee MPs.

"It is criminal to imagine that in a democracy, you can have one political grouping forming a committee purportedly calling itself a committee of the House and proceeding to transact business on behalf of the people of Kenya," Mbadi said.

He said they had been sidelined in the amendment process, adding that they would not endorse it.

"Speakers Justin Muturi and Ken Lusaka should do justice to the country by doing the right thing because criminal activities are taking place in the two Houses. This country does not belong to Jubilee alone. They are carrying on with business as if others do not matter," Mbadi said.

"We refuse to sanitise the process and we will not legitimise that process on the floor of the House. They are staging a coup against our Constitution. Autocracy and dictatorship has been imported to Parliament from State House and this is unacceptable," they said.

Kilonzo said the process was initiated illegally and would only produce illegal results.

"We are not going to participate in a process where the Jubilee government is changing the goal posts of an election and a candidate is the one to ascent to the law," Kilonzo said.

The committee's co-chairpersons William Cheptumo (Baringo North) and Fatuma Dullo (Isiolo) have, however, dismissed claims that the committee is unconstitutionally constituted, saying it was formed in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Cheptumo said NASA had the opportunity to front their MPs to join the committee but declined.

"I want to confirm to the nation that the actions by NASA MPs do not make this committee unconstitutional or illegal in terms of its formation. We are legally constituted and have the requisite quorum," he said.

COMMITTEE DISMISSES CLAIMS THAT IT IS NOT PROPERLY CONSTITUTED

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WANTS IT IMPLEMENTED

I've draft secession petition ready, NASA lawyer says

NASA lawyer Antony Oluoch has admitted to having a draft secession petition ready and vowed to have top politicians push for disengagement.

The secession talks resurfaces at a time the opposition have abandoned IEBC talks and have been categorical that no election will be held in the country on October 26.

The first term Mathare lawmaker who was part of the NASA's legal team which successfully petitioned for the nullification of President Uhuru Kenyatta's re-election said NASA will pull out of any talks with IEBC within 24 hours if the agency fails to implement their irreducible minimums.

Oluoch said he will convince NASA principals Raila Odinga, Kalonzo Musyoka, Musalia Mudavadi and Moses Wetangula to invoke Article 255 and push for splitting of Kenya into two sovereign countries.

Article 255 allows amending the Constitution to make changes to the territory of Kenya and sovereignty of the people, but only through a referendum.

Oluoch is banking on this provision of the Constitution to have parts of Kenya hived off into a new autonomous country.

The secession petition, Oluoch disclosed, clumps 21 counties to form the proposed People Republic of Kenya.

"The constitution give us freedom under Article 255 , we can start talks to petition to divide the Republic of Kenya into two. If a marriage cannot work people divorce, why should we pester them?" asked the lawyer.

The separatism idea, according to the Mathare MP, is being fueled by the fact that just only two out of the 42 Kenyan tribes have been taking turns on the much coveted country's top seat.

"Let us divide this republic into two,for people to live in respect where they can chose whoever they want. Let whatever happens, we will not beg," added Oluoch.

The MP was speaking at BurKamach in Nyakach constituency on Saturday during the burial of Nyando MP Jared Okelo's aunt.

According to Oluoch's draft, the petition to create People Republic of Kenya is ready and it is just a matter of time before they start pushing for it.

"I have already written the draft. We know our 21 counties that will form the People Republic of Kenya," he stated.

But AG Githu Muigai has in the past cautioned against secession talks stating Kenya is an indivisible country.

Oluoch has listed Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya, Migori, Mombasa and Nairobi counties as some of the devolved units to be cut off from Kenya.

PETITIONED KIRAITU'S WIN

Court allows Munya to put additional seals on ballot boxes

The High Court in Meru ordered the IEBC to grant former Meru Governor Peter Munya permission to install distinctive additional seals to ballot boxes on October 16 at 11am.

County commander Nelson Taliti, the Meru High Court deputy registrar, three members from each party and their advocates will be present.

"The court orders that the petitioner be allowed to provide his own seals so that he can know when and if the ballot boxes have been tampered with. The High Court deputy registrar is to record the status of the ballot boxes. Each ballot box is to have an additional distinct number," Justice Francis Gikonyo ruled.

Munya has filed a petition challenging Governor Kiraitu Murungi's victory in the August 8 General Election.

This is despite efforts by President Uhuru Kenyatta's plea to Munya on Friday to withdraw the petition as he is set to offer him a state job once reelected on October 26.

On Munya's application to be allowed access to the KIEMS kits the court told the petitioner to file submissions on IEBC's ICT director James Muhati after being told they had been reconfigured.



Former Meru Governor Peter Munya / FILE

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

NATIONAL SUPER ALLIANCE COALITION STATEMENT

NATIONAL SUPER ALLIANCE COALITION STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANDIDATURE OF RT.HON. RAILA ODINGA AND H.E STEPHEN KALONZO MUSYOKA IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR 26TH OCTOBER, 2017.

1. On August 8 Kenyans voted in the 6th election since the return to multiparty politics in 1992—the political reform we call the Second Liberation. As is customary voting went smoothly. But when it came to tallying and transmission of results, everything that could go wrong did go wrong. It became the first presidential election in Africa to be annulled by the Court, and only the fourth in the world.

2. In the aftermath, the annulment has plunged the country into uncharted waters. That was to be expected. What we would not have expected is that the country's leadership would be divided by a fundamental tenet of democracy, namely free and fair elections.

3. We at NASA have insisted that the fresh election ordered be held to the standard ordered by the Supreme Court, that is, in strict conformity with the Constitution and written law. We have provided a checklist of what we deem to be the "irreducible minimum" changes required to ensure compliance.

4. The validity of the checklist of the requirements for free and fair elections proposed by NASA has not been disputed by anyone, not by the IEBC, not by Jubilee or other actors and observers. The EU Observer Mission recommendations are in conformity with our 'irreducible minimum."

5. Instead, the case for proceeding with the fresh election on 26 October without these changes is being made on the grounds of time constraints. Jubilee and the other proponents of an election without reforms are saying "bora uchaguzi" (any election will do). But we in NASA are calling for "uchaguzi bora" (a credible election).

6. In a constitutional democracy, we should not be debating about a free and fair election, or compliance with court orders, or accountability for breach of public trust. We should have been working together to ensure that we uphold these values as they are not only our national values but are also the foundations of a credible electoral system.

7. Instead the IEBC has stonewalled meaningful deliberations on the necessary reforms to ensure that the elections of 26th October are free and fair. It has wasted valuable time engaging in public relations exercises intended to create the illusion of motion without any movement.

8. We have come to the conclusion that there is no intention on the part of the IEBC to undertake any changes to its operations and personnel to ensure that the "illegalities and irregularities" that led to the invalidation of the 8th August, 2008 do not happen again. All indications are that the election scheduled for 26 October will be worse than the previous one.

9. On its part, the Jubilee administration's proposed amendment to the election laws demonstrates that it has no intention of competition on a level playing field. The only election Jubilee administration is interested in is one that it must win, even unlawfully.

10. Both Uhuru Kenyatta and William Ruto have gloated that they have the numbers in parliament to amend even the Constitution. The Jubilee Vice-Chairman is on record stating that Kenya requires a benevolent dictator and proceeded to exhort Uhuru Kenyatta to exercise dictatorial powers. These utterances provide the motive for the blatant across the board rigging of the August 8 elections— it was to secure the majorities that Jubilee needs to overrun our Constitution. Kenyatta and Ruto are beneficiaries, believers and defenders of the old order. They intend to overthrow our new constitutional order and re-install the old order. The over 300 elections petitions filed, majority against Jubilee are evidence that this claimed majority is fraudulent.

11. We wish to reiterate what we have stated in the past that we will not allow autocracy back into Kenya. It is unfortunate that international actors who have supported Kenyans in their quest for democracy and good governance are now on the side of appeasing dictatorship in the mistaken belief that it will maintain stability.

12. We shall not allow anything to dampen our morale. We won the battle for multiparty democracy. We won the battle for a new Constitution. We are going to win the battle for a free and fair election.

13. After deliberating on our position in respect of the upcoming election, considering the interests of the people of Kenya, the region and the world at large, we believe that all will be best served by NASA vacating its presidential candidature in the election scheduled for 26 October 2017.

14. We have based our decision on the foregoing, and the following constitutional and legal basis.

15. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE ELECTION PETITION No. 1 of 2017 RAILA ODINGA vs IEBC and others

16. In arriving at its decision to nullify the presidential election held on August 8 2017, the Supreme Court made the following findings of illegalities and irregularities based on which the National Super Alliance (NASA) Coalition proposed a 12 point irreducible minimum required to make the fresh election fully compliant with the Supreme Court decision;

17. Statutory Forms

18. On the matter of statutory forms used in the elections, the court found that contrary to the assertion by the Commission that it had fully complied with the Constitution and the law; and, the position taken by the Commission (through the Affidavit of Immaculate Kassait) that the Commission had developed standards for its electoral goods prior to their procurement including specific security features for each ballot paper and statutory form in order to prevent duplication, misuse, piracy, fraud, counterfeiting and to improve controls, and that the statutory forms and ballot papers had the features which included: guilloche patterns, anti-copy patterns, watermarks, micro text, tapered serialization, invisible UV Printing, polling station data personalization, self-carbonating element and barcodes, different colour for each ballot paper and that the forms were in a standard form or format, the scrutiny supervised by the Registrar of the Supreme Court and authenticated by the agents of all the parties to the case to the case had revealed that: -

a) The Commission declared Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta the President elect before it received results from 11,883 polling stations and 17 Constituencies;
b) Form 34C used to declare Uhuru Kenyatta President elect, was not original but a photocopy; and, that no explanation was given as to the whereabouts of the original form. And, that the form, as crucial as it is, bore neither a watermark nor serial number;
c) Forms 34B used to declare Uhuru Kenyatta president elect were of dubious authenticity; and, that some of the forms were photocopies, carbon copies or were not signed by the Returning Officers. Out of 291 Forms 34B, 56 did not have watermark feature, 31 did not bear serial numbers, 5 were not signed at all, were not in a standard form or format, among other discrepancies;
d) Out of a random sample of 4,299 Forms 34As examined, a total of 189 forms had not been filled in the "hand-over" section, 287 forms had not been filled in the "take-over" s ection, 481 forms were carbon copies, 11 forms had no water mark; and, that considering the sample size, it is apparent that the discrepancies were widespread.
e) The forms were not in a standard form or format. The Supreme Court ended its examination of this part of the judgment by raising the following question: "Who introduced these forms into the system?"

19. Application of Technology

20. On the matter of application of technology, the Supreme Court found and held that:
a) The Commission failed to electronically transmit the statutory Forms 34As and 34Bs as required by section 39(1C) of the Elections Act;
b) The Court accepted the Petitioner's claims that the Commission's IT system was infiltrated and compromised and the data therein interfered with or IEBC officials themselves interfered with the data or simply refused to accept that it had bungled the whole transmission system and were unable to verify the data; this being the only logical reason the interlocutory orders for audit and access thereto were frustrated by the Commission;
c) While among the 11,000 polling stations the Commission claimed were off the 3G and 4G ranges were in: Bomet, Bungoma, Busia, Homa Bay, Kajiado, Kericho, Kiambu, Kisumu, Kisii, Kirinyaga, Nyeri, Siaya and Vihiga Counties, most parts of these counties have fairly good road network and infrastructure that it would take a short time for the Presiding Officers to travel to vantage points from where they would electronically transmit the results.
d) The Commission had known the areas where network is weak or totally lacking beforehand and should have made provision for alternative transmission. In one of its press briefings before the elections, the Commission had assured the country that it had carefully considered every conceivable eventuality regarding the issue of electronic transmission

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NATIONAL SUPER ALLIANCE COALITION STATEMENT

NATIONAL SUPER ALLIANCE COALITION STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF THE CANDIDATURE OF RT.HON. RAILA ODINGA AND H.E STEPHEN KALONZO MUSYOKA IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION SCHEDULED FOR 26TH OCTOBER, 2017.

of the presidential election results and categorically stated that technology was not going to fail. The Commission had engaged three internet service providers to deal with any network challenges.

e) The Commission had contumaciously disobeyed the order of scrutiny which was a golden opportunity for the Commission to place before court evidence to debunk the Petitioner's claims of hacking; by denying access to two critical areas of their servers; its logs which would have proved or disproved the Petitioner's claim of hacking into the system and altering the presidential election results and its servers with Forms 34As and 34B electronically transmitted from polling stations and Constituency Tallying Centres.

f) If the Commission had nothing to hide, even before the order was made, it would have itself readily provided access to its ICT logs and servers to disprove the petitioner's claims.

21. These blatant illegalities and irregularities were not without motive. It is inconceivable that election body would falsify 80 out of 290 constituency tallies (27.5%) for the sake of it. The meaning of the Supreme Court decision is that the so called numbers claimed by Uhuru Kenyatta are fraudulent. The election was not shambolic. It was rigged for Uhuru Kenyatta. Uhuru Kenyatta lost the election. It stand to reason that we won it.

22. The IEBC has refused, neglected or failed to put in place mechanisms to correct these illegalities and irregularities. We deem that the fresh election ordered by the Supreme Court cannot therefore be held. Allowing the candidature of Raila Amolo Odinga and Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka to lend credence to the election now scheduled is to participate in an illegality.

23. II. BAD FAITH

(A) The IEBC

(i) For over five weeks, the commission has engaged us in a ping pong game well knowing they had no intention to streamline the electoral system to accord with the constitution and electoral laws.

(ii) It is now clear that the same criminal enterprise that perpetuated the fraud in the August election is firmly in charge of the Commission and setting up even more lethal mechanisms to defraud the Kenyan voter.

(iii) The conservative wing of the IEBC have now firmly crystalized their stranglehold of the operations of the Commission with every decision of the chairman being countermanded and with the proposed amendments to the electoral laws to dilute the powers, authority and standing of the chairperson of the Commission as the Returning officer of the Presidential elections.

(iv) This is coupled with the retention of the same service providers that were complicit in the worst electoral fraud ever witnessed in modern times including Safran/OT Morpho, Al Ghurair etc.

(v) The Commission CEO who was the coup plotter in chief and his litany of senior secretariat staff continue to dominate the operations of the commission and stifle any attempt to initiate reforms at the commission.

(vi) It is now evident that jubilee is firmly in charge of IEBC through four commissioners who have set out to implement the jubilee agenda within the commission.

(B) JUBILEE ADMINISTRATION

(i) The ill-conceived amendments to election laws are not only unconstitutional but go against international best practice that in the middle of an elections contest one cannot change the rules and put in place rules that seek to favour him. Moreover, these profound changes to the electoral architecture are being pushed through without the broad based consultations as required by the Constitution.

(ii) Furthermore, it is clear that the amendments are intended to legalize and regularize the illegalities that led to the invalidation of the August 8 election. It stands to reason that the motive for these amendments is to use the same tactics to rig the scheduled election.

(iii) The State has in the period intervening the nullification of 8 August presidential election, gazettement of fresh and pending the 26 October fresh elections, withdrawn security to the NASA Presidential and deputy Presidential candidate. This has made it untenable for the candidates to campaign freely without fear of being harmed. The State has done this well aware that under Article 138 (8) (b) a presidential election would be cancelled if a presidential candidate or his deputy dies.

VACATING THE ELECTION THE ONLY ROUTE TO A FREE FAIR AND CREDIBLE ELECTION WAY

24. The IEBC published the gazette notice declaring the fresh dates for the Presidential elections with Rt. Hon. Raila Amolo Odinga and Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta based on the Supreme Court decision of 2013 on a question brought for direction by Attorney General who is the Chief Government legal advisor. In paragraph 289 and 290, the Supreme Court found as follows:

25. 289… It is clear that a fresh election under Article 140(3) is triggered by the invalidation of the election of the declared President-elect, by the Supreme Court, following a successful petition against such election. Since such a fresh election is built on the foundations of the invalidated election, it can, in our opinion, only involve candidates who participated in the original election. In that case, there will be no basis for a fresh nomination of candidates for the resultant electoral contest.

26. 290. Suppose, however, that the candidates, or a candidate who took part in the original election, dies or abandons the electoral quest before the scheduled date: then the provisions of Article 138(1) (b) would become applicable, with fresh nominations ensuing."

27. As per a correction issued on 6 May 2013, the Supreme clarified that the relevant article is above is 138 (8) (b) which deals with cancellation of a presidential election in the event of the death of the president or the deputy on or before scheduled date. The Supreme Court finding expanded this clause to include when a candidate withdraws from the presidential election.

28. The implication of this provision is that upon our withdrawal, the election scheduled for the 26 October stands cancelled.

29. Our withdrawal from the election requires the IEBC to cancel the election and to conduct fresh nominations. The procedure for nomination of presidential candidates is provided for in the Elections Act 2011, Section 13 (1) which states:

30. "A political party shall nominate its candidates for an election under this act at least ninety days before a general election under this Act in accordance with its constitution rules."

31. It is clear that this provision gives adequate time to undertake the reforms necessary to conduct an election that is in strict conformity with the Constitution, the relevant laws and the Constitution.

32. This being the case, it is our conviction that our withdrawal is in the best interest of the country and a win-win for everyone.

RT. HON RAILA AMOLO ODINGA

H.E STEPHEN KALONZO MUSYOKA

HON. WYCLIFFE MUSALIA MUDAVADI

HON. MOSES MASIKA WETANGULA

Dated at Nairobi this 10th day of October 2017

FAILED TO GIVE HEARING

Court quashes Ombudsman's report on Lang'ata Road school playground

The High Court has quashed a report that detailed alleged grabbing of Lang'ata Road Primary School's play–ground. Justice George Odunga said the report by the Ombudsman, which found Nairobi Lands chief officer Stephen Mwangi culpable of the alleged grabbing, is null and void.

He faulted the Ombudsman for failing to give Mwangi a hearing before publishing the report called 'A Grabbers Playground'. In January 2015, police fired tear gas at pupils and activists who were protesting against the alleged grabbing. A number of children were injured and chocked in the melee as they joined the protesters to pull down a perimeter wall built on the land.

In July the commission, after its investigations, recommended the Nairobi County Public Service Board take disciplinary action against Mwangi.

COLLEAGUE ESCAPED

Suspected Pokot bandits attack, kill police reservist in Baringo North

Armed Pokot bandits attacked and killed a national police reservist on Monday in Baringo North.

Cheptirim Tomunyo's colleague Jackson Katikit escaped unhurt.

The shooting occurred at Barantany near Bartabwa division, a deserted area bordering Tiaty and Baringo North subcounty.

Ng'orora acting chief Wilson Loko–bwa confirmed the incident and said the two may have been on their way to harvest honey from their beehives before the Monday night attack.

He said the bandits were hiding in a bush and were planning an attack. No livestock was stolen.

Lokobwa said there has been peace in the area since the last attack in May.

Baringo North OCPD Chemogis Ndiema could not be reached for comment.



Nurses led by union secretary general Seth Panyako (bespectacled) at the Supreme Court yesterday /MONICAH MWANGI

RACE AGAINST TIME

Nurses' officials appeal ruling to escape six–month jail term

Justice Hellen Wasilwa declared the strike illegal and ordered officials Seth Panyako, Maurice Opetu, Agnes Munderu, Joseph Ngwasi and Asha Ali to call it off or be jailed

LAWI WERE AND JOHN MUCHANGI
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Five officials of the Kenya National Union of Nurses have appealed against the September 1 court ruling that declared their strike illegal.

The Court of Appeal is yet to set a date for the hearing.

The five are, however, racing against time because chairman John Biiy has petitioned the court to jail them for six months and auction their property for failing to call off the illegal strike.

Labour Court Justice Hellen Wasilwa last month ordered secretary general Seth Panyako, his deputy Maurice Opetu, treasurer Agnes Munderu, vice chairman Joseph Ngwasi and official Asha Ali to stop the strike or risk imprisonment.

Their appeal was, however, not heard yesterday because their lawyer did not show up.

"I want to reassure all nurses in Kenya that there is nothing different. We have been on strike and still on strike," Panyako said outside the Supreme Court building.

He pleaded with President Uhuru Kenyatta to help them.

"We are now ready to sit for negotiations to arrive at a proper solution," he said.

The strike has split the union down the middle, with some nurses, led by Biiy, pushing to end the boycott and continue negotiations with the Council of Governors.

The Ministry of Health and the CoG have said they will not negotiate until the strike is called off.

However, the strike appears to be falling apart, with the CoG saying 60 per cent of nurses have resumed work.

"We are in the process of replacing those who are still away," chairman Josphat Nanok said last week.

Last week, Biiy petitioned the Labour Court to jail the five embattled officials for six months for refusing to stop the strike.

"They have been declaring through the press how they will not obey the same, an act which brought the dignity of the court into ridicule and disrepute, thereby undermining the authority of the court," Biiy's lawyer Bitange Mageto said.

"The respondents' acts of contempt continue to cause suffering to the members of the public and the sixth respondent [KNUN] and it is fair and just that they be jailed for a period of six months or any other period as the court might deem just or until they purge the contempt," he said.

Biiy also wants Panyako's faction to stop interfering with health services "through illegal strikes" and reinstate him into the team negotiating the CBA.

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Maalim didn't have agents in this number of polling stations — Duale

Farah Maalim, the petitioner, has asked the court to declare that Aden Duale and the IEBC jointly committed election irregularities. He wants the IEBC ordered to conduct a fresh election for Garissa Township MP.

POLL PETITION

Duale denies electoral malpractices

Garissa Township MP Aden Duale (pic–tured) has said his election was valid and has asked his rival Farah Maalim to prove allegations he bribed voters.

He termed the bribery allegations slanderous and without any legal basis.

Duale, in a response to a case seeking the nullification of his win, says the electoral process was carried out in accordance with the Constitution and the results declared by the IEBC were correct.

He denied claims some ballot boxes were tampered with and seals removed to allow ballot stuffing. Duale asked Maalim to table proof.

Duale was responding to suit by Maalim.

Maalim has asked the court to declare that Duale and the IEBC jointly commit–ted election irregularities. He wants the IEBC ordered to conduct a fresh election for Garissa Township MP.

Maalim said Duale's supporters were allowed to vote more than twice.

He said they were not marked with indelible ink after as they presented their ID cards. This was a violation of the election laws, Maalim said.

"There were long delays deliberately created to discourage my supporters," he said.

But Duale denied it and said Maalim's case is "based on mere speculation full of baseless allegations by a sore loser".

He said Maalim did not even have agents in all polling stations in Garissa Township.

Duale said Maalim failed to identify al–leged 20 polling stations across Garissa, where none of the latter's agents signed declaration of results.

He said these are mere allegations.



STIGMA RIFE

HR managers to be trained on policies for mental health

The Health ministry will roll out training for human resource managers for them to initiate programmes and policies for employees' with mental health conditions and protect them from discrimination.

The training will follow a series of workshops targeting public servants at the Ministry of Labour and Social Services and the Ministry of Public Service, Youth and Gender Affairs in a bid to promote mental health in the working environment.

The world commemorated the World Mental Health Day yesterday.

Speaking to the Star on the phone, director of mental health Dr Simon Njuguna said prejudice and discrimination are significant barriers that deprive people of their dignity in the workplace. Njuguna said despite there being laws and policies that protect people who suffer from mental illness , stigma is still rife.

60% LIVE IN SLUMS

Ministry sets up centre to address housing shortage

The country has a shortage of 1.8 million housing units, mainly in the rural areas.

More than 60 per cent of Kenyans live in informal settlements.

The government has now formed the Kenya Building Research Centre to address the crisis.

Housing and Urban development PS Aidah Monano said plans are underway for a strategic plan for the research centre.

The PS spoke to the press in a Naivasha hotel after opening a three-day workshop on the strategic plan 2017-2021 development and review draft on building research.

She said for years, the country did not have such an institution, a move that had adversely affected the housing sector.

TERMINALS TO COST SH48BN

40% of Lapsset project complete — director general

The first three terminals of the new Lamu Port -Lapsset- is now 40 per cent complete.

According to project director general Sylvester Kasuku, the first terminal will be completed by June 2018.

Speaking during a brief on the infrastructure master plan at the Mwana Arafa Hotel in Lamu yesterday, Kasuku expressed confidence that all the three terminals will be completed by the close of the year 2020.

He said the three terminals will cost Sh48 billion.

The entire Lapsset Corridor project is worth Sh2.5 trillion.

He said the authority is currently developing appropriate road infrastructure connections.



Girls carry carcasses of goats in a village near Loiyangalani, Turkana, on March 21 / REUTERS

INADEQUATE FUNDING

3.4 million facing risk of starvation

WFP needs Sh2.1bn for malnutrition in Turkana, Pokot, Tiaty, Baringo, Samburu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Mandera, Moyale, Saku



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More than three million people are staring at starvation as drought worsens in most parts of Northern Kenya, according to the World Food Programme

WFP requires Sh2.1 billion to tackle acute malnutrition in Turkana, West Pokot, Tiaty, Baringo, Samburu, Isiolo, Marsabit, Mandera, Moyale and Saku.

A status update by the UN agency says cumulatively, an estimated 5.6 million people have been affected by the drought. Out of this number, 3.4 million lack enough food in the the 23 arid and semi-arid counties.

Out of the 3.4 million, 2.6 million face severe food insecurity with 500,000 experiencing 'emergency' levels. At least 370,000 children and 37,000 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are acutely malnourished.

Treatment of acutely malnourished children and mothers has been expanded from 10 to 23 counties.

Kenya, alongside other countries in the Horn of Africa, has faced a severe food crisis for most of 2017 due to the recurrence of drought in shorter cycles, negating efforts to reduce vulnerability. The drought was declared a national disaster on February 10 and a humanitarian Flash Appeal was launched in March.

A revised flash appeal has since been launched in response to the drought for four months (September-December 2017) with a tighter geographical focus on the counties worst affected by the drought.

To prevent further deterioration in nutritional status, all children aged six to 59 months (617,000) and pregnant and breastfeeding women (162,000) will be targeted with blanket supplementary feeding.

However, available funding will only allow the WFP to provide supplementary feeding to mothers and children in the five counties until the end of October.

Without further resources, mothers and children will not receive additional nutritional support from November – the peak of the lean season. "The blanket supplementary feeding being rolled out to prevent further deterioration in vulnerable populations," states the report.

370,000 CHILDREN AND 37,000 PREGNANT AND BREASTFEEDING MOTHERS ARE ACUTELY MALNOURISHED

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THE DATA

3.4M

Number of people in Northern Kenya facing starvation

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TECHNICAL HITCHES BLAMED

TSC reinstates teachers' annual increment

The TSC has reinstated the annual increment benefits of teachers after claims of it being withdrawn two months ago.

The Kenya National Union of Teachers alleged the TSC had scrapped the annual salary increment for teachers.

However, TSC chief executive officer Nancy Macharia (pictured, left)) told the Star on Monday the removal of the annual salary increment was due to a technical hitch.

Macharia said the commission had fixed the problem and teachers would receive their increment as enshrined in the Constitution.

She said the increment will be in line with the new job groups as outlined by the Salaries and Remuneration Commission.

The increments will, however, be implemented at regular intervals until the maximum salary point of the job group of the teacher is attained.

However, upon advancement of studies and promotion, the teachers will be able to receive the increment in accordance to their new job group.

''The commission would like to let teachers know that their annual salary increment is intact and will be available as the new academic year rolls out, the commission together with the SRC will also be from time to time conduct reviews on the teachers pay so as to ensure all teachers are well graded and receive pay equivalent to their qualification,'' she said.

The code further states the TSC shall upon the first appointment of a teacher, pay the teacher a salary in the scale appropriate to the specific grade of the teacher. However, teachers who spoke to the Star have said the reinstatement of the annulled increment was yet to reflect on their payslips.





PHOTO STORY

NYS corruption case suspect Ben Gethi follows proceedings at the Milimani law courts yesterday during a hearing of the case /COLLINS KWEYU

'DEPICTED AS GREEDY'

Two papers to pay ex-MP Sh6.5m for linking him to salary hike push

The Nation and Standard media groups have been faulted for 'not proving the source of information' and 'not seeking clarification' from former Githunguri MP

COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KIAMBU

THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU
SECOND ASSEMBLY (FIRST SESSION)

CALENDAR OF THE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KIAMBU

IT IS NOTIFIED for general information that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 25 of the Kakamega County Assembly Standing Orders, by a resolution made on October 5th 2017, the County Assembly approved the calendar of the Assembly (Regular Sessions) for 2017 as set out in the Schedule-

SCHEDULE

PERIOD	DAYS
First Session: First Part	**Thursday, 7th September – Thursday, 12th October, 2017**
I. Sitting days: Thursday, 7th September– Thursday, 12th October, 2017 **II. Short Recess:** Friday, 13th October, 2017 - Monday, 30th October, 2017	Tuesdays (afternoon), Wednesdays (morning and afternoon) and Thursdays (afternoon)
First Session, Second Part	**Tuesday, 31st October, 2017 – Thursday, 7th December, 2017**
I. Sitting days: Tuesday, 31st October, 2017 – Thursday, 7th December, 2017 **II. Long Recess:** Friday, 8th December, 2017 – Monday, 12th February, 2018	Tuesdays (afternoon), Wednesdays (morning and afternoon) and Thursdays (afternoon)

END OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE SECOND ASSEMBLY

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Two High Court judges have separately ordered the Nation and Standard media groups to pay former Githunguri MP Njoroge Baiya Sh6.5 million as compensation for defamation.

The politician had sued the Nation Media Group and the Standard Group after the two companies published articles he claims ruined his political career.

The articles were published in the two dailies in March 2013. Baiya lost his seat in the August 8 General Election.

Baiya told the court the Nation, in its article titled "MPs reject demeaning salaries and vow to push for fresh review", gave the wrong impression about him.

He argued the article suggested he and other MPs would lead demands for fresh negotiations with the Salaries and Remuneration Commission for higher pay and allowances.

In his case against the Standard, Baiya said the article published on March 24, 2013, also gave the wrong impression about him.

In both cases, the former legislator said the publications did not only publicly and personally defame him but also lowered his esteem.

Further, he claimed the article depicted him as a politician greedy for money. Baiya told Justice Lucy Njuguna, who handled the suit against the Nation Media Group, that he has never been in electoral office for money, salaries or allowances but to serve his constituents.

"I even tried to make a clarification on social media but my statements were overwhelmingly met with insults and dissatisfaction," he said.

Following the publications, he was ridiculed by his political opponents and his constituents, he said.

In her judgement, Njuguna said the company, being the author of the article, should have proven the source of information and its status.

She ordered the company to pay Sh3 million as general damages and a further Sh500,000 for exemplary damages.

"I find and hold that the plaintiff has proven his case on a balance of probability," Njuguna ruled.

In the Standard case, Justice Stephen Riechi said that while there was no evidence the article was sensationalised, it was, however, wrong for the company to publish the claims without first seeking a clarification from the politician.

"The defendant was, therefore, reckless in publishing the same," the judge ruled.

He ordered the company to pay Baiya Sh2 million as general damages and Sh1 million as exemplary damages.

PENDING NEW EVIDENCE

Drop Sh1m graft case against former legislator — DPP

The office of the DPP wants a corruption case against former Lamu West MP Julius Ndegwa and six others withdrawn, with the option of retrial if new evidence arises.

Mombasa assistant DPP Alexander Muteti did not give any further reasons why one of the high-profile anti-corruption cases should be withdrawn.

Ndegwa was accused of taking Sh1 million meant for the administration of the CDF office between July 1 and October 10, 2013.

He was also charged alongside five people with conspiring to commit an economic crime.

The ex-MP, Michael Thegeru, Yussuf Hassan, Sophia Wanjiru and Zakayo Gitonga were charged with irregularly transferring Sh1.6 million from the CDF account between July 1 and October 10, 2013.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges and were out on Sh3 million bond each.

Defence counsel Jared Magolo objected the withdrawal of the case without proper reasons.

He said the prosecution should call the remaining witnesses in the matter then withdraw it.

Magolo said the accused fear they might be rearrested as soon as they leave the courtroom and fresh charges proffered against them.

Chief magistrate Julius Nange'a will determine the matter on October 19.

TIMBER DEAL GONE WRONG

Trader 'lost Sh2m' to man pretending to be Biwott son

A timber dealer yesterday told a court he lost Sh2 million to a conman pretending to be the son of former minister Nicholas Biwott.

Ibrahim Kassim told Eldoret chief magistrate Charles Obulusta he was conned by Solomon Kiptanui, who claimed to be Biwott's son.

The trader said Kiptanui told him he could sell him trees at Biwott's Maria Soti farm in Keiyo.

Kiptanui had told Kassin he had Biwott's authority to sell trees in the farm.

Two employees of the farm, Milcah Cheruto and Margaret Jepchirchir, are co-accused in the case.

They are accused of lying to Kassin that Kiptanui was Biwott's son.

Kassin said he was linked to Milcah by Elgeyo Marakwet politician Moses Changwony.

"Milcah then assured me that Kiptanui was indeed the only son of the late Biwott. She also told me that Kiptanui's mother was a Tanzanian," Kassim said.

Defence lawyer Rioba Omboto asked why Changwony was not charged alongside Kiptanui.

Kassim denied engaging in any transactions with Changwony and only wanted to recover his money from Kiptanui.

Obulutsa set a mention date for the matter on October 30.

POLITICS JUDICIARY



Embakasi West MP George Theuri follows proceedings at the Mlimani Law Court yesterday during the hearing of a petition challenging his win
/COLLINS KWEYU

USED TO RUN ERRANDS

Taxi driver sent Careen texts on day she died

Man denies he sent messages, says he can not recall the exact dates of the SMS



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Careen Chepchumba's taxi driver sent her a text message on the day she was murdered, a court heard yesterday.

The prosecution, while cross examining Samuel Njuguna Gacheru, said that they have documents showing that he called her on February 14, 2012 and that hey had a 17-seconds conversation.

The documents further show that a message was sent to Chepchumba from Gacheru's phone on February 15, a day after she was killed.

Gacheru said he could not remember the exact day he sent the alleged messages to the deceased.

He claimed he had called her to remind her of a debt she had not paid from previous services.

He said he did not know her client had died when he sent her a message the following day. He knew Chepchumba had died after her sister called to inform him of the news.

The sister wanted him to stop sending the texts, he said.

Gacheru said he used to pick Chepchumba from her house and take her to work. He sometimes took her for shopping, he said.

He said he had sometimes picked her in the company of former news anchor Louis Otieno who she introduced as her friend.

She also used to send him on errands, including picking packages from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

The parcel was her medicine, he said.

On Monday, Manase Mwaura Ngumi told the inquest that the package that Careen used to send Gacheru to pick boxes of expensive cigars for Louis Otieno.

Ngumi said that Louis had gone to his duty free shop at JKIA and introduced Careen to him as his cigar manager who would be handling his stock.

"After Louis introduced Careen to me, we exchanged contacts and from that time she would make orders for the cigars," Ngumi said.

He further told the court that a week before her controversial death, Careen ordered a box of 20 sticks of Davidov cigars valued at $310 (Sh31,000) and promised to send the money via MPesa.

Ngumi further claimed that Careen did not send him the money as promised and kept on giving him excuses and at one point alleged that she was with Louis in hospital.

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SECUURITY FOR COMPENSATION

Raise petition fees to Sh4 million – Ongeri

Senator says respondents need to be assured of compensation after winning



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Kisii Senator Sam Ongeri has asked the Judiciary to raise security fee for election petitions to discourage those with no serious cases.

He wants the fee raised from the current Sh500,000 to Sh4 million saying that some petitioners file cases but are not ready to pay the costs after they lose.

In an application filed last week, Ongeri through lawyers Okong'o Omogeni and Frank Walukwe, said courts have been given discretion to increase the security so that it can guarantee respondents that they will get the same.

Walukwe told Kisii High Court judge Winfridah Okwany that respondents have had hard time following up compensation from petitioners after winning their cases.

"The respondent is urging this court to raise the security fee deposited for petitions from Sh500,000 to Sh4 million," Walukwe said.

Ongeri's win has been challenged by two voters.

He told the court that the the only information he has about the petitioners, Charles Obera Orito and George Ogake, is that they are male adults who reside in Kisii.

"They have not indicated what they do for a living," Walukwe said.

The petitioners opposed the application.

PETITIONERS HAVE NOT DISCLOSED WHAT THEY DO FOR A LIVING

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF GOODS/SERVICES

Tenders are invited from interested registered companies for supply and delivery of various Goods /Services as per tender numbers below;

TENDER NO	TENDER NAME	TARGET GROUP
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/001/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Cooking gas &Accessories	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/002/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Medical gases	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/003/T2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Non-Pharmaceutical	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/004/2017-2018	Provision of comprehensive cleaning services (waste disposal, laundry services, sanitary services, indoor and outdoor cleaning and management of casuals.)	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/005/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Dairy products	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/006/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Dry food stuff, Nutrition items	Women, Youth, PWD
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/007/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Fresh vegetables and fruits	Women, Youth, PWD
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/008/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Laboratory Reagents & other chemicals	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/009/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Pharmaceuticals	Open
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/010/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of Stationery and printed Documents	Women, Youth, PWD
TENDER NO. NCC/MH/T/011/2017-2018	Supply & delivery of X-ray items	Open

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All payments should be made at the Main Cash Office, located at the Hospitals Administration Block during normal office hours and an official receipt presented for issuance of documents at the supply chain management office.

Completed Tender documents to be submitted in **A PLAIN SEALED** envelope marked with **TENDER NUMBER & NAME** and addressed to:

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,
MBAGATHI HOSPITAL,
P.O. BOX 20275,
NAIROBI

The documents should be deposited in the Tender Box situated at the Hospital's Administration Block so as to reach us on or before indicated closing dates. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
MBAGATHI HOSPITAL

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NEWS

NEWS GENERAL



'JUBILEE WILL WIN'

With or without Raila, we will hold poll — Arama

NASA flagbearer Raila Odinga does not participate in the October 26 presidential election, Nakuru West MP Samuel Arama (pictured), has said.
Arama said Raila is trying to create euphoria when he returns from abroad, similar to that of Kenneth Matiba in 1992.
The former ODM MPsaid Raila is ''free to leave'' the country at any time, saying the Jubilee Party will still win the election.
''Which leader leaves the country two weeks to an election?'' Arama asked.

THE DATA

SH180

Cost of a kilogramme of pishori rice in Mwea

Production in Mwea dropped by 40 per cent from 830,000 bags to 498,000 bags in the season ending March

LAKE NAIVASHA

Fish production drops over illegal fishing, politics

Illegal fishing coupled with the current political impasse have adversely affected fish production and sale around Lake Naivasha.
Fishermen and traders are counting huge loses after production dropped by over 30 per cent in the last two months.
According to figures from Lake Naivasha Boat Owners Association, poaching has become the order of the day in the lake.
Chairman David Kilo pointed an accusing finger at the county government for failing to fund the fisheries department.
He said illegal fishermen were conducting feigning (fishing along the shores) a move that had adversely affected fish production.
''The number of illegal fishermen around the lake outnumber the licensed ones, which has led to a drop in fish production,'' Kilo said.

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PUPILS MOST AFFECTED

NGO appeals for sanitary towels for candidates in Kilifi

A local community-based organisation in Kilifi has called on well-wishers to assist girls preparing for national exams with sanitary towels. The Third Hand Initiative CEO Elizabeth Aruba said at Ezamoyo primary school in Kibarani, Kilifi on Monday after distributing pads and geometrical sets said the most affected are primary school girls.

CALLS FOR RESEARCH

Rising cases of cancer in Meru alarms lobby

A health support group is concerned about an increase in cancer cases in Meru county. Meru Hospice said it is conducting research to establish the cause of rising cases of cancer in the county. The lobby programmes co-ordinator Gladys Mucee said there was an urgent need for research because of steep rise in new cases.

DROWNING SUSPECTED

Pupils find body of woman in pond in Homa Bay village

Police in Homa Bay are investigating the death of a middle aged woman whose body was found in a pond at Ogande village in Homa Bay town. The unidentified woman is believed to have drowned last weekend. Area chief Andrew Omuga said the body was found by school going pupils on Monday morning who reported to them.

DROUGHT ALSO BLAMED

High cost of production pushes up rice prices

In Mwea, a kilogramme of pishori rice is currently selling at between Sh180 up from Sh150 to Sh160 in May

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A steep rise in the cost of production has pushed up rice prices by at least Sh50 since May.

In Mwea, a kilogramme of pishori rice is currently selling at Sh180 up from Sh150 to Sh160 in May.

In the supermarkets, a kilo of Dawaat Basmati rice is currently selling at Sh243, Sunrise Mwea Pishori at Sh201, Pure Kenyan rice at Sh212 and Pearl Kenya Pishori at Sh249.

Tim Njagi, a research fellow at the Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development and one of the lead authors of the Cost of Production for Maize and Rice in Kenya report, attributed the increase of prices to the high cost of production and drought.

"The cost of labour was very high, adding up to about 67 per cent of the total cost of production. For a small-scale farmer in Mwea Irrigation Scheme, the total cost of production per kilo of rice was at Sh25 with labour taking up Sh18," Njagi said.

According to the National Irrigation Board, rice production in Mwea dropped by 40 per cent from 830,000 bags to 498,000 bags in the season ending March.

This has seen rice imports increase from Sh6.6 billion to about Sh16 billion this year and an increase in volumes of 353,082 metric tonnes from 261,819 metric tonnes.

John Kimani, a rice breeder at the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation and Kalro-Mwea Centre director said Kenya produces 140,000 metric tonnes per year, against a consumption rate of 540,000-600,000 metric tonnes per year.

The deficit of about 75 per cent is imported from neighbouring countries, mostly Pakistan.

"There is big challenge in rice production with realised yields currently at about three tonnes per hectare for the irrigated lands.

Breeders are working to help bridge this first to seven tonnes per hectare and then to 12 tonnes per hectare which is the country's potential," Kimani said.



Brands of rice at a supermarket shelf yesterday / MONICAH MWANGI

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Mkopa Solar secures Sh8.2bn commercial debt funding, targets one million new users

STAR REPORTER / Mkopa Solar, the world's leading pay-as-you-go energy provider to off-grid homes, has secured Sh8.2 billion (US$80 million) of committed financing. It will be utilised over the next three years to provide finance for pay-as-you-go solar installations in one million homes, on top of the 500,000 already connected.

Stanbic Bank is leading a Sh5.6 billion (US$55 million) local currency equivalent debt facility and has committed Sh927 million (US$9 million). Other financiers are CDC, FMO and Norfund. The debt will be backed by customer receivables, paid over mobile money payment plans. It is the largest commercial debt facility to date in the solar off-grid energy sector.

To date Mkopa has connected over 500,000 homes in East Africa to affordable, safe and clean energy.

AVIATION INDUSTRY GROWTH

New low-cost airline debuts on Kisumu Diani routes from Wilson Airport

RAMADHAN RAJAB / A NEW low-cost airline flying local routes has been unveiled, making air transport in the country exciting and more competitive.

The new entrant into the air travel market, Silverstone Air, launched its inaugural routes yesterday and will be flying from Wilson Airport, operating two flights everyday to Kisumu, Ukunda and Diani.

The Kenyan fully-owned airline said they plan to introduce additional routes to Malindi, Lamu, Marsabit, Garissa, Homabay and Moyale in the coming months.

Air travel demand is expected to double in the next 15 years. Kenya's aviation transport sector supports 620,000 jobs directly and indirectly injecting about Sh330 billion the economy which translates to 5.1 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.



A Carrefour store in France. **/ COURTESY**

TOUGH TIMES AHEAD FOR KENYAN RETAILERS

Local supermarkets to face stiffer competition from global players

The last couple of years have been turbulent times for key supermarkets in the country, with Uchumi and Nakumatt, once the main retailers, virtually collapsing

JOHN NALIANYA AND VICTOR AMADALA

Struggling local retailers are headed for even tougher times as international players angle to start dominating the Kenyan market.

On Monday, Botswana retailer Choppies announced plans to open 40 more stores in Africa including Kenya at the tune of Sh29 billion by mid next year.

Just like Choppies, Carrefour, a French multinational retailer, is taking Kenya by storm, further complicating matters for local retailers like Nakumatt and Uchumi who are currently drowning in debt.

Choppies CEO Ramachandran Ottapathu told Reuters it will enter Namibia before December and expand its presence in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia.

The retailer, which initially took over seven Ukwala stores in early 2016, has since spread across the country, opening branches in Nairobi, Nakuru, Kericho, Kisumu, Bungoma and Kisii in a span of less than a year.

Choppies, with a strong presence in South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, says it is employing affordability and provision of a wide variety of goods to customers as main strategies to drive its success in Kenya.

"We have carefully studied this market. Kenya has a huge retail business potential. There is no doubt Choppies is going to thrive," said Evelyne Omondi, the marketing manager.

The last couple of years have been turbulent for key supermarkets in the country, with Uchumi and Nakumatt, once seen as a beacon of success of the retail business in East Africa, virtually collapsing. The latter is now said to be in talks with Tuskys for a possible merger.

The near-death of the two chains offer critical lessons to the sector. "We have to constantly scan the market for it is very dynamic. This is why we have made substantial investments in our research department which offers guidance on our day-to-day operations," said Omondi.

Choppies, in its expansion plan, says it will be entering those markets already with supermarkets as well as green fields. This, the chain says, will enable all Kenyans to access their goods without much of a struggle. "Our customers are Choppies ambassadors; we have to serve them well. A satisfied customer is the best business strategy of all," she said.

Careffour was quick to take up space left by Nakumatt at the Thika Road Mall (TRM), pushing its branches in Nairobi to three. It has other branches at the prestigious Two Rivers Mall and The Hub Karen.

Other international retailers scrambling for a slice of the Kenyan market includes the US-based Woolworth which is targeting high-end malls in Nairobi including Sarit Centre and Garden City.



BRANDS AND CULTURE

CHRIS HARRISON

Who still prints promotional materials?

As we hurtle headlong into the digital space, I am surprised to discover pockets of 'analogue' behaviour surviving this populist revolution. There is one practice that is positively thriving long after I thought we had marked its passing. I call it Printer's Delight; the continued and thoughtless printing of paper and cardboard collateral materials.

Barely a week goes by without one company or another presenting me with a diary that would have looked at home on the writing desk of Charles Dickens. Perhaps they are gently trying to tell me that I am too old for the modern world? Thanks to their beneficence, my office and domestic staff will never want 'quality' stationery items to doodle on.

One cannot leave a business meeting without taking away an unfeasibly large notepad complete with a biro (containing just enough ink for a week's scribbling).

And why do so many of my client companies still hold the most enormous stocks of wall and desk calendars dated 2017 ... when here we are in October? In this case, my irritation stems less from the wasted stock, and more from the utter meaninglessness of the design and content of such pieces. Insurance company calendars with stock photos of ships and containers. Digital company calendars featuring images of attractive and well-groomed African Americans. Is that what we are all meant to look like having succumbed to' digital solutions'?

In every single case, if you cover up the company logo you have a piece of printed material that could be the collateral for AnyCompany Ltd. And whom, I wonder, is in dire need of printed calendars that chart the passing of the days in a genuinely 1970's style?

Well, if you ask those people tasked with marketing or procurement, they will tell you that 'customers ask for calendars.' They will confirm, without the slightest irony, that 'people are happy' to receive an anodyne piece of antediluvian promotional material. It is in fact the one thing that secures the future business of valued customers, and frankly, without it, we might as well shut up shop and retire to our respective shambas.

If I was the CEO of a company with a collateral materials budget, I would fall on such nonsensical behaviour like 'the Assyrian coming down like a wolf on the fold' (with apologies to Lord Byron). I would tear up the local purchase orders; chase away the printers' reps; and break open the hidden vaults of undistributed collateral. Shaming the Marketing, Sales, Procurement and HR people who perpetuate this crime against commerce. We're in the second decade of the 21st century. Enough is enough.

Chris Harrison leads The Brand Inside www.thebrandinside.com

NEWS BUSINESS

ACCOLADES

Pampers and Gillette rated among the best global brands in a new international survey

CYNTHIA ILAKO/Gillette and Pampers have emerged among this year's 100 most valuable fast–moving consumer goods, according to a survey conducted by Interbrand.

The two Procter & Gamble brands have been ranked position 26 and 28 respectively in the best global brands survey.

''These brands have set themselves apart by having a laser focus on understanding what consumers are looking for and then providing that to them,'' P&G Kenya communications manager Irene Mwathi–Miheso said.

Interbrand's Best Global Brands valuation brings together market, brand, competitor, and financial data into a single framework within which the performance of the brand can be assessed, areas for growth identified, and the financial impact of investing in the brand quantified.

Interbrand named Apple, Google, and Microsoft as the three most valuable brands in its 2017 global ranking, with technology as the dominant sector.

Now in its 18th year, the report's theme is Growth in a Changing World, featuring three main components, people, technology and brands.



MARKET REPORT

ALY KHAN SATCHU

KenGen shares firm up at NSE

The international markets are looking at the Catalonia situation closely.

McKinsey will repay fees it earned for six months' work last year at South African state utility Eskom if a high court finds the deal was unlawful, the global consultancy said on Tuesday.

Eskom had given McKinsey and its local partner Trillian until Tuesday to repay 1.6 billion rand ($117 million) in consultancy fees for a contract that the state firm says was illegal.

Ethiopia devalued the Birr by 15% as of today.

Aliko Dangote was quite forthright at the FT Africa conference on Monday.

Aliko Dangote said policies in Tanzania are scaring a lot of people. Need to look at some of their new laws quickly. #FTAfrica Summit

Dangote on Tanzania's mineral reforms to increase government equity: ''They are coming through the back door to seize your assets.''

The Nairobi All Share shaved off –0.18 points to close at 160.85.

The Nairobi NSE20 eased –15.6 points to close at 3696.77.

The equity market is like a rabbit caught in the (political) headlights.

Equity turnover was lacklustre at 212.997m

Kapchorua Tea was high–ticked +8.108% to close at 80 on just 200 shares of business.

Safaricom closed unchanged at 25.00 and traded 1.178m shares. The supply side is being extinguished at this level now.

Equity Bank rebounded +1.388% off a four–month closing low to close at 36.50 and on good volume action of 2.604m shares worth 95.169m.

Co–op Bank closed unchanged at 16.50 and traded 2.308m shares.

Centum firmed +1.24% to close at 40.75 and traded 186,400 shares.

KenGen followed on Monday's +2.87% gain to close +1.12% firmer at 9.05 and traded 289,000 shares with unserviced buy side demand of over 1m shares. KenGen will release its financial year earnings October 18th.

ARM Cement announced it will get an additional $15 million cash injection from its key shareholders.

Pradeep Paunrama said part of the new money is aimed at helping ease the cement maker's tight cash position and will mainly be channelled to its Tanzanian unit as capital expenditure.

''We are looking at injecting 15 million dollars. That's for the overall company but most of it is needed in Tanzania to get the unit running back on its feet,'' he said in an interview with Business Daily Monday.

CDC Group bought a 42 per cent stake last year in the cement maker that saw it inject Sh14 billion.

ARM which was –42.22% in 2017 through this morning rebounded +1.12% to close at 13.25.

Aly–Khan is a financial analyst.



Industrialization Cabinet Secretary Adan Mohamed at an event in Nairobi yesterday. /ENOS TECHE

TAX EXEMPTION

Plans underway for duty–free hides, skins

Trade CS Adan Mohamed said the country is not producing enough raw materials to support the local leather industry



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The Ministry of Trade is currently in talks with the National Treasury to make the importation of hides and skins from neighbouring countries duty free.

Speaking yesterday during the launch of the Kenya Leather Development Council five–year strategic plan, Trade CS Adan Mohamed said the country is not producing enough raw materials to support the local leather industry.

He said that as a way of increasing value–addition processes, the ministry was also advocating for duty–free importation of accessories used to enhance leather products, adding that the policy change would be rolled–out in the next financial year.

"We have a sizeable amount of raw materials coming into the country. We do not believe it is enough, both in terms of quality and volume that we want if we really are to build a huge leather industry in this country," Mohamed said.

He said the ministry was also working on stopping the leakage of hides and skins which has over the years stalled the growth of the leather industry.

Among key initiatives under the KLDC strategic plan is policy changes which according to the council's chairman Titus Ibui, could grow revenues collected from the industry four–fold over the next five years.

Data by KLDC shows that the country's leather industry currently contributes at least Sh14.5 billion ($140 million) in revenue, which is 0.3 per cent of the country's gross domestic product.

"We have made progress in lowering the cost of energy to make the sector competitive globally and are creating a databank for investors to help them with all their requirements," Ibui said.

Mohamed said plans are also underway to phase out the exportation of semi–processed leather over the next years adding that the products were bringing in less gains as compared to the final leather product.

About 90 per cent of leather exported from Kenya is semi–processed to the wet–blue stage.

"We will, in the next two years, put restriction on exportation of wet–blue out of this country. We want to drive focus to exportation of final leather products," Mohamed said. "We want our leather to be fully processed so that we can reap more. When we sell semi–processed products, they come back fully processed and more costly."

Export Promotion Council chief executive Peter Biwott lauded KDLC during the launch adding that he was ready to work towards increasing revenues in the leather industry.

"Leather is a critical sector and as EPC, we want to partner with KLDC so that we can promote and have sector–specific trade fairs and also look at challenges leather businesses are facing," Biwott said.

THE DATA

103.27

The indicative value of the shilling to the dollar

The Kenyan shilling weakened slightly against the dollar on Tuesday due to increased demand from oil importers and multinational companies, traders said.

FINANCIAL MARKET

FOREX EXCHANGE RATES

Currency	Buy	Sell	Mean
US DOLLAR	103.1667	103.3667	103.2667
STG POUND	135.5733	135.8694	135.7214
EURO	121.0233	121.2744	121.1489
SA RAND	7.4550	7.4722	7.4636
KES / USHS	34.9726	35.1373	35.0550
KES / TSHS	21.6704	21.8094	21.7399
AE DIRHAM	28.0848	28.1469	28.1158
JPY (100)	91.5410	91.7266	91.6338
IND RUPEE	1.5784	1.5817	1.5801
CHINESE YUAN	15.5700	15.6084	15.5892

NSE BIGGEST WINNERS

	Price	Change (%)
KAPCHORUA TEA	80.00	+8.11
LONGHORN KENYA	5.50	+6.80
BOC KENYA	100.00	+5.26
EVEREADY	2.25	+4.65
EA CABLES	5.60	+3.70

NSE BIGGEST LOSERS

	Price	Change (%)
EAAGADS	22.50	–10.00
CAR & GENERAL	16.00	–9.86
WLLIAMSON TEA	165.00	–6.78
EA PORTLAND	24.50	–5.77
TRANSCENTURY	6.00	–4.00

Harvard Business Review

TIP OF THE DAY

CONVINCE YOUR BOSS TO LET YOU WORK REMOTELY

Working from home has lots of benefits: zero commute, higher productivity, and periods of quiet, uninterrupted time. But don't expect your boss to let you work remotely unless you make a convincing case for it. Consider your specific role and what a realistic remote work schedule would look like: Is it to work Tuesdays and Thursdays from home? Every other Friday? Or would flex hours suffice? Then consider what might worry your manager, and think of ways to preempt those concerns. For instance, you might offer to come in for an important Friday meeting, even if that's your work–from–home day. And when you have an unplanned chance to work from home, like during a snowstorm, seize the opportunity to demonstrate how productive you can be outside the office.

SEEKING EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Brazil aims to revive her ties with the African continent to expand food and manufactured goods market

REUTERS / Agricultural powerhouse Brazil aims to revive ties with Africa after a lull and sees a vast export market for food and manufactured goods in a continent whose population is surging, its foreign minister said.

Brazil's presence in Africa surged during the government of former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who opened embassies in 35 of 54 African nations and led a flurry of trade and investment missions. His successor Dilma Rousseff showed little interest in foreign affairs and practically ignored Africa.

''We want to take up relations with Africa again and reaffirm its importance for Brazil,'' Foreign Minister Aloysio Nunes said in an interview on Friday before he set off to visit Morocco, Ghana, Nigeria, Botswana, Ivory Coast and South Africa this week.

The African population of 1.2 billion people is expected to double by 2050, adding to a reliance on food imports. Nunes noted that the continent's middle class is expanding, while its conflicts are diminishing and institutions are gaining strength.

Two-way trade between Brazil and Africa peaked in 2013 at $28.3 billion before plummeting to $12.4 billion last year, mainly due to the drop in prices for the oil that Brazil imports from Nigeria, Angola and Algeria.

Brazil sells cars, tractors and other manufactured goods to Africa, along with food such as beef and chicken. Trade is picking up after economic crises on both sides of the Atlantic, with chicken exports rising 27 percent in the first eight months of this year, mostly going to South Africa, Egypt and Angola.

''The potential for trade is great. Africa is not self-sufficient and needs to import food such as poultry,'' said Any Freitas, an expert on Brazilian foreign policy and visiting fellow at King's College, London.

Nunes also highlighted demand for Brazilian planemaker Embraer SA's E-Jet commercial planes and Super Tucano light attack aircraft in countries such as Nigeria, Mozambique and Kenya.

Brazil has also helped Namibia build up its Navy with patrol ships and training for its Marine Corps.

Nunes said Brazil cannot compete in Africa with China, whose raw materials projects come with plenty of state financing and Chinese personnel.

Brazil's cooperation is well received because of its Afro-Brazilian cultural roots and the Portuguese language it shares with several African nations, he said.

His trip ends in Durban on Oct. 17 with a meeting of the IBSA group of large emerging democracies: India, Brazil and South Africa.



Kenya Railway Corporation managing director Atanas Maina inspecting an SGR cargo train. /ELKANA JACOB

LABOUR DISPUTE

Ex-RVR workers to know fate at Kenya Railways end month

The employees have accused RVR and KRC of side-stepping them in transfer talks and that the new employer was planning to retrench some of them after six months



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Loyal 1,600 former Rift Valley Railways workers who accepted the six-month contract at Kenya Railways Corporation will know if they are going to be retained by their new employer by end of this month.

This even as those against the transfer wait in the cold until the Labour Relations Court determines the case in which they challenged the terms of the hand-over.

The employees had accused RVR and KRC of side-stepping them in transfer talks and that the new employer was planning to sack some of them after the six month contract. They said that KRC wanted them to apply afresh for their positions or face redundancy.

They also rejected the six-month probation contracts offered by KRC, insisting that the corporation must maintain their permanent contracts as given by their former employer. The court, on September 25, granted them temporary orders barring their transfer back to the Kenya Railways Corporation.

Speaking to the Star, KRC managing director Atanas Maina said all those that did not go to court were handed six month contracts starting September 1 and are in talks about their future at the corporation.

''Those who did not go to court are currently at work even as we look forward to reaching an agreement on their future at KRC at the end of this month. Only few of them went to court,'' said Maina.

Railways Worker Union secretary general John Chumo said the union is satisfied with engagements between workers and KRC and that those who went to court are not their members.

"Most of our members are at work and they are waiting for further directions from KRC. We want the corporation to consider each one of them, whether it decides to oversee the operations or contract another firm to run the old railway,'' said Chumo.

There have been a tag of war between RVR and KRC management especially on transfer of workforce since the court terminated RVR's 25 years concession to run the Kenya- Uganda railway at the end of July. The two, for instance, differed on who was to settle the 30-days handover period payroll, delaying the August salary for about 3,000 former employees of RVR. In its July 31 ruling, the High Court ordered KRC to take back both assets and workforce from RVR.

KRC had also declined to absorb workers from the RVR citing a 2006 agreement which indicated that employees and other obligations such as unpaid suppliers and debts to financial institutions would remain the concern of RVR should the concession come to an end or be terminated.

Elsewhere, the Ugandan government early this week terminated the RVR concession for running Uganda's metre gauge railway.

SUPPORTING AGRI-BUSINESS

Industry calls for more focus on agriculture insurance

STAR REPORTER /Kenya's insurance industry has a high growth potential if the government and the private sector partner to grow agriculture insurance, a move that will also help improve the country's food security.

Insurance players said yesterday the country has adequate expertise to tap into building a successful agriculture insurance sector that will also make farmers endure losses arising from the changing rainfall cycles.

''We are struggling with agriculture insurance yet the sector is the backbone of this economy. It's time to develop it now as we have adequate expertise in the market,'' said the Insurance Regulatory Authority (IRA), chief technical manager, Agnes Ndirangu.

Souvik Banerjea, the new CEO of Continental Reinsurance in Kenya said the country can learn from India whose government, in partnership with the private sector, started investing in agriculture insurance many decades ago and today has enabled the country to become food secure.

''The government and the private sector should invest more resources to ensure there is vibrant agriculture insurance in Kenya. In addition to making Kenya food secure, it also helps to make available insurance to the poor,'' Banerjee said during the insurance industry CEOs meeting in Nairobi organized by the reinsurer.

Continental Re Group CEO Dr. Femi Oyetunji said the company has developed best analytics team in Africa for various risks as part of the company's philosophy of providing African solutions to African problems.

Meanwhile, Kenya has announced an end to annual licensing of insurance companies, instead adopted the perpetual licensing model as part of its conformation to global insurance standards, said Ndirangu.

It means insurance companies will not apply for licensing every year, but their licenses can be revoked by the regulator in case of breach of regulations. It also cuts the cost of applications and the time spent by the companies to do the same. The shift is part of the risk-based supervision that the IRA is implementing.

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A Rohingya refugee swims with his child to cross the Myanmar-Bangladesh border in Palang Khali, Bangladesh, on Monday / REUTERS

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On this Day of Girl Child, let's commit to really helping her

As Kenya joins the rest of the world marking International Day of the Girl Child today, state and non-state actors should invest more in data on girls. More than 10 million girls younger than 18 years hold the future of this country. Investing in them, including in their health (sexual reproductive health included), education and safety allows them to build better lives, and to create a more peaceful and prosperous country for us all. Investing in girls' health, safety and education in times of peace and crisis helps them achieve their dreams and shape their lives. Progress for girls is not only good for them but also for their families, communities, country and the world. And many of the girls' most persistent struggles and needs are addressed in the Sustainable Development Goals numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 16. Tackling the challenges they face in their daily lives can serve as a starting point in achieving the SDGs for every child. Investing in girls is not just a matter of more money. It requires detailed knowledge and targeted action. With detailed and reliable data, governments can easily and effectively invest in girls, especially in education. Investment in data is necessary to effectively hold officials accountable for creating the kind of change that truly improves the girls' lives. And this will be through: one, enhancing national capacity and systems by allowing them to collect, analyse and disseminate data on girls; two, improving statistics on gender-based violence, adolescent pregnancy and reproductive health, informal employment, entrepreneurship, unpaid work, and other priorities for girls and young women, To and three, remedy the gender bias in existing measurement tools, particularly biases that exclude the most vulnerable, while preventing underreporting of violence against girls.

MICHAEL OLIECH
Naya Kenya, Kisumu

Ugly NASA protests should end to stop destruction, deaths

NASA's anti-IEBC demos have started getting ugly and need to stop since the message has been sent and heard. We have started counting casualties. In Nairobi, one person was shot and injured, while three were run over by a speeding car. In Kisumu, Tumaini Supermarket was looted last week. One person has since died. It is now clear the so-called peaceful protests can easily cause injuries and death. We are told protests will now be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Parents of the rioting youths should now intervene and discourage their children from going to the streets. If you don't understand what peaceful demos are, borrow a leaf from Mombasa. No running battles with police, no looting, no scuffles with the Mombasa business community, no injuries, no casualties and they only take an hour.

JUSTIN N. NKARANGA
Mombasa

Raila Odinga is the opposition's greatest liability

The opposition is in a state of despair and has resorted to desperate street demonstrations to force changes to the IEBC. The chances of these changes happening before the October 26 election are just about zero. It is, therefore, astonishing that leaders in the opposition have refused to acknowledge that Raila Odinga is their biggest liability in their attempt to capture power. Albert Einstein said that doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result is the definition of insanity.

MATHEW MWANGI
Nairobi

Just-elected MCAs demand pay hikes that bloat wage bill

Just after a month of being elected, MCAs and speakers want their umbrella County Assembly Forum to take legal action against the Salaries and Remuneration Commission's move to scale down their salaries. Their pay was reduced from Sh165,000 to Sh144,375. Not a single MCA is justified to demand a raise. Weren't they aware of the amount they would get when they ran for election? They should respect the efforts the SRC is making to lower recurrent expenditure and the bloated wage bill. Their demands are rather selfish and not in the interest of the electorate.

BONFACE ORUCHO
Via email

Learners living with HIV need help to remain in school

From being demoted from class prefect, to verbal abuse by their school mates and finally exclusion from curriculum activities by teachers just because they live with HIV. These are some of the difficulties learners living with HIV experience while in school. Several interventions have been made in responding to the HIV epidemic. But children living with HIV often experience stigma, discrimination, fear, blame from guardians and at times sexual abuse from already-infected persons. Continuous absenteeism due to frequent illness make fellow students and even teachers discriminate against them. Their academic performance is also inhibited by this stigma. To ensure their physical health, schools should strengthen guidance and counseling and referral systems and ensure good nutrition in their feeding programmes,

DANIEL OTIENO
Nairobi

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Do you think regular police officers should turn in their guns and only use batons?



No: They should not be disarmed since its is the gun that gives the police some authority. If they are disarmed, they will be equal to any other citizen.

JOB KASEMBELI
Director, Jaybi Insurance Agency



Yes: Nowadays, I don't feel safe standing next to an armed police officer because you can't tell when he or she will pull the trigger. The trend has changed and its scary.

DR MELAB MUSABI
Doctor, Kitale County Hospital



No: The reason why we have law and order is because police officers are armed and people fear. If they are not armed, crime rate will increase.

MERCY CHEPKOECH
Businesswoman, Kitale



No: They should not be disarmed since the circumstances under which a gun and a baton are used are different. They cannot deal with an armed thug with a baton. They will need a gun.

EMMAH SININO
Teacher, Kitale

VOICES

EDITORIAL

Divided Kenya now needs reconciliation

NASA presidential candidate Raila Odinga has announced that he will not contest the presidential election on October 26.

The Supreme Court annulled the August 8 election result on September 1 citing various anomalies, in particular with the transmission of results.

The Supreme Court assumed that the IEBC would re–run the election and rectify the faults from the first round. This would have been the best case scenario. If the IEBC failed to run a credible election on October 26, NASA could still have appealed again.

However NASA wanted major changes at the IEBC before any re–run. Now NASA argues that there can be no legal election without their candidate.

Jubilee will undoubtedly argue that the October 26 election should go ahead with one candidate, or that the original result should stand, if Raila has withdrawn. Presumably this matter will now return to the Supreme Court for adjudication.

Whatever happens, President Kenyatta must now rise to the challenge of uniting a divided and disappointed Kenya. It will not be easy. Reconciliation will be more important than suppression.

HISTORICAL QUOTE

"Women are like teabags. You don't know how strong they are until you put them in hot water."

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
The US First Lady (1933–1945) and human rights advocate (UN) was born on October 11, 1884.

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5 years ago, I was shot in an attempt to stop me from speaking out for girls' education. Today, I attend my first lectures at Oxford.

COMMENT



OKECH KENDO
Communications consultant and university lecturer

Chairman's dilemma – his indecision, palpable nervousness and timidity - has intensified since August 11, the day he fell, headlong, into the trap the IEBC secretariat laid for him



CHEBUKATI'S POISONED CHALICE

Hair-raising is not the right adjective to describe well-paying and secure jobs in the public service. Yet, this is what some of these positions — the IEBC chairman, EACC chairman and Auditor General — have become in the era of ascendant impunity.

One of the holders of these positions is the kind of character Kenya needs to demolish impunity. Chief Justice David Maraga has the national responsibility, a divine duty, to mentor and counsel his colleagues.

The President of the Supreme Court can help his colleagues to tame impudent politicians. Some of these politicians behave as though there can be no Kenya without them.

Maraga has set the standards. There should be no turning back on this precedent for holders of constitutional and independent offices. They have secure mandates and a duty to serve the public interest.

The chairman of the IEBC swam into trouble with politicians. But Wafula Chebukati's predicament is self-imposed. He is intimidated, but they still want to clip his wings.

Chebukati has been hovering between two ends of the stick — one marked right and another wrong. The man is stressed, with a disposition that pleads for public sympathy.

Chebukati's dilemma — his indecision, his palpable nervousness and timidity — has intensified since August 11. That was the day Chebukati fell, headlong, into the trap the IEBC secretariat laid for him.

'OWNERS' OF IEBC CAN'T TRUST THIS BUNGOMA MAN TO DO THE BIDDING OF THE RAPACIOUS POWER CLIQUE

Chebukati was executing his mandate as national presidential election returning officer, but he was not fully in charge. He is leading a system as an insider, but he is functionally an outsider.

Chebukati declared presidential election results that the Supreme Court later established were not verified. If he did not know what he was doing at the time, he is yet to admit he is not in control of IEBC operations.

He is also yet to admit he was under pressure to compromise public interest. The man needs urgent counselling on fidelity to the Constitution and the sanctity of public interest. And he has a mentor in Justice Maraga.

Arriving to that office in January, the chairman found a revving secretariat and a system. Insiders created for him a password without his say-so. This password was used about 10,000 times to access the IEBC server, from different parts of the country, without his consent.

Chebukati does not seem to like the job anymore. He also lacks the courage to stick to the constitutional expectations of the office. But he cannot quit now, no matter how hot the kitchen is.

Worse, they still want to clip his wings, which were shorter before the August 8 General Election. His deputy Connie Maina can stand in for him if the heat in the kitchen continues to rise.

He is being told any of the six commissioners can stand in for the chairman if he is fatigued — or if expediency demands. And the chairman does not have to be the only one to call and chair IEBC meetings. Any three of seven commissioners can constitute a forum to transact IEBC business.

Chebukati should smell the coffee: The 'owners' of the IEBC cannot trust this Bungoma county man to do the bidding of the rapacious power clique. But Chebukati has no reason to be stressed. He volunteered himself for this office.

Before he took up the IEBC job, Chebukati knew what he was getting into. Before you take up a job, you need to know its history. You need to know the fortunes of your predecessors.

Chebukati's predecessors, the late Samuel Kivuitu and Issack Hassan, were ejected from this tempestuous position when they fell afoul of power intrigues. Both were sacrificed for democracy to grow.

The IEBC imbroglio, though, is not the end of the road for Chebukati. Maraga can lend him a shoulder to cry on. Auditor General Edward Ouko, Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko, and Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission chairman Eliud Wabukala, all holders of offices of interest to lords of impunity, need to bond.

They need solidarity and to slay the dragon of impunity. They need the courage of Maraga to serve the national interest.

VOICES



COMMENT

MWIKALI KIVUVANI
Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights Alliance Kenya

Empowering women ripples across the society, economy, and future generations

EDUCATE YOUR GIRLS FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

The International Day of the Girl Child is set aside by the global community under the United Nations framework and is celebrated worldwide on October 11. The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls all over the world face.

Worldwide girls are faced with numerous sexual reproductive health and rights challenges, as well as lack of access to social opportunities.

Kenya is a country with a broad-based population structure. This means the country has more young people and children than adults. Half of this population are girls.

This generation of young people, including adolescent girls, has the potential to grow our country's economy. Unfortunately, young people, especially girls, face some of the worst sexual reproductive health and rights challenges.

These include female genital mutilation, child marriage, teenage pregnancy, rape, gender-based violence, HIV and poor menstrual hygiene.

These issues are cultivated in an environment that exposes girls to harmful cultural practices. Most girls, the majority of whom are in sub-Saharan Africa, lack basic sexual reproductive health and rights information.

Studies have shown that empowering women and girls in a community has powerful ripple effect across all areas of the society and economy, and reaches forward to future generations.

When you educate a girl, she is empowered to stand up against all forms of abuse, including FGM. Women with an education can lift themselves and their community out of poverty. These women plan their families and give birth to healthy children.

Kenya's policy and legal framework has good laws that protect girls and promote their sexual reproductive health and rights. Over the last decade alone, Kenya has passed robust legislation such as the Anti-FGM and Sexual Offences Acts. We have seen the review of the Adolescent Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights policy of 2015, which provides an environment for giving information and services to girls.

GIRLS GRAPPLE WITH FGM, CHILD MARRIAGE, TEEN PREGNANCY, RAPE, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, HIV, POOR MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

The governance space is also tilting slowly to accommodate more women. This is the general direction in terms of progress that will propel us towards achieving Vision 2030 and the sustainable goals.

The theme for this year is 'EmPOWER girls: Emergency Response and Resilience Planning'. Empowering girls is important to realise the global goals for sustainable development. Kenya's development agenda under the Vision 2030 framework includes investing in girls' education.

The day also promotes girls' empowerment and their human rights. In the next decade, 150 million girls are at the risk of undergoing FGM. These are 15 million girls every year.

In Kenya, the FGM prevalence is 21 per cent. One out of every five girls is at risk. Some communities have an FGM prevalence rate of almost 90 per cent. It is important to note that FGM and child marriage are the biggest obstacles to girls' education. Millions of girls will drop out of school after undergoing the cut and end up as child brides.

We should make significant investments in education, health, increase job opportunities for women and provide an all-inclusive governance structure that accommodates girls and women.

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COMMENT

DAUDI MWENDA
Communications consultant

With a parliament majority, they believe they can have their way, including amending the Constitution. That's over-confidence and a warped sense of entitlement that'll be the end of Jubilee



UHURU IS HURLTING TOWARD A CLIFF

Kenya faces perhaps its most crucial moment as an independent nation on October 26. On that fateful day, merely a fortnight away, Kenyans will once again go to the polls to elect a President for the second time in 60 days after the Supreme Court in a historic decision annulled the election of Uhuru Kenyatta.

The annulment came with a rider that unless the electoral process was calibrated to be in tune with the Constitution, the Supreme Court would not hesitate to annul any other election held thereafter.

Jubilee, in characteristic fashion, threw a tantrum telling anyone and everyone willing to listen that their well-deserved victory had been stolen and that the sovereign will of the people had been overthrown or overturned by four thugs (wakora).

The number of invectives and choice insults thrown at the court, and particularly at the person of the Chief Justice, are frighteningly scandalous, especially coming from none other than the President and Deputy President. The wisdom of this approach to a complex problem remains questionable. As this writer has said before, "It is unwise to abuse a crocodile whilst one's bottom is still in the water!"

Jubilee, in their arrogance and incredible sense of entitlement, have toured the country in a well-oiled campaign literally buying out former opposition stalwarts. In so doing, they appear to have obviously missed a cardinal point.

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY OR CAMPAIGN CAN MEASURE UP TO PEACEFUL PROTEST. UHURU MAY BE PLAYING HARD TO GET, BUT NASA WILL ENGAGE HIM AND HE'LL SUCCUMB

Firstly, the August 8 election was not lost on account of numbers! Why is Jubilee obsessed with numbers when in fact if the election had been on account of numbers then Jubilee would have won hands down!

The election was annulled on account of an undemocratic process. Jubilee has done zilch on this account. Their myopia has further blinded them to the fact that NASA is hardly campaigning. Raila Odinga is set for a tour of the United Kingdom and the United States of America, with the election only days away! Why is this so hard to grasp, or does NASA know something we don't?

Jubilee, with their parliamentary majority, believe they can have their way with anything, including amending the Constitution, being only shy of a super-majority by a handful of members. It is however over-confidence and a warped sense of entitlement that will be the end of Jubilee.

Raila is obviously sure that without the IEBC meeting his "irreducible minimum conditions", then it will not meet the Constitutional threshold set by the Supreme Court.

Jubilee will scream themselves hoarse, spend a fortune campaigning and buying opposition leaders whilst NASA sits pretty, only to instruct their lawyers to return to the Supreme Court and, presto, annul the election a second time! This would seriously deflate UhuRuto's political fortunes as election fatigue is already setting in.

Raila is, without doubt, a master political strategist. In employing peaceful street protest(s) as his modus operandi ,he has unleashed the most powerful political weapon ever known to man. It is time-tested and has seen many great men rise to dizzying heights, amongst them Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr and Nelson Mandela.

No amount of money or campaigning can measure up to peaceful protest. NASA has another trump card as the peaceful protest(s) disrupt normal business activities in the cities. Political pressure will soon come from the business community to seek a compromise. It is already there from diplomatic circles and religious leaders.

Uhuru may be playing "hard to get", but NASA will engage him and he shall succumb! As one journalist said, Raila is quite happy to play the monkey jumping on Uhuru's back and this is annoying Uhuru immensely.

If his reaction is anything to go by, he is making a series of forced errors which are an advantage to Raila. One can't help continuously asking, "Who advises the President (incumbent)?" He appears to be hurtling towards a cliff with all his advisers urging him on! Stop, Mr President!

INTERVIEW / NIC HAILEY

OBSERVERS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR E AND INDEPENDENCE OF JUDICIARY, I

The presidential election was endorsed by observers and envoys only to be nullified, but UK High Commissioner Nic Hailey



British High Commissioner Nic Hailey /PATRICK VIDIJA



US Ambassador Robert Godec, UN Nairobi Office director–general Sahle–Work Zewde and IEBC chairman Wafula Chebukati during a briefing on the state of preparedness for the August 8 General Election at the Bomas of Kenya, Nairobi, on July 29 /JACK OWUOR





ELIUD KIBII
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On Monday last week, envoys, including US Ambassador Robert Godec and British Deputy High Commissioner Susie Kitchens, gave a stern warning to Kenyan politicians regarding the October 26 repeat presidential election.

They said failing to hold the repeat polls as planned could plunge the country into a constitutional crisis. They urged NASA and Jubilee to drop some of their demands and compromise, arguing that most of the requests cannot be met due to time constraints.

UK High Commissioner Nic Hailey talked to the Star about the political impasse, the terror attacks in the UK and bilateral relations with Kenya.

Do you think the nullification of the presidential election results was an indictment of the observers and the envoys who endorsed them?

A: The UK, and the international community, have always been clear that we support Kenya's constitution and its institutions. I think there has been some misunderstanding of observers' roles. They can speak of what they have seen and make recommendations on how the process can be improved, as they did in August.

But they don't declare the results of the elections — that's for the IEBC — or decide whether they pass the test set out in the constitution — that's for the Supreme Court. We support those institutions as they do their work, and so should everyone. When it was clear that the opposition had serious concerns about the August 8 election, we made clear that the way to address these was to go to court. Now the court has ruled, it is essential that Kenya holds a fresh election within the constitutional timetable, and that leaders on both sides act with goodwill and give the IEBC the space it needs to deliver on that.

Hours after the Supreme Court ruling on September 1, 24 envoys said the IEBC has the ability to conduct the rerun, even before any reforms were made. Do you still stand by this?

A: Kenya's constitution is clear that the IEBC is the only institution that can run an election, and that a rerun should be within 60 days of the Supreme Court ruling. So it remains my view that the IEBC must run the new election within 60 days, in line with the constitution. Chairman Wafula Chebukati was clear following the Supreme Court ruling that changes needed to be made in processes and personnel for the presidential rerun. It's for the IEBC to decide what those should be, not me or any other diplomat or indeed any political party.

You said in a local TV talk show, "Institutions are precious and need to be respected." So what is your take on the attacks by the executive and the ruling party on the judiciary after the ruling?

A: Kenya's Supreme Court, in making its judgment on the elections, made a powerful statement about the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary. Strong, independent institutions are central to Kenya's democracy and should be respected. I continue to call on all Kenyans to respect justices in doing their constitutionally mandated work. I make the same call in respect of the IEBC, as the institution mandated to run the elections under the constitution.

IT REMAINS MY VIEW THAT THE IEBC MUST RUN THE NEW ELECTION WITHIN 60 DAYS, IN LINE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

Britain has experienced at least five terror attacks this year. Why do you think the UK and Europe are facing this upsurge in attacks?

A: The terror attacks that have taken place in the UK this year have tragically led to loss of life and injury. I have been touched by the support the UK has received from so many Kenyans in response. As two countries, we stand together in the fight against terrorism.

It is difficult to understand why terrorists feel the need to kill innocent people. For most of us, this is something we could never understand. But the UK authorities are working hard to keep the UK safe, through their efforts at home and internationally.

Working internationally to tackle terrorism is essential; it remains a UK priority, and a priority for the British High Commission here in Kenya. It is only through working together and sharing our experiences that we can effectively respond to this threat.

The UK has in the past issued travel advisories to its nationals due to the terror threat in Kenya, despite the UK also being a victim. Do you agree with critics that this is killing Kenya's tourism industry?

A: Thousands of Britons come to

LECTION RESULTS, EBC KEY TO RERUN

says decision-making is up to the IEBC and the Supreme Court





British Deputy High Commissioner Susie Kitchens, /NOBERT ALLAN

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Kenya as tourists every year. Helping them stay safe is important, and that means the British government needs to advise them about particular risks, as we do in any country. But we're also keen to help mitigate those risks, working with Kenya's national and devolved governments and tourism industry to do so. That is why we've been supporting enhanced security on Kenya's coast in particular.

What progress is being made in joint efforts to build greater security in Somalia, South Sudan and the Great Lakes region, and to tackle the spread of violent extremism?

A: The challenge posed by insecurity in Kenya's neighbours remains a real one, but we are making progress. I welcome the regional leadership role Kenya is playing in tackling instability; we'll continue to support you in doing so.

On Somalia, the UK hosted an international conference in May, which President Kenyatta attended. At that conference, the international community recommitted to tackling insecurity in Somalia.

Here in Kenya, we're putting that into action, by helping with the training of brave KDF forces before they deploy to Amisom. We're also supporting the security services in Somalia to build their capacity, so that Somalia can take responsibility for its own security in the longer term.

The recent 4th anniversary of the horrific Westgate attack, and the terror attacks we've faced in the UK, reinforce the importance of standing together in the fight against terror. We'll continue to do so, working closely with the Kenyan government to share best practices and build capacity to counter the shared threat posed by violent extremism.

We had attacks on White-owned ranches in Laikipia county and British nationals have been victims. Does the UK have a preferred presidential candidate to protect the interests of its nationals in these areas, and how do you think this issue can be solved?

A: We have never had a preferred candidate in these elections, and that remains the case.

Respect for property rights matters for Kenya's long-term prosperity. So does security for everyone. The land invasions in Laikipia are in nobody's interests. They did not just affect British nationals, but also a large number of Kenyans, as well as other international investors. Kenya needs security for people and for land tenure as a foundation for economic development. We will work with any new government with the aim of ensuring this, in the interests of all Kenyans.

A document purportedly from the British government recently did the rounds on social media but turned out to be fake news. How best can this emerging threat be handled to protect the integrity of institutions and the media?

A lot of fake news has circulated in recent months and weeks. None of us can single-handedly deal with this problem, so we all have a responsibility to look at the news we read, and to think before we believe or share it. There is lots of advice out there on how to spot fake news: looking at the source, checking the author, and considering whether something seems too outrageous, are key considerations.

Anybody who spots some potential fake news from the UK government can check this with us by tweeting us or emailing our enquiries' inbox.

OBSERVERS' ROLES HAVE BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD. THEY CAN SPEAK OF WHAT THEY'VE SEEN BUT NOT DECLARE RESULTS OR DECIDE THEIR CREDIBILITY

What strides has the UK made in partnering with Kenya to tackle poverty, improve education and health in the country?

A: We're committed to working with Kenya to further develop our commercial and development partnerships, and we've seen real progress in the last two years.

On trade, Kenya is a regional powerhouse and gateway to the region. UK investors know this, and are already here employing over 200,000 Kenyans. We've had some great successes in developing that trading relationship further since I arrived. Particular highlights for me have included opening a new Mombasa branch of the British Chamber of Commerce, to bring together British and Kenyan businesses at the coast, and the recent signing of a deal for a new motorway between Nairobi and Mombasa, with significant UK investment.

On development, too, we're making progress. The UK is one of Kenya's biggest donors, and we're putting UKAid to good use here, to help Kenya develop for the future. That support ranges from funding the rebuild of key infrastructure like the Mombasa port, to educating 250,000 girls as we work to tackle gender inequality.

So furthering these partnerships remains a UK commitment, and something I look forward to making more progress on.

Since the start of your duty on December 8, 2015, how has your experience in this country been?

A: Wonderful! Like the thousands of British tourists who visit Kenya each year, I have been struck by this country's natural beauty — its countryside, its Coast, its mountains and its world famous, awe-inspiring wildlife.

But other things about Kenya have really struck me, too. One is the emphasis Kenyans put on education and how you so publicly celebrate academic achievement. I am the son of two teachers, so this is something that resonates with me on a personal level.

Another is this country's intense democratic spirit, something Kenya shares with the UK.

A third is Kenya's national pride, which I have witnessed numerous times, from my first trip on the new SGR train, to watching rugby or cricket in Nairobi. For all the talk of tribe and region, Kenyans are good at celebrating what they have in common, and getting behind their country.

I HAVE WITNESSED NATIONAL PRIDE SEVERAL TIMES. FOR ALL THE TALK OF TRIBE AND REGION, KENYANS ARE GOOD AT CELEBRATING WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON, AND GETTING BEHIND THEIR COUNTRY

NEWS WORLD

11 KILLED

California fires: Deadly wildfires sweep through wine country

Parts of California's wine region were yesterday ravaged by fast-spreading fires that killed at least 11 people.

A state of emergency was declared in northern areas after mass evacuations, with 1,500 properties destroyed.

About 20,000 people fled from Napa, Sonoma and Yuba counties in response to some the state's worst-ever wildfires.

Such fires are more common in southern California but a combination of dry weather and strong winds has fuelled the destruction in the north.

"These fires have destroyed structures and continue to threaten thousands of homes, necessitating the evacuation of thousands of residents," Governor Jerry Brown said, declaring the emergency. There was little sign the weather in the coming days will bring relief to firefighters. More tinder dry conditions were forecast, with no rain expected. Meanwhile, in southern California, a separate wildfire burnt 24 homes or other buildings in the wealthy Anaheim Hills area of Orange County, forcing thousands of residents to evacuate. Details of how the seven people died in Sonoma were not immediately available but country sheriff Rob Giordano said he expected the death toll to rise.

"There is a lot of burned homes and a lot of burned areas," he said.



A burning structure at the Hilton Sonoma Wine Country during the Tubbs Fire in Santa Rosa, California, on Monday /REUTERS

FLASHES

MALAWI/ The UN said on Monday it has pulled staff out of two districts in southern Malawi where a vampire scare has triggered mob violence in which at least five people have been killed. Belief in witchcraft is widespread in rural Malawi, where many aid agencies and NGOs work. A spate of vigilante violence linked to a vampire rumours also erupted in Malawi in 2002. **ZIMBABWE/** President Robert Mugabe moved Patrick Chinamasa from the finance ministry on Monday to lead a new cyber security ministry that will focus on crimes on social media and other websites ahead of an election due next year. Chinamasa will be replaced at the treasury by Home Affairs Minister Ignatius Chombo in a cabinet reshuffle that also diminished the role of Vice President Emmerson Mnangagwa, seen as a potential successor to Mugabe. **TUNISIA/** The navy rescued almost 100 migrants from a sinking boat off its southeast coast late on Monday, authorities said, hours after eight people being smuggled to Europe drowned in the same stretch.

THE DATA

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Amount in shillings Buhari wants lawmakers to approve in loans

Nigeria's President Muhammadu Buhari has sought approval from lawmakers in the upper chamber of parliament for $5.5 billion of foreign borrowing, according to a letter read yesterday.

20 CANDIDATES

Liberia votes to choose Ellen Sirleaf successor

Ex-football star George Weah and Vice-President Joseph Boakai are the main contenders in the race to succeed her. Alex Cummings also in race

BBC / Liberians went to the polls yesterday to choose a successor to Africa's first elected female President and Nobel Peace laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Ex-football star George Weah and Vice-President Joseph Boakai are the main contenders in the race to succeed her.

Liberia, founded by freed US slaves in the 19th Century, has not had a smooth transfer of power in 73 years.

Sirleaf urged people to vote peacefully in a nation still recovering from a 14-year civil war.

"Your vote is about you and your family - not party, ethnicity," she said in an address to to the nation. A total of 20 presidential candidates are running to succeed Sirleaf.

They include Alex Cummings, a former Coca Cola executive, and MacDella Cooper, a former model and ex-girlfriend of Weah.

Sirleaf, 78, is stepping down at the end of her two terms.

The head of the electoral commission, Jerome Kokoya, told the BBC polls were to close at 6pm GMT and early results were to be announced by 11pm GMT.

He said to avoid a run-off, the winner of the presidential race must get 50 per cent plus one vote.

With so many candidates running, most analysts expect there to be a second round.

Provisional results could come as soon today, but might take up to two weeks due to the poor state of the country's infrastructure.

LIBERIA HISTORY

Sirleaf took office in 2006, after her predecessor, Charles Taylor, was forced out of office by rebels in 2003, ending the long civil war.

Taylor is currently serving a 50-year prison sentence in the UK for war crimes related to the conflict in neighbouring Sierra Leone.

Weah, 51, has chosen Taylor's ex-wife Jewel Howard Taylor as his running mate.

This is the former footballer of the year's third attempt to become president.

Sirleaf has failed to campaign for Boakai, fuelling speculation that the two have fallen out.

ACCOUNT AT POLLING STATION

Hundreds of Liberians were waiting in a queue that snaked from the gates of St Theresa convent, through South Beach slum, almost reaching the shoreline behind. Some elder members took plastic chairs to sit on.

Charles Daniel, 70, had been waiting since 6.30am GMT. "We want a good leader, not a ruler," he said.

Men and women carried large buckets full of boiled eggs and other snacks to sell hoping to make a killing.

Similar scenes were seen at hundreds of polling stations in and around the capital as Liberians prepared to elect their new president. The streets of the capital were almost empty - everybody seemed to be waiting patiently in line to cast their ballot.



A woman casts her ballot in Monrovia, Liberia, yesterday /REUTERS

INDEPENDENCE ROW

Catalan leader Puigdemont faces growing pressure

Catalan leader Carles Puigdemont is facing growing pressure to drop plans to break from Spain ahead of a key address to the regional parliament.

There is speculation he may announce a unilateral declaration of independence following a disputed referendum.

Catalan police have been posted outside parliament in Barcelona, sealing off the grounds to the public.

The mayor of Barcelona has urged Mr Puigdemont and Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy to "de-escalate" the crisis.

Puigdemont was due to make an address after a vote was held on October 1, which Catalan officials say resulted in almost 90 per cent of voters backing independence. Turnout was put at 43 per cent.

The vote was deemed illegal by Madrid and suspended by Spain's Constitutional Court. "No" voters largely boycotted the ballot and there were several reports of irregularities. National police were involved in violent scenes as they manhandled voters

Never before has the world watched Catalonia's regional parliament so closely. Puigdemont was to present his government's results of the disputed referendum.

NORTH KOREA 'HACKERS' STEAL

Hackers from North Korea are reported to have stolen a large cache of military documents from South Korea, including a plan to assassinate North Korea's leader **Kim Jong-un**. **Rhee Cheol-hee**, a South Korean lawmaker, said the information was from his country's defence ministry.

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Nameless / **COURTESY**

Nameless has been in hospital since last month. He wrote on his Facebook page, pleading for his fans to pray for him and also revealed he would not attend a mega show in Uganda.

The singer is now out of danger, and fans wished him all the best.

Moniqar Wangú: Waow my role models are here now I love this family no vituko no maringo may good Lord continue blessing you guys and healing upon nameless

giladmillo: Great news sending all of you lots of love energies and wishing you only good health & happiness

blessednjugush: Ameeeeen to life

purity__fine_grand: To God be the glory,Nyakio is so sweet i can picture her saying all that...love you guys,you inspire many. May God stand in for your family trials.

They called me black mamba, cries Lupita



Lupita Nyong'o / **COURTESY**

BY CAREN NYOTA @wenzycaren / Oscar-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o has revealed how her parents used to shield her and her siblings from the world when they were young.

Her parents are Kisumu Governor Professor Anyang' Nyong'o and Africa Cancer Foundation MD Dorothy Nyong'o.

"They shielded us from a lot. It would be dangerous for us to know things because then we could be a target. So they raised us with a semblance of normalcy.."

Lupita added that people used to make racial remarks about her skin colour.

"I used to be teased and teased. They called me black mamba, awful names. You know what I gained? Compliments never grow old. They're delightful every time."

I'M NOT ON DRUGS! DELA SLAMS 'CHARACTER ASSASSINATION'



Dela / **MOSES MWANGI**

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BY ELIZABETH MUSYIMI @kalondu_musyimi/ Dela Maranga is one of the best vocalists in Kenya and will be headlining the United Sounds Of Africa on Saturday.

Among those who will attend are Nigeria's Runtown and our very own Kagwe Mungai and Khaligraph Jones. Tanzania's Navy Kenzo and Lady Jaydee will also be gracing the event.

Talking exclusively to Word Is, the Mafeelings hitmaker told fans to wait for the best, as she will be giving them a surprise on stage.

We could not help but talk about how she was accused by a local photographer of doing drugs, and that even her friends did not want to take pictures with her.

"A lot has been said about me. Sometimes some things are said that could affect my life. Rumours have been going on that I'm on drugs. I'm not on drugs. That's not a funny joke about somebody, that's character assassination." She continued to pour her heart out:

"I didn't take it lightly and at the same time I didn't want it to affect me. Some people should be more careful about what they write about other people."

When asked if such controversy made her not get gigs, the Adabu hitmaker denied it.

"So far not so good. I'm still gigging, I'm still working, I was on a tour before that. I would say that I haven't been affected."

She added: "I think I would have probably gone to court if it started affecting my money."

From Kakuma to Nairobi: Wyre puts two Turkana artistes on the road to stardom



Wyre / **COURTESY**

BY ELIZABETH MUSYIMI @kalondu_musyimi / Talented Kenyan artiste and dancer Wyre is about to bring the city to a standstill as he introduces new artistes from Kakuma.

"We started a programme called Finding A Star. What happened is that I was performing at a function in Kakuma, and I noticed so much talent there, and we decided, why not look for two artistes, we can try and work on their career. One artiste is called Scooby and the other is Akuot, and they are really talented."

The two are about to drop their singles, which will be launched in Kakuma.

"Akuot is an amazing female vocalist, and I think she is destined for greatness. Scooby has so much energy. He is young, vibrant and bringing a whole new sound. I definitely look forward to hearing a lot more from them. You will be seeing more of them and we will be doing a grand launch for their single in Kakuma."

Currently, the dancehall king is ruling the airwaves with a song called Number, in which he seeks to get a woman's number, an inspiration drawn from everyday man's life.

"I decided to put myself in a position of this guy who is in a party and spotted this hot chick, and he is really trying to psyche up to talk to her, and his boys are telling him they doubt if he will get that number by the end of the night. He's been dared to do that and luckily, he does."

Talking about Necessary Noize, he said the group is still there and has great music ahead.

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INMATES OF LANG'ATA WOMEN'S PRISON PREACH PEACE AMID POLITICAL TENSIONS

The Lang'ata Women's Maximum Security Prison held "Peace One Day" on September 21.

The Prisons Department organised the event to educate the public about maintaining peace in the country, despite political differences.

It featured performances from The Red Acappella group, Jump the Rope Kenya, Kwach the police artiste and Lang'ata Women's Prison dancers.

Models from the prison showcased their dressing styles, then there was a cake-cutting to mark the day's occasion.

In attendance were corporate representatives, sponsors and friends of the prison.

Key guests included the prison's officer in charge **Olivia Obell.**

















1. Andrew Maina, Lang'ata Women's Prison officer in charge Olivia Obell, Peace Ituku, Monica Mwangi and Andrew Karumbo **2.** Inmates Peris Kamande, Ann Nduta and Winfred Wandia **3.** Police musician Kwach **4.** Rina's House Limited staff members **5.** Jump Rope Kenya's David Okoth, Isaac Oyoo and Innocent Philip **6.** Friends of Lang'ata Women's Prison Charity Odero, Hellen Okundi and Faraja Foundation's Teresa Okware **7.** MIss Lang'ata Prison 2016 Ruth Kamande and Miss Popularity 2016 Alicia Wetzer with inspector Marcyline Sikasa **8.** Voice coach Carson Ruth with a friend and percussionist Mobutu

/ EZEKIEL AMING'A

(+) OL PEJETA WINS BIG AT THE ECO-WARRIOR AWARDS 2017

The Eco-Warrior Award is a prize founded by Ecotourism Kenya to recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to promoting environmental conservation.

It aims to motivate winning ventures and the industry at large to operate in a manner that is ecologically and ethically sustainable to compete with the best in the world.

The awarding ceremony took place at Radisson Blu in Upper Hill Nairobi.

Key guests included Tourism CS **Najib Balala**, PS **Fatuma Mohammed** and Mandera Senator **Maalim Mohamed**.

Camilla McConnell of Ol Pejeta was named the overall winner.













1. Tourism PS Fatuma Mohammed, Eco-Warrior Award overall winner Camilla McConnell of Ol Pejeta and Tourism CS Najib Balala
2. Go Places group MD Nev Jiwani, Carlson Wagonlit Travel MD Julie Scott and Ecotourism Kenya CEO Grace Nderitu
3. Tourism Frontiers CEO Damian Cook and Tourism secretary Said Athaman
4. Trade Mark EA business environment director Waturi Matu and Travelport EA regional director Nita Nagi
5. Kenya Airways corporate brand executive Damaryce Ndira, Tourism Finance Cooperation director Edith Bosire and Tourism Regulatory Authority director Caroline Bello
6. Mandera Senator Maalim Mohamed

/DOUGLAS OKIDDY

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SEAT PRESERVED FOR MINORITY

Mabatini MCA Odalo elected Public Accounts Committee chairman, promises to serve fairly

Mabatini MCA Wilfred Odalo was yesterday elected chairman of the county assembly's Public Accounts Committee.

Odalo, who was elected on the ODM ticket, beat former Budget and Appropriations committee chairman Michael Ogada. Ogada is the MCA for Embakasi Central.Karen MCA David Mberia came third with one vote.

Odalo, who chaired Trade and Tourism Committee in the previous assembly, got 14 votes out of 19.

Speaking to the Star after his election, Odalo said he was grateful to members and promised to serve them all.

"I will ensure the committee discharges its mandate without any fear," Odalo said.

Standing orders require that PAC chairman comes from the minority side in the assembly.

ODM is an affiliate of NASA which is the minority side. The alliance won 38 out of the 83 MCA seats that were up for grabs in August general elections.



MAbatini MCA Wilfred Odalo /FILE



Hawkers on the streets of Nairobi on August 22 /VICTOR OMBOTO

REORGANISATION TO START IMMEDIATELY

Hawkers to pay Sh2,000 in new changes, to be barred from CBD

Traders to be listed using their voter registration details. Upcountry voters will not be licensed to do business in the city. County to carpet all streets and install lights, CCTV

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Restricting hawkers to specific areas within Nairobi's CBD is among measures Governor Mike Sonko has outlined in his plan to reorganise the city.

The traders will be required to register and pay an annual license fee of Sh2,000, according to a document released yesterday by City Hall.

The fees will be for services the county government will provide to allow the hawkers operate without harassment by county askaris.

The county will repair all streets, install street lights and CCTV cameras, provide garbage bins and clean the streets everyday to ensure hawkers operate in a clean environment.

The streets will also have mobile toilets according to the proposed plan from the Governor's office.

Hawkers will be identified using their voter registration details. Those not registered as Nairobi voters will not be licensed to do business in the city.

Once identified, genuine hawkers will be allocated specific spaces within the Central Business District.

"Allocation of space will be done with fairness to ensure everyone is given space within their current working environment," the plan says.

The Governor has formed eight committees, comprising both the county staff and the hawkers' representatives to oversee the reorganisation process.

The county staff in the committees are from the departments of inspectorate, trade and finance.

The exercise will be implemented in three phases.

The committees will ensure that hawkers do not operate outside shops before 2pm. They will also ensure the traders do not occupy both sides of a street.

"We expect the process to start immediately and it should take one month. Once done, we shall have achieved the governor's manifesto," the document says.

(+) 10,000 TRADERS TO BE AFFECTED

There are about 10,000 hawkers in Nairobi who will be affected by the reorganisation plan by the county administration. They are mostly concentrated on River Road, Moi Avenue, Tom Mboya and Ronald Ngala streets with others in Ngara. The new guidelines will however bar hawkers from selling their wares on Moi Avenue. "Committees will ensure no hawker operates beyond Tom Mboya street," the guideline says. Anyone who disobeys the rules will be charged in court, it added.

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COUNTIES CENTRAL

'MOI GAVE US LAND'

600 squatters accuse tycoon of grabbing 100 acres

At least 600 squatters from Umoja Estate in Thika yesterday protested against alleged grabbing of their 100 acres by a private developer.

A tycoon erected a signboard and warned them of dire consequences if they trespassed on the land.

Led by their chairman Peter Njoroge, the squatters said the land was allocated to them by the old Thika Municipal Council in 1996 on the orders of former President Daniel Moi.

''This is our land and we won't allow greedy people to evict us. Crooked officials in government and the former county government colluded with some tycoons to evict us,'' Njoroge said.

''In 2010, our land was sold to a private developer who has been terrorising us. He used police to forcibly evict us.

''On January 9, 2014, earthmovers flattened our houses. We've been living on a road reserve,'' the chairman said.

Beatrice Wambui, 85, said she lost her husband, Karanja Kibiri, after a land fight. He tripped and fell. Wambui said he died of his injuries months later.

The squatters have appealed to the National Land Commission to resolve the matter urgently.



Umoja Estate in Thika protesting yesterday / JOHN KAMAU

PHOTO STORY



Gatundu South MP Moses Kuria, ex–Budalang'i MP Ababu Namwamba and nominted MP David ole Sanko during a Mbele Iko Sawa campaign in Kiambu yesterday / FREDDIE CHEGE

METRE RENT SCRAPPED, RECONNECTION FEE SLASHED

Wairia dissolves 5 water boards, caretaker team to study problems

Murang'a, Murang'a South, Kahuti, Gatanga and Gatamathi boards sent packing. Murang'a Governor accuses them of poor services, charging exorbitant fees

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Murang'a Governor Mwangi Wairia has dissolved the boards of five water firms and appointed a caretaker committee to streamline services.

The firms are Murang'a Water and Sewerage Company, Muranga South Water and Sewerage Company, Kahuti Water Company, Gatanga Water Company and Gatamathi Water Company

The committee will prepare a report on the problems the water companies faced. They will also collect complaints from residents in a month.

Wairia said the county has received many complaints from the public about poor quality of services. It could not sit back and do nothing, he said.

"I promised before the election that every resident will have access to affordable water," Waria said.

The governor said the caretaker committee would prepare a plan to enure 50 per cent of Murang'a residents, who do not have water, get connected.

The committee has been gazetted, and begins work immediately.

Waria said charges will be harmonised for water to be affordable.

"The companies charged different tariffs. This must end. We will ensure domestic water consumers pay a standard amount of Sh200, down from Sh330, which Muwasco has been charging," Wairia said.

Muwasco also charges Sh165 for sewerage and Sh50 for metre rent.

Wairia scrapped metre rent, application fee of Sh200 and connection fee of Sh2,000. Residents will get free water connections.

Reconnection fee for defaulters has been slashed from Sh1,000 to Sh100.

These charges have made water very expensive. Residents are forced to walk long distances in search of water, Wairia said.

Wairia said the county government will receive Sh500 million water pipes from the Water ministry.

"The government promised to boost our water supply by supporting us with pipes.

"Water CS Eugene Wamalwa says they will be commissioned on Thursday," Wairia said.

The governor declared war on water companies in July after they refused to reduce charges. He accused them of charging exorbitant fees.

The battle spilled over into the courts after Muwasco filed a suit barring the governor from holding a stakeholders meeting.

The suit was dismissed.

WANT TO MEET UHURU, RUTO

8 walk from Burnt Forest to Nairobi for peaceful poll

Eight people are walking from Burnt Forest in Uasin Gishu to Nairobi in a campaign for a peaceful poll.

Ruku–ini Peace Walk has urged young people to participate in the October 26 presidential poll.

It urged people to remain focused on the issues affecting them.

Erastus Chege, a member of the group, urged young people to avoid being used by politicians to cause chaos.

They left Burnt Forest on September 30. They have been rallying for peace.

''Everywhere we go, people have received us well. We have even been given food, water and shelter.

''We have exhausted our stock,'' Chege said when the group arrived in Limuru town on Monday.

Joseph Mwaura, another member, said the walk is voluntary. He said they started the walk with nine of their 12–member group.

''Three members did not participate. When we arrived in Nakuru, one member boarded a matatu and went back,'' Mwaura says.

The group also wants to meet President Uhuru Kenyatta and Deputy President William Ruto.

They said UhuRuto will win with over 70 per cent of the vote.

'SPOKE THROUGH JUDGES'

Satan caused Uhuru's win to be nullified – Speaker

Nyandarua speaker Wahome Ndegwa (pictured) 'has blamed the devil' for the nullification of President Uhuru Kenyatta's victory by the Supreme Court on September 1.

''The devil came to Kenya and spoke through the Judges'', Ndegwa saida t the weekend as he and other Nyandarua leaders campaigned for Uhuru.

He said Kenyans decisively sealed NASA leader Raila Odinga's fate, and buried him politically during the August 8 General Election.

Kenyans have lived in pain and tears, ''like someone keeping a corpse in their house, because of 'one man', yet there are people who will still vote for him,'' Ndegwa said.

Ndegwa said it is regrettable some residents in Nyandarua had voted for the opposition chief in August and urged all to reject him in the October 26 rematch.





CREDIT OBTAINED BY FALSE PRETENCES

Businessman's bail reduced to Sh1m from Sh5m

Lawyer says Kirit Bhagwandas not flight risk, needs treatment at MP Shah



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Cash bill has been released from Sh5 million to Sh1 million for a businessman who was charged last week with obtaining Sh210 million credit under false pretenses.

Kirit Bhagwandas had been unable to raise the Sh5 million.

Appearing before Kiambu principal magistrate Justus Kituku, Bhagwandas denied he obtained the money from Hitesh Pravin between between July 30 and November 13, 2015, in Nairobi.

Lawyer Ishmael Abbas sought reduced bail.

He said Bhagwandas is not a flight risk since he surrendered his passport to police and is in need of medical treatment.

Kituku instructed the investigating officer to follow up with the immigration office to ascertain whether the accused has another passport.

The magistrate said the surety bond should remain at Sh10 million.

Mention of the case is scheduled for tomorrow.

The hearingn will be on November 10.

The court had earlier been told Bhagwandas pretended to be in a position to renovate Pravin's apartments in Nyali.

Lawyer Ishmael Abbas asked the court to put Bhagwandas under the custody at MP Shah Hospital, where he has been receiving treatment.

The prosecution opposed this, saying Bhagwandas has been evading taking a plea by feigning illness.

It urged that he be taken to public hospital near the court. He was, however, allowed to seek treatment at MP Shah. Bhagwandas was accompanied by a nurse who helped him stand up and from time to time gavehim a sip of a soft drink.

He was rushed to MP Shah a week ago after he collapsed while being taken to Muthaiga police station for pre-charge processing.

This was after recording statements at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations headquarters in Nairobi.

Kirit Bwagwandas is assisted by Rhodah Wangari, a nurse from MP Shah Hospital, at the Kiambu law court on Thursday / STANLEY NJENGA

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CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

St Paul's praises JP for learning reforms

Chancellor Kobia says computer lessons will help pupils learn with ease, progress



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St Paul's University chancellor has praised the Jubilee administration for reforming education by encouraging creativity and innovation.

Chancellor Samuel Kobia said the introduction computer lessons in primary schools will help pupils learn with ease as they progress to higher education. He said the transition from the 8-4-4 system to the 2-6-3-3-3 structure will enable everyone tobecome an engaged, empowered and ethical citizen.

"If handled well, these changes can position Kenya as a well-resourced country, and a powerhouse for highly skilled human resources well prepared for the 21st century," Kobia said.

The ministry of Education aims at phasing out the 8-4-4 system and replacing it with the new 2-6-3-3-3 to reduce the number of dropouts.

Kobia spoke at SPU's 26th graduation at the main campus in Kabuku town, Limuru constituency, on Friday.

He was accompanied by vice chancellor Joseph Galgalo and chief guest Jusctice Paul Kihara, who is the President of the Court of Appeal.

Kobia asked education stakeholders to support changes in the sector, saying they are aimed at helpingstudents to realise their talents, abilities and careers at an early age.

"The government envisions education that will provide equality, training and research for sustainable development," he said. Justice Kihara urged graduands to be creative in their jobs to help transform society. More than 2,000 students graduated.

THESE CHANGES CAN POSITION KENYA AS A POWERHOUSE WITH HIGHLY SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES



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'DON'T DEFLATE ME'

Vote Uhuru so I can ask him to develop Kwale – Mvurya

Kwale Governor Salim Mvurya and his deputy Fatuma Achani have been vigorously campaigning for President Uhuru Kenyatta.

They sometimes hold as many as four rallies a day.

The two leaders, who defected from ODM and won the August 8 election, urged voters to support Uhuru to ensure projects are initiated.

"I know most of you voted for NASA in the past General Election. Despite supporting the party, what has it done so far to help the Kwale people?" Mvurya said in Malomani, Kinango.

He continued, "Just as you did for me on August 8, I'm requesting you to support Uhuru in the rerun and I promise we will go far in terms of development."

Mvurya and Achani have campaigned in Makwenyeni in Lunga Lunga, Ndavaya, Pemba, Pemba, Bofu and Kafuduni.

"When you vote for President Kenyatta, you empower and give me the right and confidence to ask for more for you from him. If you don't, you deflate me before the Head of State who has shown a lot of interest in developing Kwale county," Mvurya



President Uhuru Kenyatta receives former Taita Taveta Governor John Mruttu on Monday /PSCU



President Uhuru and DP William Ruto receive former Senator Hassan Omar who decamped to Jubilee, at the Serani Grounds, Mombasa, on Sunday / PSCU

DP ENDORSES EX-SENATOR

Omar to play key role in Ruto's campaign for President in 2022

I have never had a person in Jubilee who has respected me and supported me, not necessarily in the election, like Najib Mohamed Balala, says former Mombasa senator



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Deputy President William Ruto is forming his 2022 presidential campagin team and former Senator Hassan Omar is a key player in Mombasa.

On Monday, Ruto endorsed Omar for the governor seat in 2022 in front of Jubilee candidate Suleiman Shahbal and President Uhuru Kenyatta.

While inviting Omar to speak, Ruto said, "Haiya. Wa mwisho ni ndugu yetu, seneta wa zamani, kwa mapenzi ya Mungu, atakayekuwa gavana, In Sha Allah, wa Mombasa hii, Senator Hassan Omar Sarai. (Okay. Lastly, it's our brother, former senator, who, God willing, will become governor of Mombasa, Senator Hassan Omar Sarai.")

ORDER OF SPEAKING

The order of speaking also pointed to the importance Ruto and Jubilee leaders attached to Omar.

The former Wiper secretary general spoke just before Uhuru and was introduced by Ruto himself.

Other leaders were invited to speak by Tourism CS and Jubilee Coast point man-designate Najib Balala.

The exception was former Taita Taveta Governor John Mruttu who also defected to Jubilee from ODM,

Sources indicate Omar was fronted by Balala, who insiders say is more comfortable working with Omar than with Shahbal.

Omar said he and Balala respect each other and always consulted one another on issues affecting Mombasa, despite being in different camps.

"I have never had a person in Jubilee who has respected me and supported me, not necessarily in the election, like Najib Mohamed Balala," he said.

In 2013, Omar beat Balala to win the Senate seat.

Omar said Balala then called him and assured him of his full, unequivocal support. He also heaped praise on Ruto, saying the Deputy President was the first to call him after his August 8 loss to Governor Hassan Joho.

(+) EX-SENATOR WANTS JOHO POLL VICTORY NULLIFIED

Former Senator Hassan Omar got 43,790 votes in the race for Mombasa governor. He trailed Governor Hassan Joho (221,363 votes) and Jubilee's Suleiman Shahbal (69,429 votes). Omar is challenging Joho's victory in court. On Sunday, while joining Jubilee campaigns, Omar hinted at a pre–existing arrangement by which he will either fly the Jubilee flag with Shahbal supporting him or he will back down for Shahbal — if the businessman stands a better chance of winning.

'IT'S TOO HOT FOR THEM'

KDF in hot pursuit of militants hiding in Boni Forest

KDF soldiers in Lamu county have intensified their crackdown on al Shabaab militants fleeingfollowing the killing of five of members on Monday.

Operation Linda Boni director Joseph Kanyiri said KDF recovered weapons and devices, including six AK–47 assault rifles, 321 rounds of ammunition, three grenades and explosives.

KDF raidedthe Bodhei area on the Lamu–Garissa border.

The area is part of the Boni enclave campaign, meaning it is one area zoned as vulnerable to al Shabaab entries and attacks.

Some wounded terrorists escaped during the 11.30 am ambush by the KDF.

Speaking in Lamu yesterday, Kanyiri said KDF is in hot pursuit of those who fled and would soon capture them.

He said the Linda Boni operation has been largely successful in flushing out militants who have been camping inside the Boni Forest.

"Al Shabaab hiding in Boni Forest are finding it too hot to stay. With the daily bombardments and ambushes, they are in what we call flight mode," Kanyiri said.

Operation Linda Boni was launched two years ago but it had to be stepped up recently since terrorists were still in the the vast forest.

COULD LEAD TO NULLIFICATION

Don't change election laws now, lobbies tell MPs

Two lobby groups in Mombasa have asked MPs to shelve their plans to change the election laws, saying the timing is wrong and could lead to the nullification of the October 26 repeat presidential election.

Haki Africa and Institute for Land, Governance and Human Rights (ILGHR) on Sunday said elections laws should be changed at least six months to an election and not "less than three weeks as pushed by Jubilee MPs".

Haki Africa executive director Hussein Khalid (pictured) and ILGHR coordinator Goodluck Mbaga yesterday said the ad hoc committee on election laws has been biased towards organisations and commissions based in Nairobi leaving out those based at the Coast and other parts of the country. "Election laws affect all voters and all of them should be given equal opportunities to air their views," Mbaga said in Mombasa.





Police officers near the scene where gunmen fired on vehicles carrying Tum staff members and students in Ukunda, Kwale, yesterday /ALLOYS MUSYOKA

SH50M FROM WILD GEESE

Disabled kids to get six special schools in Kwale

NGO says children with cerebral palsy have been left behind in education. Schools will be in Lunga Lunga, Vanga, Mwerini, Dzombo, Kikoneni and Pongwe locations



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An NGO in Kwale has secured Sh50 million funding to set up six special schools for children with cerebral palsy.

Kids Care Kenya yesterday said the schools in Kwale will ensure the disadvantaged children are not left behind in education.

The six schools will be in Lunga Lunga, Vanga, Mwereni, Dzombo, Kikoneni and Pongwe locations.

The organisation plans to roll out aspects of the programme as early as this month, though facilities are not complete. Some have not yet been built.

Funding comes from a Dutch donor — Wild Geese.

The NGO has struggled to establish the schools but faced financial hurdles.

Director Ali Mwaziro thanked the donor, whom he did not identify.

Cerebral palsy is a nervous system disorder caused by a non-progressive brain malfunction or injury.

It occurs when a child's brain is underdevelopment and primarily interferes with muscle coordination and body movement. Movements can be jerky and uncontrolled.

It is estimated that each special school will care for and teach 40-60 children a week. They will attend at least two days a week.

The facilities will have at least two spacious classrooms, a teacher trained in special education, therapy sessions, suitable washrooms and a feeding programme.

"There are people and organisations in Kenya and Holland who are interested in supporting the idea and want to help with knowledge and finance," Mwaziro said.

In a statement to the media, he said the NGO will partner with the Kwale government and donors to ensure success of the project.

The NGO has picked Lunga Lunga because there are many children with the cerebral palsy in the subcounty.

"That is why we felt the need for the facilities to be near the environment of the children and their caretakers," Mwaziro said.

The organisation has been referring children to special needs schools, but they have been unsuccessful.

Mwaziro said the children end up staying at home. Mwaziro blamed this on parents' inability to afford school fees and the long distance between some homes and the schools.

The NGO will also seek support from the national government.

"The county government is supposed to provide land for the construction of the facilities so that our children can get services they require," Mwaziro said.

"This is an opportunity we cannot miss, as our foreign partners are ready. All we need is the authorities' approval," he added.

Last year, the NGO launched the Yes We Can project that provided physical therapy to 60 children.

"The deaf, dumb and mentally disabled children have schools, where they get education, but cerebral palsy patients have nowhere to go," Mwaziro said.



Former Governor John Mruttu and President Uhuru Kenyatta In Mombasa on Monday /PSCU

OPPOSITION MUST BE WARY

Mruttu's defection to Jubilee blow to NASA, politiical landscape slowly shifting – analyst

The defection of former Taita Taveta Governor John Mruttu to Jubilee is a blow to NASA and could signal a political shift in the county.

Mruttu ran as an independent, but was seen to be allied to NASA. He dumped ODM after he was defeated in the nominations. He lost to Governor Granton Samboja (Wiper).

Mruttu on Monday said Coast politics is mainly based on "feelings and not issues" and added that should change.

President Uhuru and DP William Ruto said they would continue to fill the Jubilee basket promised more benefits.

Political analyst Mwakuja Mrombo, himself from Taita Taveta, yesterday said Mruttu's defection means the county could be shifting allegiance slowly and NASA must be wary of that.

"It's true the political landscape is shifting, given there are Jubilee members who were elected to the county and national assemblies," he said.

THE DATA

60

Number of Kwale kids who benefitted from phyical therapy last year

Kids Care Kenya has said it will set up six schools for children with cerebral palsy. Last year, it launched a physical therapy project.



2ND ATTACK IN A WEEK

Two TUM staffers shot dead by unknown assailants

Two employees of the Technical University of Mombasa (pictured), Kwale campus, were shot dead yesterday in Mbuwani, Ukunda.

The attack took place barely a week after another in which two police officers were killed at Ukunda ACK.

In the attack yesterday, the targets were on their way to work in a staff car when unknown gunmen opened fire.

Police officers and a driver sustained minor injuries.

Msambweni police boss Joseph Chebusit said two female employees died on the spot. Those injured were taken to Diani Beach Hospital.

The criminals exchanged fire with the officers before escaping.

"It's an unfortunate incident. One officer was slightly injured in the thigh and another in the arm. The driver sustained miner injuries," Chebusit said.

"We assure locals that we will find the criminals," Chebusit said.

NO ROOM FOR UHURUTO

Kwale NASA leaders have told Governor **Salim Mvurya** to stop preaching the JP agenda to them if he wants their support. They said they are ready to work with him if he cooperates.

COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY



Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Alex Tolgos after meeting KVDA boss David Kimosop and other leaders in Iten on Monday /STEPHEN RUTTO

FRESH PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ORDERED

Tolgos softens stand on Sh63bn dams, KVDA to consult residents

Fears of lack of compensation put the governor and KVDA on a collision course. The authority wants to build Arror and Kimwarer dams in Elgeyo Marakwet



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Elgeyo Marakwet Governor Alex Tolgos has softened his opposition to the construction of Sh63 billion Arror and Kimwarer dams.

He had initially said public participation was not properly carried out.

But speaking after a meeting with county commissioner Fredrick Ndambuki on Monday, Tolgos said they have raised their concerns with the Kerio Valley Development Authority.

"We have asked KVDA to go back to the people and carry out proper public participation," he said.

Tolgos said KVDA has assured them all compensation issues will be resolved before construction begins.

The project has received strong opposition from residents, who fear they might not be compensated for their land.

KVDA managing director David Kimosop said an evaluation will be carried out to determine how the compensation will be done.

He attributed fears by the locals to failure by the government to compensate those in Kapsowar, where Chebara Dam was built.

Kimosop said international financial corporation standards will be followed to ensure fair compensation. No one will be negatively affected, he said.

The authority is establishing the number of families that will be affected by the projects, Kimosop said.

KVDA chairman Sam Kona said the authority will find alternative land for the families.

He said the deal was agreed on after it was established that some evictees do not buy land after they receive payouts.

"All leaders are in support of the implementation of the dams. Opposition had arisen from information gaps," Kona said.

Last month, the governor and Kimosop clashed over the project.

Kimosop wrote to Tolgos asking him to stop undermining the projects.

Tolgos had criticised the KVDA for not consulting all stakeholders.

Kimosop asked Tolgos to name leaders or groups that had been left out.

The county boss had also accused the authority of scheming to forcibly take over private land, but Kimosop denied this.

The CEO said he was unaware of plans for compulsory acquisition of land. He said due process is being followed.

2,000 RABIES CASES ANNUALLY

Department will hold one–week drive to clear Naivasha of stray dogs and cats

The Department of Veterinary Services will from today capture stray dogs and cats in Naivasha. The exercise will take a week.

The number of stray animals has risen, mainly in informal settlements around the town, the department said.

Subcounty veterinary officer Miriam Nakeel said residents have complained about the number of animals roaming the streets.

In a public notice, she said owners have neglected their animals.

"Take notice the department will start clearing stray dogs and cats from the estates," reads the letter.

Statistics from the Kenya Veterinary Association indicate that stray dogs are the largest contributor to rabies.

The association said at least 2,000 Kenyans die of the disease annually.

KVA national chairman Samuel Kahariri said the disease can be contained through vaccination.



KVA national chairman Samuel Kahariri exames a cow in Shalpough village / MARRYANN CHAI

SH600M MORE NEEDED

Trans Nzoia MCAs back completion of referral hospital

Trans Nzoia MCAs have assured Governor Patrick Khaemba of their support in the completion of the Kitale Teaching and Referral Hospital.

On Monday, they pledged to pass a Sh600 million supplementary budget to be presented in the assembly.

More than 30 ward reps who accompanied the governor on a tour of the facility said the hospital is a noble idea.

Led by Leader of Majority Patrick Kisiero and minority leader Emmanuel Waswa, they said the hospital will create employment.

Khaemba said Sh600 million has already been spent so far.

He said the national government has shown interest in equipping the hospital.

"Members know that every good thing comes with a lot of court cases. To date, I can say we have battled a lot of cases, which we have won. Your support will make the project a success," Khaemba said.

In April, he had projected that the hospital would be complete in two months.

Khaemba said it will help to reduce the cost of healthcare for patients who travel to Eldoret or Nairobi.

CHALLENGED RIVAL'S WIN



Jebii's election petition to be heard December 13–20

The High Court has set dates for the hearing of petitions challenging the election of Marakwet East MP Bowen Kangogo and Trans Nzoia Senator Michael Mbito.

Kangogo's suit will be heard from December 4 to 8, while the petition against Mbito is scheduled for December 13–20.

Justice George Kimondo set the dates and all parties in the petitions attended pre–trial sessions at the High Court in Eldoret, where the two election disputes will be heard.

Kangogo and Mbito's lawyers have filed replies to the petitions defending their victories.

The IEBC argues it held free, fair and credible polls.

Kangogo was declared winner with 14, 812 votes against former MP Linah Kilimo's (pictured) 13,845 votes.

COUNTIES RIFT VALLEY

BETTER PRICES

You will get Sh400 more for a bag of maize this season, Kutuny tells farmers

The government will pay Sh400 more for a bag of maize this season to improve farmers' livelihoods, Cherangany MP Joshua Kutuny has said.

Addressing farmers in his constituency on Monday, Kutuny said more money has been allocated to the Agriculture ministry to ensure better prices to farmers.

He said MPs will push for more funds to the ministry.

"As a Jubilee MP, I am committed to move a motion that will ensure enough funds are allocated for buying of maize from farmers," Kutuny said.

Last year, the National Cereals and Produce Board bought a bag of maize at Sh3,000.

President Uhuru Kenyatta announced last week that the government will spend Sh6 billion to subsidise maize and make flour affordable to Kenyans.



Cherangany MP Joshua Kuttuny with Kalenjin women in his constituency on October 2 / NICHOLAS WAMALWA

SCAM TO SELL TREES

I lost Sh2M to man pretending to be Biwott's son, court told

Timber dealer said he was taken to late minister's farm in Keiyo South and promised he could buy and fell trees. Workers confirmed middleman as genuine, then disappeared



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A businessman yesterday narrated to a court how he lost Sh2 million to a conman pretending to be the son of former minister Nicholas Biwott.

Timber dealer Ibrahim Kassim told Eldoret Chief Magistrate Charles Obulusta he was conned by Solomon Kiptanui who claimed to be a son to the late Biwott.

Kassim said Kiptanui told him that he could sell him trees at Maria Soti farm in Keiyo. The farm was owned by Biwott. The former minister who died in July was buried at the farm.

'EMPLOYEES ASSURED ME THE ACCUSED WAS SON OF LATE MINISTER'

Kiptanui had told Kassin that he had Biwott's authority to sell part of the trees on the farm.

Two employees of the farm, Milcah Cheruto anc Margaret Jepchirchir, are co-accused in the case.

They are accused of lying to Kassin that Kiptanui was a son of the late Biwott.

Kassin said he was linked to Milcah by Elgeyo Marakwet politicians Moses Changwony.

"Milcah ssured me Kiptanui was indeed the only son of the late Biwott. She also told me that Kiptanui's mother was a Tanzanian," Kassim said.

He said Milcah took him round the farm at the request of Kiptanui.

Kassim accused Margaret of lying to be Kiptanui's wife.

"We drafted the payment agreement on June 6 after Kiptanui assured me that his father had allowed him to sell trees," said Kassim.

All the three suspects were present as they drafted the payment agreement, he said.

They then marked the trees that Kassim was to buy.

Kassim produced bank statements showing he transferred Sh1 million to Kiptanui's account on June 6, 2017. Two other deposits of Sh500,000 each were transacted by his brother Hussein Mohammed.Kiptanui later disappeared, Kassim said.

The case will be mentioned on October 30.



Biwott's family members during his burial in elgeyo Marakwet on July 20 / MATHEWS NDANYI

SH50 MILLION DEMANDED

Say sorry for slur on bribes and sex, Kinyanjui told

Subcounty administrators in Nakuru have demanded an apology from Governor Lee Kinyanjui for allegedly suggesting that they are hiring through bribery and sexual favours.

The 117 administrators were sent on compulsory leave by the governor in August.

At a press conference where he made the announcement, Kinyanjui said, "I hereby put on notice Public Service Management Board , which has been adversely mentioned in recruitment malpractices including bribery and sexual exploitation.

"Your utterances at the conference were understood to mean that our clients are incompetent and that their employment was only secured through bribery and sexual favours," employees' lawyers Gordon Ogolla and Kipkoech Ng'etich said in a notice to Kinyanjui.

"Withdraw the statement, tender an apology to our clients and pay them Sh50million as compensation for the damage you have caused," the notice reads.

They have given Kinyanjui 14 days to apologise, otherwise, they say they will sue him for defamation.

The administrators had been sent on compulsory leave.

However, tthey moved to court and got orders barring the governor from sacking them.

HERDER SHOT DEAD

Police boss assures of security during election, exams

Security in Elgeyo Marakwet will be intensified ahead of repeat elections and national exams, county commissioner Fredrick Ndambuki (pictured) has said.

He said measures have been put in place to ensure the two exercises take place peacefully in the banditry-prone region.

"We have taken necessary steps to ensure KCSE and KCPE exams, as well as the repeat polls, take place peacefully. There is no cause for alarm," Ndambuki said.

He was speaking on Monday in Iten.

A peace meeting is scheduled for today at the Elegeyo Marakwet-West Pokot border.

Governor Alex Tolgos and his West Pokot counterpart John Lonyangapuo are expected to preside over the event. It comes just a week after Pokot bandits shot dead a herder in Marakwet East in renewed attacks.



COUNTIES EASTERN

FAILED WATER PROJECTS

Embu elders defend Lands executive despite burgled Mwea scheme allocation

Embu Lands executive Josphat Kithumbu has done well and united Embu, Mbeere and Mwea, the Council of Elders said yesterday.

Kithumbu has been reappointed by Governor Martin Wambora, but some MCAs are against him.

The elders urged the county assembly to approve him for a second term. Led by chairman Richard Mbogo, they spoke at Scouts Centre in Embu town.

A week ago during vetting, Kithumbu was asked why he scuttled the controversial Mwea Settlement Scheme distribution.

He said he did not personally distribute the land but it was allocated by the National Land Commission and the county government.

He was asked to explain the failure of piped water projects initiated during his tenure.

LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Uhuru promised to look out for disabled so I ditched NASA for JP, says Makarina

Former NASA point man in Meru Mike Mutembei said he defected to Jubilee after the government pledged to address the grievances of people with disability.

''I'm a person living with disability. The Jubilee government has done very little for us and that is why I supported the opposition. But I met [President] Uhuru and told him about my plight and he agreed to address the issues,'' he said.

Mutembei, popularly known as Makarina, spoke to the Star on Sunday.

He defected to Jubilee on Friday during Uhuru's campaign in the county.

Mutembei said he respects NASA presidential candidate Raila Odinga.

He urged Raila to take part in the repeat presidential election on October 26. ''If he does not want to be on the ballot, it shows he wants to plunge the country into chaos,'' he said.

THE DATA

52,000

People living with disability in Meru, according to a politician

Mike Mutembei, who defected to Jubilee last week, said the people living with disability will vote for President Uhuru. Anthony Manyara is now the new NASA point man in Meru.



Kitui Governor Charity Ngilu and Kenya Red Cross secretary general Abbas Gullet distribute green gram seeds to farmers in Kitui South subcounty on Monday / MUSEMBI NZENGU

NO MORE INDIGNITY OF QUEUEING FOR FOOD AID

'Ndengu Revolution' to end food insecurity, Kitui's new cash crop

We are walking towards kicking relief food out of Kitui. Never again shall our people sit for hours at a chief's camps for portions from charitable organisations, says governor



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Governor Charity Ngilu and the Kenya Red Cross have launched the Sh100 million Ndengu Revolution to end food security and help eradicate poverty.

Its aim is to make green gram (ndengu) Kitui county's cash crop and turn Kitui from being food dependent to a big food producer.

Ngilu partnered with Red Cross secretary general Abbas Gullet.

They distributed Sh100 million green gram seeds for the October-December short rains.

Some 400 tonnes will be given out to farmers.

The Red Cross has set aside Sh500 million to purchase green grams.

Ngilu and Gullet flaged off 50 tonnes of seeds at the Kitui bus park.

Later they distributed the seeds to residents of Kitui South subcounty.

Ngilu said the programme is part of her administration's objective of tackling poverty and food insecurity.

SH3.6BN PROJECTED SALES

She said economic empowerment would only be realised through utilisation of locally available resources.

"We are walking towards kicking relief food out of Kitui. Never again shall our people sit for hours at a chief's camps for portions from charitable organisations," Ngilu told a crowd at the bus park.

In the next four months farmers will earn a cumulative Sh3.6 billion out of the sale of ndengu, Ngilu said.

"We have a direct market where every kilogramme of ndengu will be purchased at Sh100. There will be no room for brokers who fleece farmers."

3.4M ACRES

She said her vision is to see at least 3.4 million acres of arable land put to productive use.

Only 10 per cent of the land is farmed at this time.

"During Independence, Kenya was a net food producer and exporter. It is a big shock that we have now degenerated into a nation depending on food aid rations," Gullet said.

"We are collaborating with the Kitui county government to end poverty, food shortage and the indignity of queuing for long hours to get food handouts."

GOVERNOR'S VISION IS TO SEE AT LEAST 3.4 MILLION ACRES OF KITUI'S ARABLE LAND PUT TO PRODUCTIVE USE. CURRENTLY ONLY 10% OF LAND IS TILLED

MILK PRODUCTION INCREASES

Kenya Dairy Board MD **Margaret Kibogy** has praised Meru farmers for increasing milk production. Meru produced 50,000 litres in 2011, but now produces 300,000 litres per day. Farmers sell a litre for Sh40 and get about Sh200 million.

VOTE FOR UHURU INSTEAD



Ndwiga appeals to 10,287 residents who voted for Raila

Embu Senator Njeru Ndwiga (pictured) has urged Mbeere South residents who voted for NASA's Raila Odinga on August 8 to reelect President Uhuru Kenyatta. Speaking at Makima shopping centre on Monday, he urged the residents to end their mistrust of Uhuru, saying Raila has nothing to offer to Embu people or anyone, for that matter. Uhuru got 47,222 votes in Mbeere South, while Raila got 10,287. In the county Uhuru got 232,409 votes against Raila's 17,623.

COUNTIES NORTHEASTERN



DEATH TOLL AT LEAST 30

Marsabit nurses back to work, fight malaria

Governor praises the medical officers for heeding residents' calls to save lives

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Marsabit nurses have ended their four-month-long strike and resumed work to handle the malaria outbreak.

They signed a deal with Governor Mohamed Ali.

The nurses agreed to end the strike to help fight the disease, which has claimed 30 lives in the county. The majority of the victims are children.

Ali praised the nurses for heeding residents' pleas to return to work. He said they will save lives.

"I'm glad residents will now receive malaria treatment," Ali said.

Marsabit Kenya National Union of Nurses secretary Robert Matimo urged the Council of Governors to seek a solution to the strike.

"We are urging our governor to team up with other governors to address our demands to ensure the nationwide strike is ended," Matimo said.

Meanwhile, the Kenya Medical Research Institute started testing patients for malaria on Monday.

A team of 10 Kemri scientists, led by Joel Lutomiah, was deployed to the county to determine the strain of malaria.

It has also killed at least 10 residents of Tiaty, Baringo county.

Lutomiah said the researchers will take samples from residents, domestic animals and mosquitos.

The samples will be analysed at Kemri's research centre in Nairobi and results given to county governments.

Marsabit will also work closely with Kemri to research Kala-azar disease and cancer, which that have caused many deaths in Kargi. He said the county is holding talks with Kemri to establish a disease research centre.

KENYA MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IS TESTING TO DETERMINE THE STRAIN OF MALARIA

6,200 DON'T REPORT TO WORK

900 phantoms haunt Garissa payroll – Korane

'People will suffer.' One employee has 100 salary accounts and withdraws monthly



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Garissa county has at least 900 ghost workers and one staff member has at least 100 active salary accounts.

About 6,200 people on the payroll do not report to work.

These are among the shocking findings in a report by the Garissa County Service Board presented to Governor Ali Korane two weeks ago.

On Monday, he disclosed the findings to reporters.

The governor said a staff member based in Mombasa has at least 100 salary accounts and draws money from them every month through ATMs.

Korane said more than 98 per cent of staff "did not work from office".

"Out of 6,350 allegedly employed by this county, only 73 had offices. Over 6,200 people don't actually report to any office.

"They have no offices, furniture, desks or job descriptions, but are paid. They only exist on the payroll," the governor told reporters.

The new county boss has complained about a bloated wage bill. He accused his predecessor Nathif Jama of overseeing an administration riddled with corruption.

"This one staffer withdraws pay for 100 people, whom we don't know," Korane said.

"We'll clean up this mess. In the process, some people will suffer," he said.

"There is no way as a county we'll recognise people not recognised by the County Service Board. Under which law do I recognise them?"

The new administration will use the report to carry out a thorough audit of the county functions, he said.

It will "legitimise whatever results that will be produced".

Korane said the board, in a confidential letter to Jama, had pointed out these irregularities, but the former governor "did nothing to fix them".

The EACC has asked Korane for more information to ensure only those properly employed are paid.

Garissa Governor Ali Korane speaks to the press in Garissa town yesterday / STEPHEN ASTARIKO

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1	NCG/RFP/ SURVEY/002/2017-2018	Request for Proposals for consultancy services for Survey works for Narok County	Kshs. 1,000/=	Kshs.200,000/=	25th Oct, 2017 At 12.00noon	On 17th Oct, 2017 at County Executive Boardroom at 11.00am
2	NCG/WOR KS/003/2017-2018	Proposed completion of county treasury building at Headquarters'	Kshs. 1,000/=	Kshs 400,000/=	25th Oct, 2017 At 12.00noon	On 18th Oct, 2017 at Public works offices at 11.00am
3	NCG/ WORKS/004/2017-2018	Proposed completion of county Transmara offices in Kilgoris.	Kshs.1,000/=	Kshs 400,000/=	25th Oct, 2017 At 12.00noon	On 18th Oct, 2017 at Kilgoris Sub-County offices at 11.00am

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The Chief Officer,
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Dated 11th October, 2017.

COUNTIES WESTERN



Webuye town on March 28 last year
/MATHEWS NDANYI

DREAM SHATTERED

Std 6 Webuye boy strangled, body dumped on the roadside

Picked up by unknown people at night. Mother overwhelmed. Says he was her favourite and had great hopes in him. 'We had prepared the evening meal. We ate together'



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The body of a 12-year-old boy was found yesterday morning in Nangoto village next to a road, two kilometres away from his home.

Meshak Nato, a standard six pupil, is from Mji village in Maraka ward, Webuye East. He went missing on Monday night.

The body had no physical injuries, but police suspected Nato was strangled. His clothes were nowhere to be seen.

Nato's mother Margaret Simiyu said he went missing on Monday night, only for the family to be informed the following morning that he was dead. Neighbour Bernard Konya said he suspects Nato was a victim of a long-running family dispute.

He said the body was found outside the gate of a woman who was once married at his home, but was later divorced.

Police have launched investigations and said they will do "all we can to arrest the boy's killers".

Bungoma East police boss Zachaeus Ng'eno said postmortem results will give more details about the death.

Simiyu said, "We had prepared the evening meal. We ate together as a family. In fact, he was the one who bought the vegetables that we ate from the market.

"After the meal, he took soap and said he wanted to wash his school shirt."

That was the last time she saw him. Simiyu thought Nato would go to bed once he was done with the washing.

UNTIMELY DEMISE

When she woke up at midnight, Nato was not in the house. She called out his name, but he did not respond.

"I then went to my mother-in-law's house. A young boy who stays with her said Nato had been picked up by some people at night," Simiyu told journalists.

The distraught mother said she received a text message in the morning informing her to "come and pick up your son's body".

She almost fainted, as Nato was her favourite child.

Simiyu said she had great hopes in Nato and cannot come to terms with his untimely demise.

Her plans for Nato have been brought to a halt. A dream has been shattered at the wicked hands of unknown assailants.

The mother struggled to find her voice and was overwhelmed by emotions.

SYNDICATE OF FRAUDSTERS

Man found with six ID cards denies any wrongdoing

A man from Nyeri county was charged in a Webuye court on Monday with possession of six ID cards belonging to various people.

Charles King'ori was arrested in Webuye town on Thursday last week by Webuye DCI officers who trailed him from Eldoret.

He denied the charges before judge JB Mwangi and was released on Sh20,000 bail. The case will be mentioned on October 19, while the hearing will be on December 11.

Bungoma East police boss Zachaeus Ngeno said Kingori was among a syndicate of fraudsters lying to people that they will secure them jobs in organisations across the country and abroad.

He said they had received numerous complaints about the man and his accomplices. They operate in Webuye, Kakamega, Kitale and Eldoret.

Ngeno said Kingori has conned many people, especially students, by falsely pretending that he could secure jobs.

He ruled out the possibility that Kingori could have been buying the IDs to disenfranchise residents from voting in the October 26 repeat presidential rerun.

JOINED JUBILEE

Ababu, Otuoma and Lusaka not self–seekers, says former MCA

A former representative of persons living with disability in the Busia assembly has dismissed claims by Bungoma Senator Moses Wetang'ula (pictured) that Jubilee has no support in Busia.

Charles Otete, who is also a member of LPK, faulted Wetang'ula for saying former Budalang'i MP Ababu Namwamba, former Funyula MP Paul Otuoma and Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka are self–seekers.

He told Wetang'ula the three leaders have joined Jubilee with their supporters.

''I want to make it clear to Wetang'ula and his NASA colleagues that the three leaders have many followers, who have also vowed to support President Uhuru Kenyatta and DP William Ruto in the October 26 presidential rerun,'' Otete said. He said Jubilee has made inroads in Busia and residents will vote for Uhuru en masse.



Governor Sospeter Ojaamong in Busia on April 19
/FILE

PROMISES EFFICIENT SERVICES

Thank you for your support on August 8 poll, Ojaamong tells Samia community

Busia Governor Sospeter Ojaamong has thanked the Samia community for voting for him during the August 8 election.

He promised to work closely with elected leaders to deliver efficient services. Samia is a Luhya subethnic group. The community resides in Funyula. Ojaamong's rival Paul Otuoma served as Funyula MP for two terms.

Ojaamong spoke at the burial of Ernest Awori, the brother of former Vice President and Funyula MP Moody Awori.

He eulogised Ernest as a great man, who contributed to community development. Ernest died on September 27 at Nangina Mission Hospital at the age of 81.

''The cruel hand of death robbed the Awori family of a man whose career as an architectural engineer helped transform the housing industry,'' Ojaamong said on Saturday.

He also attended the burial of Levis Majale, the brother of former Agenga Nanguba MCA.





ONLY 1 JUBILEE REP AMONG 89 MCAS

Baba first: Kakamega MCAs adjourn to search for votes

First-timers cough up Sh50,000, others pay Sh100,000 for campaign



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The Kakamega assembly will take a two-week break from Thursday next week so MCAs can campaign for NASA flagbearer Raila Odinga.

MCAs approved the assembly calendar on Thursday last week.

The MCAs will resume sittings on November 7 and continue sessions for a month before breaking for the Christmas recess on December 7.

A fortnight ago, governor and deputy ODM leader Wycliffe Oparanya said MCAs will be chief agents for NASA at the ward level, MPs and MPs will be ambassadors at the constituency level.

The MCAs will also contribute towards the campaign' kitty. First-timers will cough Sh50,000 each, while those who were reelected and nominated will pay Sh100,000 each.

MPs will contribute Sh200,000 each, except for Lugari's Ayub Savula and Deputy Governor Philip Kutima, who have offered to give Sh500,000 each. The 89-member assembly only has one Jubilee MCA.

Oparanya said MCAs will recruit agents at the ward level and MPs at the constituency level.

On Saturday, Oparanya and Senator Cleophas Malala launched NASA campaigns in Kakamega at Malava market.

Oparanya will head campaigns run by three teams. One is led by Kutima, another by woman representative Elsie Muhanda and the third by Malala.

He said NASA leaders will mount nonstop campaigns to ensure 100 per cent turnout on Voting Day to vote for Raila.

"On August 8, only 75 per cent of registered voters cast their votes. These campaigns will ensure the remaining 25 per cent come out and vote for Raila," Oparanya said.

Raila received 483,157 votes in Kakamega, while Jubilee's President Uhuru Kenyatta garnered 63,399 votes.

Uhuru and Raila will face off in a fresh presidential election after the Supreme Court nullified Uhuru's victory on September 1. However, uncertainty abounds as to whether the election will take place.

Raila and his NASA brigade have insisted the opposition leader will not take part in what they term a "predetermined" repeat election.

They have called for the sacking or resignation of senior officers at the IEBC, including CEO Ezra Chiloba, accused of bungling the August polls.

Raila on Monday said, "The IEBC has not responded positively to most of the issues we had raised..."

Raila will visit the UK and US. He will deliver a public lecture at Chatham House in London on Friday.

His travel close to the election has raise concerns about his commitment to the repeat election.

Meanwhile, Oparanya denied claims by former Senator Boni Khalwale he was one of the leaders "generated by a computer". "I beat Khalwale hands down. He only managed one-third of the votes I received, but I don't want to engage in exchanges with him now. I know my job."

Kakamega Governor Wycliffe Oparanya addresses the assembly on September 26 / CALISTUS LUCHETU

NEVER-ENDING WAR

MP Agoi accuses Chanzu of buying IDs, he denies claim

The war of words between Sabatia MP Alfred Agoi and former Vihiga MP Yusuf Chanzu is far from over after Agoi accused the latter of assassinating his own character by buying ID cards from vulnerable people.

He said Chanzu has been in Parliament since 1997, earning him respect and he should not engage in dodgy business.

"Whenever you see Chanzu buying IDs, just call me. I will personally come and handle the case. It is very wrong for someone to buy IDs and still walk scot-free," Agoi said.

He asked the police to arrest people who buy IDs.

"These old women need their IDs for their day-to-day activities. If anyone buys their IDs, it is equal to a violation of their rights," Agoi said.

On Saturday, Chanzu said he is not in the business of buying IDs in Vihiga county. He said Agoi is out to tarnish his name.

WANT TO GO BACK TO NORMAL

Kenyans are fed up with daily politicking, says MP Wanyama

Kenyans are fed up with politicking and are ready for the October 26 presidential repeat polls, whether NASA leader Raila Odinga will be on the ballot or not, Jubilee-affiliated MP for Webuye West Dan Wanyama has said.

On Monday, he said the electoral agency settled on October 26 after wide consultation.

Wanyama said Jubilee respected the Supreme Court's decision to nullify the August 8 results and leaders have gone back to voters across the country to ask for votes.

He said NASA has, on the other hand, resorted to holding demonstrations and making many demands from the IEBC, "which shows it is not ready for the polls".

Wanyama said, "We are ready as Jubilee for the polls. Let wananchi decide. We will have the election on the 26th, whether Raila will be in the country or not, and Uhuru will win and that will be over so Kenyans can go back to their normal lives."

He said Kenyans do not want a constitutional crisis, where NASA leaders demand a nusu mkate government.

Wanyama said the daily politicking has made life unbearable and the sooner the election is held, the better.

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Nzoia Sugar company on February 2, 2016 / JOHN NALIANYA

FINANCIAL STRAITS

Nzoia cane farmers want advance cash payment programme

Nzoia Sugar Cane Outgrowers company yesterday demanded an advance payments scheme to help farmers waiting for crops to mature.

Company chairman Christopher Sifuna said farmers need cash to survive because cane takes 18 months to mature.

"Most of our farmers depend on sugarcane as the main cash crop and source of income.

"They need to be advanced finances on the strength of standing cane in order to address their pressing financial needs," he said.

Sifuna spoke in Bungoma town yesterday after receiving farmer delegations at his Luyekhe village home in Kanduyi.

He praised President Uhuru Kenyatta for providing Sh300million to pay farmers who had been waiting for three months.

Sifuna said clearance of the farmers' arrears has helped reduce poaching by private millers as his members could no longer sell to brokers at throw-away prices. "Our members are at times forced to sell the crop to middlemen due to financial difficulties," he said.

COUNTIES NYANZA



KTN's Rashid Ronald with anti-riot police officers in Kisumu on Monday /RUTH MATETE

REPORTERS ASSAULTED, OTHERS INJURED

Kisumu leaders condemn police attack on journalists in demos

Reporters were teargassed and ordered not to film anti-riot GSU officers quelling protests. Deputy Governor, MP call the attacks unconstitutional and backward



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Kisumu leaders have condemned police attacks on journalists covering anti-IEBC demonstrations by NASA supporters in the county.

Led by Kisumu Deputy Governor Mathews Owili, the leaders said police should instead protect journalists while undertaking their duties.

On Monday, police attacked journalists who were covering protests in the city. Owili called the attack an 'unconstitutionally backward act'.

"Stern action must be taken against officers who assaulted journalists," Owili said.

Nyando MP Jared Okello said reporters should be allowed to undertake their duties without being harassed or intimidated. MCAs also condemned the attack.

Anti-riot police, mainly GSU officers, turned against journalists who followed them as they dispersed hundreds of protesters in Kisumu.

They fired teargas at the journalists, saying they did not want to be covered while quelling the demonstrations.

Standard Group photographer Denish Ochieng was surrounded by GSU officers who demanded that he surrender his camera.

Ochieng said the officers threatened to fire teargas at him if he continued to follow them.

The officers later teargassed Nation Media journalists Ouko Okusa, Rushdie Oudia and Dorine Magak alongside KBC's Simon Achola.

About 10 GSU officers also surrounded the Star's Faith Matete and demanded that she deletes videos of the protests.

"You Kisumu journalists think you are special. We will deal with you," an officer said during the confrontation.

KTN's Rashid Ronald who pleaded for Matete's release was assaulted. He sustained a leg injury.

"I had been instructed to go live, but the officers did not want to be shown on TV," Ronald said.

He said the officers beat him despite Kisumu Central OCS confirming to them that he was a journalist.

Another journalist, Dickson Odhiambo, also sustained a leg injury as he scampered for safety after police hurled teargas at him.

Odhiambo, who is also the Kisumu Journalists Network chairman, said the officers harassed and intimidated the public who criticised their action.

At some point, the officers hurled teargas at women selling fresh produce along the streets and those who took refuge in shops.

They also stopped a number of motorists demanding to see if they had captured videos of the protests.

Odhiambo has raised the matter with Kisumu county police boss Titus Yoma. He wants an explanation as to why the officers assaulted journalists during the demos.

"We want to know the nature of offence we committed as journalists. These acts must stop because reporters cannot be intimidated from doing their work," Odhiambo said.

(+) ONE SHOT, THREE RUN OVER IN DEMOS

A van ran over three NASA protesters during demonstrations in the Nairobi CBD on Monday. It is said trouble began on Kenyatta Avenue after police shot one protester for allegedly trying to steal from the van. The driver tried to speed off as the other demonstrators approached, but ended up running over three people. The protesters earlier gathered at Uhuru Park with woman representatives Esther Passaris (Nairobi) and Gladys Wanga (Homa Bay). As they marched towards Anniversary Towers through Kenyatta Avenue, gun shots were heard near GPO. Men in plain clothes fired the shots as hundreds of Opposition supporters marched through the city to IEBC headquarters. The demonstrators were demanding reforms ahead of a presidential election scheduled for October 26.

RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE

Respect lives of protesters, anti-riot police told

Police have been asked to respect Kenyans who participate in demonstrations.

Nyamira county ODM youth leaders Dennis Marube told acting Interior CS Fred Matiang'i s to warn his officers against using brutal force on protesters.

Addressing journalists in Nyamira on Monday, Marube condemned the brutality meted on anti-IEBC protesters across the country.

"The police should be providing security and we wonder why they beat up, injure and even kill the demonstrators," Marube said.

Another youth leader, Beavon Magare, asked police to handle demonstrators in a humane manner.

"People have a right to go to the streets and demonstrate. Police should not be brutal to them," Magare sai

REJECTED

Reverse rejection of Jaramogi kin, MP tells MCAs

Alego Usonga MP Sam Atandi has called on Siaya MCAs to reverse a decision to disqualify the grandson of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga from being appointed as CEC.

The county assembly's committee on appointment rejected Jaoko Oburu as Tourism CEC nominee.

Jaoko is son of former nominated MP Oburu Oginga.

The MP wants Jaoko considered for the post because of his family lineage.

"How can they reject the grandson of Jaramogi who brought devolution that they are enjoying?" Atandi said.

He spoke to the Star on phone on Monday.

MCAs claimed Governor Cornel Rasanga nominated Jaoko as a reward to the Odinga family that propelled him into politics.

Atandi said their move sabotaged the ODM party manifesto.

Siaya speaker defended the MCAs and asked Atandi to let them discharge their duties.

"It seems the MP wants to perform the duties of the MCAs. He should resign and join the MCAs in the assembly," Okode said.



ON TRIP TO MOMBASA

Atandi criticises MCAs for ignoring demos

Alego Usonga MP Sam Atandi (pictured) has criticised Siaya MCAs' trip to Mombasa instead of leading NASA's anti-IEBC protests in the county.

Atandi said it was improper for the MCAs to boycott the calls by NASA presidential candidate Raila Odinga since they come from his backyard.

He claimed that the MCAs were using taxpayers cash to fund unnecessary trips that do not translate to development.

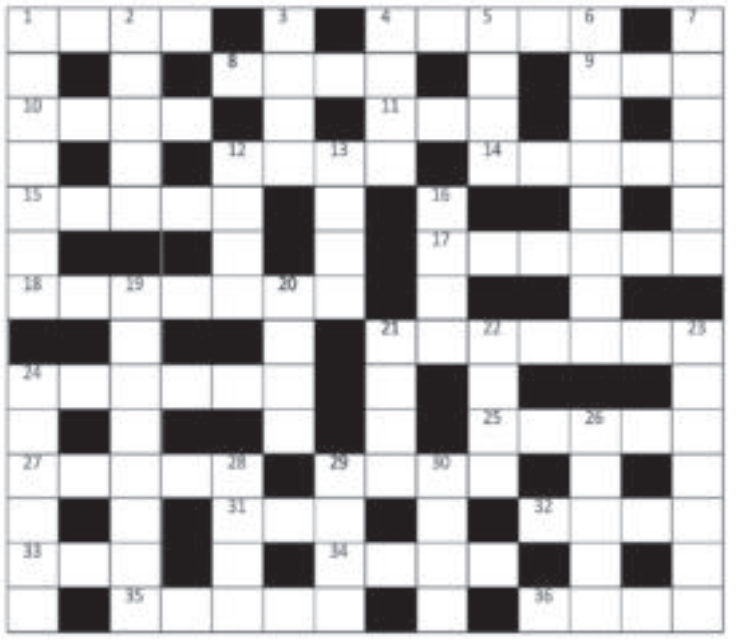
He called on the MCAs to abandon their trip and join local leaders in showing solidarity with the demonstrations.

"It was wrong for the MCAs to go for a retreat in Mombasa when NASA supporters are engaged in countrywide protests for reforms," Atandi told the Star on phone Monday.



COFFEE BREAK

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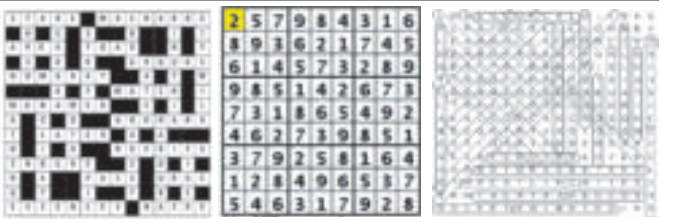
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17 an upward movement or trend as in business activity (6)
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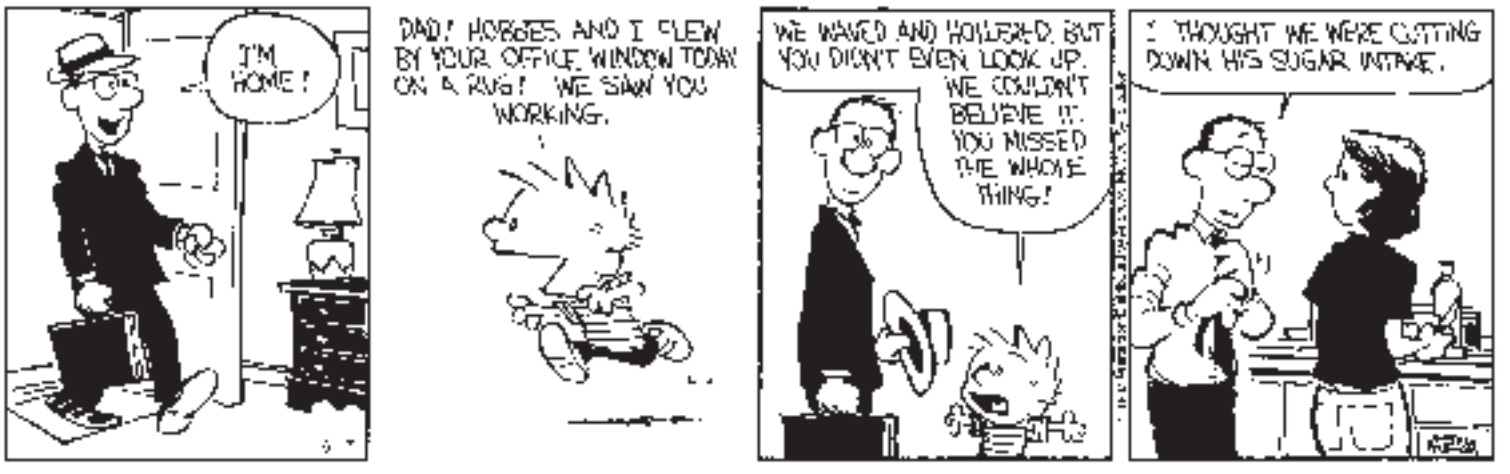
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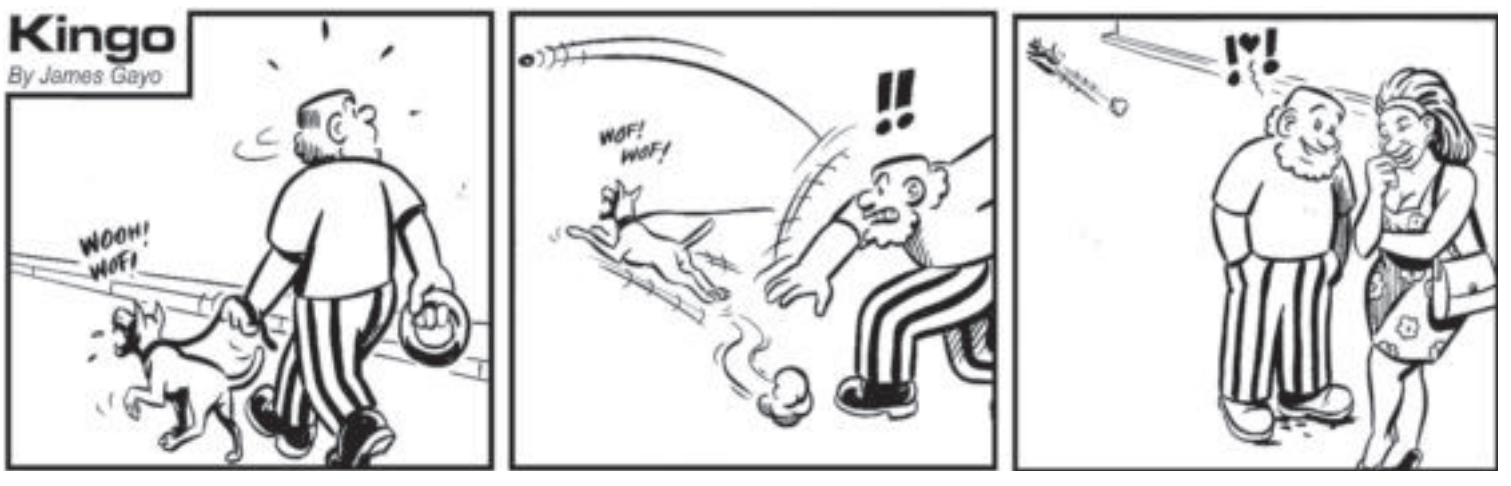
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County Government of Kiambu
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SPORTS

SPORTS LOCAL



Sportpesa CEO Ronald Karauri (2nd R) is joined by former rally driver Patrick Njiru, former Kenya One Mohammad Abbas and Olympic marathon champion, Eliud Kipchoge during the launch of 'Tujiamini Campaign' /COURTESY

Another first for sports fraternity

Leading betting firm launch 'Tujiamini Campaign' to boost sports

BY MESHACK KISENGE AND LAWRENCE BARAZA/ Harambee Starlets' midfielder Corazone Aquino has appealed to stakeholders to partner with Football Kenya Federation in funding the national women's team and Premier League as a way of boosting their morale and attracting more talent into the game.

Aquino, who plays for women's Premier League side, Soccer Queens said while the women's league has no established sponsors, the national women's team solely relies on FKF for funding.

Aquino warned that women football talent is likely to go to waste if the corporate world and well wishers fail to chip in and save the situation.

The latter was among sports personalities and legends who were present during the launching of SportPesa campaign dubbed "Tujiamini". The campaign seeks to inspire youths to conquer the sporting world, drive masses to the stadia and bring on board corporate companies to fund sporting activities.

Aquino part of the Harambee Starlets team that represented Kenya at the women's Africa Cup of Nations finals last year in Cameroon.

"We rely on FKF to fund both the league and the national team. I urge all Kenyans of goodwill and corporate to jointly work in supporting our activities."

SportPesa CEO Captain Ronald Karauri, who officially opened the campaign, appealed for assistance to all other interested parties and fans in making the campaign successful.

"Kenya has immense untapped potential that if collectively harnessed and fostered will ensure all sports grow in line with Ministry of Sports, Culture and Arts. With major international sporting events like the World Cup 2022, Tokyo 2020, Summer Olympics and the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 not too far away, we must do everything to ensure most if not all sporting disciplines feature and give a good show for Kenya at these and similar competitions."

Former Kenyan International and AFC Leopards legend Mickey Weche implored the youth to play with passion and not for glory hunting.

"During our days, we used to earn very little from football. We always wish SportPesa was there to fund our activities. I urge all players from all sports to play with passion and if they get a chance to represent the country let them do it for the sake of the image of the nation."

CHESS

Methu, Mehul dominate ANCC Blitz tourney

BY PARAS GUDKA/ Reigning national blitz holder Joseph Methu is the 2017 winner of the Anchor Chess Club (ANCC) Championships.

Methu amassed 10 points to win the title. He beat a pool of 40 participants in the tournament that was played in 11 rounds in the speediest format where each game typically lasted between 5 and 10 minutes, hence the tag 'blitz.'

International Master (IM) Arthur Ssegwanyi from Uganda's Anaconda Chess Club and FIDE Master (FM) Harold Wanyama shared spoils in position two with nine points. Nanyuki–based Brian Gichuhi claimed the junior title with six points as University of Nairobi student Cheryl Ngima was the top lady with four.

This was the third tournament organised and hosted by ANCC since it was founded over 18 months ago. Mehul Gohil was crowned the club's Champion after scoring seven points.

Sumit Deshpande was second with the same number of points as Edwin Okoth settled for the third place with six. Woman FIDE Master Riya Shah, who only competed in amongst ANCC members raked in 5.5 points to settle for the club's best lady.

Pranjal Parikh was crowned ANCC Junior (U18) champion after he gathered five points.



Joseph Methu (L) receives his prize from Fouress Technologies' representative Sanjana Deshpande . /SRUTHI VASANTH

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Hamilton Harrison win to advance to semis in Left Foot Champions league

BY STAR REPORTER/ Hamilton Harrison and Mathews produced beat Young Boys FC 3–0 to advance to the semis of Left Foot Champions League match over the weekend.

A hat–trick from striker Samir Assad ensured that the victors booked their place in the last four. In other matches, Samba FC lost 2–0 to Cosmos; Kingsway beat Oilibya 2–0 while NIC Bank beat Shani Active 3–2.

Madaraka United bagged maximum points in Division One after seeing off GreenZone Property 3–1, Bethel lost 1–2 to Rapid Communications, Black Diamond forced a 2–2 draw against Consolidated Bank while West Ham United won 2–1 against Strath. In Division Four, Diamond Trust registered a 3–0 win over Tropical Heat, Vitambi Viishe beat Harley's 2–0, Advert Eyez won 1–0 against One Africa Logistics while Total Kenya drew 1–1 with Nyayo Kingdom.

In the only Division Two with Schindler coming from a goal down to force a 1–1 draw against Dayliff FC. Meanwhile, the Left Foot Sports fraternity will stage a peace tournament dubbed Nchi Mandeleo Cup 2017 on Sunday.

GOLF

Lady Captain Louisa Gitau leads strong field for SGA Kenya show

BY STAR REPORTER/ SGA Kenya Ladies Medal golf tournament at Karen has attracted a classy field with golfers teeing off from 7am.

Among the players are the Lady Captain Louisa Gitau who plays off seven and Wanjira Kireri (handicap10). Another player to watch will be Michelle Kanaiya, playing off handicap 15 and tees off at 8:54 am alongside Gitau and Margareta Gram.

The participants in the tournament are hoping for good scores as the course is in fine condition. The presentation of prizes will be held at 1pm and the winners will receive their awards from the SGA team led by Martin Ochieng' SGE Kenya country director. SGA Security is the region's leading Security Services firm with fixed base in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania servicing security contracts throughout the continent.

FOOTBALL

Survival fight

Western Stima seek to move out of the drop zone as they host reinstated Nakumatt



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Western Stima's Kevin Okoth clears the ball past Mathare United's Chrispin Oduor in past duel. /FILE

Western Stima will have a chance of moving out of the relegation zone when they host reinstated Nakumatt at the Moi Stadium, Kisumu this afternoon.

The power men based in Kakamega go into today's match in confident mood, having picked up a vital victory over the weekend to enhance their hopes of beating the drop.

Ugandan coach Richard Makumbi will be hoping that the win over Bandari was the beginning of better things for his beleaguered outfit. Stima have amassed 26 points from 27 matches and are a point behind Mathare and Thika United, both of whom having played a game more.

Nakumatt's momentum was affected by their brief suspension from the league but with five points separating them from the bottom two with just over half a dozen matches left to play, they will still be confident of avoiding a return to the second tier league.

Striker Kepha Aswani who is yet again chasing the golden boot will be the man to turn to, for goals in Kisumu.

Zoo Kericho, buoyed by their reinstatement to the league, captured a win over high-flying Kakamega Homeboyz and coach Sammy Okoth will be hoping for more of the same when they entertain Nzoia Sugar at their favoured Kericho Green stadium.

After the weekend win, Okoth was quoted as having said that they wanted to show Kenyans that they deserved to be in the top-tier league following the court ruling that had plucked the club from the league.

"After being thrown out from the league and we later appealed the court's decision, we wanted to prove that we deserved to be in the top tier league by winning this game and the coming ones. We are out to prove that the club has talent and should not be left to go to waste," Okoth said.

Striker Nicholas Kipkirui and Mike Madoya, the winner of the June SportPesa Player of the Month award will be the biggest hopes for victory for Zoo. Deposed champions Tusker face a tricky test when they tackle Kariobangi Sharks. Sharks will be without striker Masoud Juma and Patilla Omoto with the duo only having jetted back into the country in the wee hours of yesterday.



KCB coach Leonard Saleh /FILE

FOOTBALL

KCB out to topple Vihiga United at the NSL summit

BY FRANCIS WADEGU / Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) coach Leonard Saleh is confident of maintaining their winning run as they seek a spot in the top tier SportPesa Premier League.

Speaking ahead of today's top of the table clash with log leaders Vihiga United at Mumias Sports Complex, Saleh said: "We have been consistent especially in second leg and we want to maintain it."

The bankers will, however, miss the services defender Tom Odhiambo and play-maker Khalid Jumaan in the game which is likely to give direction on the promotion battle.

The two players are injured but coach Saleh has down-played their absence. "It's a normal game but I can assure you that it will not easy. We are going to Mumias for three points," said Saleh.

In the first leg, the two teams played to a barren draw at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos. On Saturday, Vihiga defeated Kenya Police 3-0 while KCB recorded a narrow 1-0 win over Mosca. The Vihiga County Government sponsored side lead the log with 62 points, one better than KCB. The Edward Manoah charges have, however, played one more game than the bankers.

Third-placed Ushuru host Kibera Black Stars at Camp Toyoyo grounds in Jericho in the second game of the day at the venue. In the first game, struggling Administration Police entertain Nakuru All Stars. The two games will be live on free to air Bamba TV.

At Moi Stadium, Kisumu, draw masters Palos FC play Nairobi City Stars. Palos have the highest number of draws at 15 matches. St Joseph's Youth tackle Wazito at Afraha as Bidco host Kenya Police at Thika Stadium.

Relegation threatened Agro Chemicals face Isibania at Sony Green Stadium as they seek to get out of the drop zone. Agro's game with AP was abandoned last Friday.

At Karuturi, Naivasha, Nairobi Stima and GFE 105 will lock horns while bottom of the table Mosca welcome Talanta at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos.

MOSCA have only won two matches out of 27 played so far and have conceded a whooping 50 goals. The Ministry of Sports sponsored team has 12 points and are staring at relegation to the third tier league.

SHOOTING

Nyamongo wins SA Defensive Pistol competition in Cape Town

BY CONSOLATA MAKOKHA / The on-fire Master Robert Nyamongo was on point once again over the weekend in South Africa where he won the SA Defensive Pistol Association competition in Cape Town.

He downed a total of 268,16 points to beat a field of over 50 riflemen at the Outeniqua shooting Club's George Range which overlooks the Indian Ocean.

Though he didn't emerge overall winner in any of the eight stages, his consistency in the championships placed him in the pole position. South Africa's Expert Hein Venter came a distant second after carding 283,85 points as Expert Jaco van der Bank (292,55) settled for the third place. Master Ian van der Bank was fourth with 319,91 points, while sharpshooter Henti Huisamen (338,96) completed the top five. ''The training and competition too, have been very tough. For winning the championships, I am humbled,'' said Nyamongo, the first Kenyan to win the title.

Last year, sharpshooter Serge Medic was the first Kenya to attempt the championships and won the visiting international competitors title. Medic praised Nyamongo for his performance.

''I just carried the Kenyan flag at the Champs last year, and he (Nyamongo) has hoisted it to the top. He has made Kenya proud once again,'' added Medic. Engineer Nyamongo won the African International Defensive Pisto title in August and was promoted to the 'Master' classification.

He posted 24,92 in the first stage- Close Protection, 46,19 in the All Hands On Standards, 23,37 in 'Camp Ambush' and 42,20 in the fourth point dubbed 'Welcome To The Jungle.' This gave him 136,68 points halfway the competition.



Robert Nyamongo displays his trophies in a past competition at the Defence Forces Rifle Range, Nanyuki. /CONSOLATA MAKOKHA

SPORTS LOCAL



RUGBY

Simbas fired up

Kenya 15s intensify training ahead of next month's Four Nations tourney



BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA

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Kenya Simbas head into residential camp this weekend as they intensify preparations for the Four Nations tournament in Hong Kong next month.

Assistant coach Dominique Habimana said the players are relishing the challenge of playing competitive teams in the tournament in Asia.

"We had five weeks of training in the gym since last month. Now we move to the technical bit of the game and see how we can improve ourselves before the Asian Tour," added Habimana.

Kenya are scheduled to play Chile on November 10. They face Russia next on November 14 before concluding their tour with a tie against hosts Hong Kong. Kenya are ranked 27 overall ahead of Chile who are 28th.

Russia and Hong Kong are ranked 20th and 22nd respectively. Habimana said the build-up matches are meant to prepare the Simbas for next year's Rugby World Cup qualifiers.

He said the team is keen on addressing the weaknesses seen in their nine international matches played this year with emphasis on scrummaging coupled with sharpening the attack and defence.

"We have three to four weeks to iron out our scrummaging technique and improve our attack and solidify our defensive alignment. At the same time, we need to be in good physical condition."

Habimana said he expects competitive matches against the three sides in Hong Kong.

"We have played Hong Kong four times in the last two years so we have an idea on what to expect. As for Chile and Russia, they have are very physical teams who are very formidable and they will test us in all facets of the game," he added.

Habimana said the recent call-ups of Frank Khalwale of Quins, Blak Blad's Levy Amunga, KCB half-back Michael Wanjala alongside Nakuru's fly-half Henry Ayah are meant to bolster depths in positions and create competition in the team.

"The four who have been called up will inject a bit of competition in the various positions and give the technical bench options when choosing the squad to travel," he added.

Simbas' Oliver Mang'eni is tackled by Hong Kong's Robbie Keith during the Tatu City series. /FILE

" We have three to four weeks to iron out our scrummaging technique and improve our attack and solidify our defensive alignment,"
– DOMINIC HABIMANA

FOOTBALL

Leaders Bungoma Superstars draw

BY CALISTUS LUCHETU/ Western region Division Two leaders Bungoma Superstars battled to a barren draw against neighbours Bungoma Allstars to leave the promotion fight open in a match played at Bungoma High School grounds.

Superstars, who were dominant in the match, will have themselves to blame for failing to utilize the many chances that came their way.

Despite the draw, Superstars remain top of the log with 44 points from 18 matches—three more points ahead of the second-placed Busia Wolves, who piped Ndivisi Friends 2-1. However, Wolves have one match in hand. Misikhu trounced Maturu 3-0 to climb to third after amassing 29 points from 17 matches—one point ahead of Ndivisi.

Despite having no engagement at the weekend, Mukumu Boys popularly known as Tsunami maintained their top five position with 26 points from 16 matches. Two teams will be relegated from the 15 teams league.

TENNIS

Owegi leads team to Africa U–14 tourney

BY WILLIAM NJUGUNA/ Four players will be represent the country at the Africa Under-14 tennis tournament in Mauritius next month.

The players are—Alicia Owegi, Nicole Agufana, Esther Miheso and United States-based Jason Bogoro.

The tournament will comprise two legs with the first due to be played from November 2-5 and the second leg from November 6-9.

The Kenyan quartet will face players from hosts Mauritius, Madagascar, Rwanda, Burundi, Egypt, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Morocco and South Africa.

The quartet hope to be competitive after struggling in the recent tournament in Egypt, where Angela Okutoyi was the sole Kenyan player to make it to the quarter-finals with the rest falling in the preliminary rounds.

Tennis Kenya administrator Juliet Cherono said the four are currently training at the Nairobi Club.



Equity Bank's Mercy Wanyama (L) battles for the ball with KPA's Yvonne Akinyi in past action. /FILE

BASKETBALL

KPA, Equity Bank women's sides to represent Zone Five in Africa Champions Cup in Angola

BY DANN O'WERRE / Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) and Equity Bank will represent zone Five in the FIBA Africa women's Champions Cup in Angola.

Africa Zone 5 secretary Vitalis Gode disclosed that the two Kenyan giants booked their tickets to the Luanda showcase after finishing first and second respectively in last weekend's tournament in Kampala, Uganda.

While KPA will be returning to the continental show after featuring in the Mozambique event last year, Equity Bank, who are also the national champions, will be making their maiden appearance.

KPA successfully defended their title when they dismissed their compatriots 63-49 in final game at the Lugogo Indoor Stadium. Before that epic tie, the "Hawks" were unbeaten.

Natali Akinyi of KPA and Mercy Wanyama of Equity were named in the tournament's top five that also included Maureen Amoding, Ikuhanga Irene of Don Bosco and Kenyan Velma Achieng who plays for Uganda Christian University (UCU).

Uganda City Oilers, who also retained their crown, will carry the region's flag in the men championships that is slated for Tunisia in late December.

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Ireland stun Wales to seal World Cup playoff spot

CARDIFF / Ireland ripped up the script by beating Wales 1- 0 to secure their place in the playoffs for the World Cup finals on Monday.

A night of raw emotion began with both sides needing three points to secure second spot in Group D behind Serbia and ended with Ireland's visiting fans in delirium thanks to James McClean's goal.

Martin O'Neill's Ireland soaked up the expected Welsh pressure in the Cardiff City Stadium and landed a sucker-punch in the 57th-minute with one of their rare attacks.

It proved a body blow from which Chris Coleman's Wales, who started the night above Ireland in second place and still had eyes on top spot, never recovered as their hopes of reaching a first World Cup finals since 1958 evaporated.

Real Madrid forward and Welsh talisman Gareth Bale, missing the crunch clash through injury, could only watch on helplessly in his seat in the stands as Wales suffered their first defeat in 12 World Cup qualifiers.

Ireland finished the group as runners-up with 19 points, two ahead of Wales who paid the price for too many draws earlier in the campaign. Serbia beat Georgia 1-0 to win the group and qualify for the Russia finals automatically. ''So proud. The players were magnificent playing away from home at a very good Welsh side. To win on their territory was a great result for us,'' O'Neill said.

''That last half-hour seemed an eternity. We withstood pressure but we knew at some stage we would have to try to win the game and we did. The goal was worthy of winning any game.''

Wales dominated before halftime without ever really opening up a well-organised Ireland side and Ireland keeper Darren Randolph was rarely tested.

The hosts began the second half with a flourish and James Chester glanced a header into the side-netting. Randolph then made a superb save to tip Hal Robson-Kanu's powerful header over the crossbar in the 54th minute. Three minutes later Robson-Kanu's West Bromwich Albion team mate McClean decided the contest as Wales self-destructed.



Wales' Wayne Hennessey in action as Republic of Ireland's Ciaran Clark reacts during 2018 World Cup Qualifications October 9 **/REUTERS**



Iceland's Jon Dadi Bodvarsson (R) in action against Turkey's Caner Erkin in 2018 World Cup qualifiers. **/REUTERS**

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

What a moment

Reykjavik in celebration mood as Iceland power into their first World Cup

BY ELIAS THORSSON / Iceland's soccer supporters were in raptures on Monday as they celebrated in the capital and across the country after the national team qualified for their first World Cup.

Iceland, the smallest country ever to reach the finals, booked their ticket to next year's tournament in Russia by beating Kosovo 2-0 to top their European qualifying group.

"Are you kidding! We are going to the World Cup!" the local TV commentator screamed as the final whistle blew and fireworks erupted over the Laugardalsvollur national stadium.

Crowds of people waited at Ingolfstorg in downtown Reykjavik for the Iceland players to arrive by bus and when their heroes appeared on stage there was a deafening roar.

Emmsje Gauti, one of Iceland' most famous rappers, joined in the celebrations with the national team, who jumped around in delight, amd sang 'Reykjavík er okkar', 'Reykjavik is ours'.

At the American Bar, the biggest sports bar in downtown Reykjavík, the cry was: "Iceland to the World Cup". Outside the rain came down but inside nothing could dampen the spirits."The smallest country to get to the World Cup by far, this is surreal," supporter Gunnar Atli Thorodssen said on a busy Monday night. "I have to book my ticket to Russia immediately."

Iceland has a population of about 350,000 while the previous smallest country to have reached a World Cup was Trinidad & Tobago, in 2006, which had 1.3 million people.

Earlier, team captain Aron Gunnarsson could be seen joining in with the stadium crowd's now-famous traditional Viking clap.

The crowd in the bar watching on TV clapped along with the primal chant, which is sure to be a feature in Russia next year, as it was at the European Championship in France last year where Iceland beat Austria and England to reach the last eight.

"The World Cup, Pele, Maradona and Aron Einar Gunnarsson," the national team manager Heimir Hallgrímsson told TV reporters. Behind him, the players joined the crowd in singing "Feroalok", the team's anthem, which means: "I am home".

Gunnarsson has no doubt that the World Cup is where Iceland, ranked 22nd in last month's world rankings, belong.

"Nonsense? I don't know if this is nonsense," he said. "After we lost against Croatia (in the 2014 World Cup playoffs) we aimed at qualifying next time. In my opinion we were in the most difficult group, but we decided that we were just going to finish this. We had no interest in some playoff bother."

WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS

Serbia seal World Cup berth with 1-0 victory over Georgia

BELGRADE / Serbia qualified for the 2018 World Cup after a 74th-minute goal by substitute Aleksandar Prijovic gave them a 1-0 home win over Georgia on Monday and enabled them to finish top of Europe's Group D with 21 points from 10 games.

It is the second time Serbia have reached the finals as an independent nation, having been knocked in the group stages of the 2010 tournament in South Africa and then missing the next three major soccer events. Prijovic grabbed the winner with a fine finish to delight anxious home fans in Red Star's Rajko Mitic stadium, who lit flares to celebrate after he scored while fireworks were set off by the organisers after the final whistle.

"Thank you very much for your fantastic support and we look forward to playing for you in Russia," Serbia's captain Branislav Ivanovic said in an on-pitch address to the crowd.

Serbia piled on the pressure from the offset but Georgia looked more likely to score in the first half. With the home side looking nervy and disjointed, the Georgians came close in the 17th minute when midfielder Valerian Gvilia forced a good save from Serbia keeper Vladimir Stojkovic.

The Serbians carved out their first chance in the 39th minute, when visiting keeper Giorgi Makaridze blocked Dusan Tadic's shot from a tight angle. Jeered off by their supporters at halftime, Serbia came out with renewed purpose after the break and defensive midfielder Nemanja Gudelj fired narrowly over the bar in the 48th minute. Shortly afterwards, striker Aleksandar Mitrovic saw his close-range header superbly saved by Makaridze and then sliced another wide of the far post as the home side threw men forward.

Ivanovic headed inches wide after a corner the 67th minute and Nemanja Matic had a shot cleared off the line moments later as Serbia besieged the Georgian goal with a flurry of crosses from either flank.

Prijovic finally broke the deadlock with a composed close-range finish after strike partner Mitrovic found him with a fine low cross following Ivanovic's darting run through the middle.



Serbia's Aleksandar Prijovic scores their first goal against Georgia in 2018 World Cup qualifiers. **/REUTERS**

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4. 13/10/17	21:00	Bourg Peronnas vs Lens	2.95	3.27	2.47
5. 13/10/17	21:00	Gazelec Ajaccio vs Nancy	2.59	3.13	2.91
6. 13/10/17	21:00	Sochaux vs Paris FC	2.31	3.17	3.33
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11. 14/10/17	8:00	Shimizu S-Pulse vs Jubilo Iwata	2.92	3.36	2.44
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2. 14/10/17	17:00	Burnley vs West Ham	2.59	3.13	2.92
3. 14/10/17	17:00	Sunderland vs QPR	2.15	3.39	3.44
4. 14/10/17	19:00	FC Krasnodar vs CSKA Moscow	2.54	3.08	3.02
5. 14/10/17	19:30	Roda Kerkrade vs NAC Breda	2.57	3.38	2.74
6. 14/10/17	21:00	Lokeren vs St. Truiden	2.58	3.28	2.80
7. 14/10/17	21:00	Caen vs Angers	2.53	3.12	3.01
8. 14/10/17	21:45	Atletico Madrid vs Barcelona	2.97	3.35	2.43
9. 14/10/17	21:45	Roma vs Napoli	2.81	3.57	2.43
10. 15/10/17	15:30	Brighton vs Everton	3.24	3.14	2.38
11. 15/10/17	16:00	Sampdoria vs Atalanta	2.75	3.35	2.59
12. 15/10/17	17:15	Girona vs Villarreal	2.75	3.19	2.70
13. 15/10/17	18:00	Montpellier vs Nice	2.53	3.18	2.96
14. 15/10/17	19:00	Werder Bremen vs Borussia Monchengladbach	2.65	3.51	2.59
15. 15/10/17	19:30	Malaga vs Leganes	2.27	3.14	3.46
16. 15/10/17	21:45	Inter vs AC Milan	2.17	3.47	3.36
17. 15/10/17	21:45	Betis vs Valencia	2.59	3.45	2.69

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Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho celebrates with team-mates Dejan Lovren, Georginio Wijnaldum and Jordan Henderson after scoring. /REUTERS

PREMIER LEAGUE

PSG target Coutinho

Neymar instructs employer to prepare £135m bid to bring in fellow Brazilian

BY JORDAN SEWARD / Paris Saint-Germain star Neymar has instructed their chiefs to sign Liverpool forward Philippe Coutinho.

Neymar is keen to be joined in Paris by his Brazilian team-mate and has urged his new employers to get a deal done ahead of his former club Barcelona.

According to Spanish outlet Sport, the Ligue 1 giants will join the race and compete with La Liga giants Barca for his signature.

Reports have revealed that Barca are themselves plotting a fresh £97million swoop for the 25-year-old in January after they failed to secure a deal during the summer window.

Coutinho had wanted to ditch Liverpool for the Catalan giants and handed in a transfer request in an attempt to force a move to the Nou Camp. But the Reds held firm, knocking back at least three bids to hold on to their star man, and their stance has not changed.

However, with Barca and PSG set to test the waters in January the Premier League side could be set for another tempestuous window with PSG's club president Nasser Al-Khelaifi preparing a £135m bid.

Jurgen Klopp had put a fractious summer behind him and settled the quarrel with Coutinho which saw him reclaim his first-team spot. He has recently showed what an important player he is to Reds with 3 goals in his last three and despite having him under contract until 2022, they may be required to dig their heels deep once more to retain him.

Meanwhile, Liverpool midfielder Emre Can admits he is honoured by interest from Italian champions Juventus as uncertainty about his future continues. The Germany international is in the final nine months of his current deal at Anfield, making him eligible in January to sign a pre-contract for next summer with other clubs. Can insists he is concentrating on playing for Liverpool, for whom he has started five of seven Premier League matches this season.

Giroud's scorpion kick shortlisted for Fifa goal award

LONDON / Olivier Giroud's scorpion kick strike for Arsenal against Crystal Palace last season was shortlisted for Fifa's goal of the year award on Monday, alongside efforts from Venezuelan teenager Deyna Castellanos and goalkeeper Oscarine Masuluke.

Giroud scored with an improvised volley in the Premier League match on Jan. 1, producing an acrobatic flick with his left heel to convert Alexis Sanchez's cross into the net off the crossbar while tumbling forward.

Arsenal won the match 2-0 and Giroud, who admitted afterwards that he had a bit of luck with his connection, said it was the best goal he had ever scored. The 31-year-old is the seventh Frenchman to be nominated for the award but the first to make the final shortlist of three, fifa said on its website. (www.fifa.com). Castellanos is the second Venezuelan woman in successive years to make the final three and was nominated for her strike from the halfway line against Cameroon at the Under -17 Women's World Cup in Jordan last year.

The 18-year-old follows in the footsteps of compatriot Daniuska Rodriguez, whose goal made the final three for last year's award but lost out to Malaysian Mohd Faiz Subri's spectacular 35-metre, swerving free-kick.



Olivier Giroud finds the net with an outrageous scorpion flick /REUTERS

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OPINION

BY MATT LAWTON FOR THE DAILY MAIL



England boss hopes three at the back system will mask his side's flaws in Russia

SOUTHGATE STAYS FOCUSED

A man does indeed need to know his limitations and this, listening to England's manager, appears to be the premise on which a plan for next summer's World Cup has been formulated.

Gareth Southgate says he will advance with a system much as we saw in Vilnius, with three centre backs and two wing backs. At least that will provide this fragile, ordinary England side with some extra defensive security and a platform which might give those ahead of them the confidence to play with less fear and a bit more ambition.

In a qualifying group comprising limited opposition, the weaknesses were rarely exposed. England conceded only three goals, two of them against what Gordon Strachan claims to be a genetically deficient Scotland.

But the former centre half now guiding the England team sees flaws that could be all too easily exposed against the better teams in Russia.

Asked if he is committed to 3-4-3 after experimenting with the system on a plastic pitch in Lithuania—without a great deal of success, it has to be said —Southgate was emphatic.

"Yes," he said. "In terms of the way we want to play from the back, I think it is a better option. At the moment we turn the ball over too much and when we do we split into two centre backs, wide open. We were still open with three.

'But I think it gives us good stability and it gives us easier solutions for our midfield players as well. Then in front there is a possibility to switch; maybe get two strikers in certain games.

"We felt we had to keep the system as we had used it before (with a back four), because there was such a quick turnaround of games. But I think three at the back is what we ought to do."

Now Southgate has time and some games against far superior opposition to put his plan into action properly, with next month's friendlies against Germany and Brazil and an encounter with the Dutch in March providing valuable tests.

One can see what Southgate is thinking. His midfield is lacking in quality and the defenders available to him do not have the stature of their recent predecessors. So the primary objective would appear to be defensive solidity in the hope that a striker with the potency of Harry Kane can get the goals that propel England forward in the competition.

It is unlikely to win many popularity contests but perhaps Southgate does need a more pragmatic approach, given how poor England were at the last two tournaments.

"We have to have some consistency in our formation and some consistency in what we are asking the players to do,' he said. 'But the thing we don't know is who we get through the door in November and March, with all the club games they've got.

"We have to focus on a system and really try to hone it, work on it, improve it. That might mean we have to leave some good players out. But we have to start to make those decisions over the next couple of camps,"

This, insisted Southgate, is not something he has arrived at suddenly. It is a strategy he came up with over the summer in response to the obvious frailties in the squad.

"Without going over old ground, we were on the back of such a disappointing European exit and we had to qualify," he said. "But I was very clear when we sat down in the summer, Steve Holland and myself, we did a very strong assessment of the squad and we knew that in November we wanted to look at three at the back and certain personnel we wanted to put into that. It turned out we were able to start that process now rather than in November.



Gareth Southgate arrives for the match against Lithuania during 2018 World Cup Qualifications last weekend/REUTERS

"You have such little time to work with the players that the more clarity they have under pressure, they will know what to fall back on. In the qualifying games, we felt 4-2-3-1 was better. We felt we wanted wide players who were able to exploit the width and try to break down the packed defences.

"But we recognised along this journey what we are capable of in certain areas of the pitch. We have got some young players who are able to use the ball, including all three centre backs who played against Lithuania,' he said.

"Jones is another one. Cahill is playing at Chelsea in a back three. We have to invest our time in those guys."



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14:30	5567	England U17 vs Mexico U17	1.53	4.28	4.73
14:30	5897	Arsenal Kyiv vs Sumy	1.22	6.30	9.98
15:00	1180	Bezanija vs FK Napredak	5.22	3.90	1.58
15:00	2314	Dinamo Stavropol vs Chernomorets N.	4.21	3.44	1.75
15:00	2338	Skvo Rostov vs Mashuk-KMV	1.53	3.76	5.59
15:00	5328	Rtanj Boljevac vs Partizan	17.81	9.43	1.09
15:45	4186	El Daklyeh vs AL Ragaa	1.60	3.53	6.15
16:00	3749	Spartak Nalchik vs Anzhi Makhachkala II	1.94	3.42	3.42
16:00	5733	FC Krasnodar II vs Druzhba	1.32	4.87	7.35
16:30	1007	Dinamo Zagreb B vs Lucko Zagreb	1.60	3.56	5.16
16:30	1924	NK Sesvete vs HNK Gorica	3.24	3.14	2.11
16:30	3812	Kustosija vs Solin	3.63	3.22	1.94
16:30	5872	NK Dugopolje vs NK Novigrad	1.48	3.97	5.85
17:00	3532	India vs Macao	1.07	8.98	19.49
17:00	5331	Deportivo Toluca U20 vs Lobos Buap U20	1.69	3.80	4.06
17:30	3246	Iraq U17 vs Chile U17	2.26	3.44	2.72
17:30	5805	Honduras U17 vs New Caledonia U17	1.07	8.74	20.04
18:00	3260	HNK Sibenik vs Hrvatski Dragovoljac	2.01	3.25	3.40
18:00	3612	Smouha Club vs Petrojet FC	2.10	2.84	4.15
18:00	3629	Suduva vs Spyris Kaunas	1.23	5.73	10.93
19:00	1053	Egestorf/Langreder vs St.Pauli II	2.48	3.38	2.69
19:00	2293	Red Star Belgrade vs FK Dinamo Vranje	1.17	6.80	12.56
19:00	4912	Sloboda vs Borac Cacak	3.41	3.36	2.05
19:45	4734	HIK Hellerup vs Silkeborg IF	10.02	5.54	1.27
20:00	1784	Augsburg II vs 1860 Rosenheim	1.69	4.01	4.38
20:00	2055	FC Zurich W vs Gintra W	1.22	6.46	8.01
20:00	2665	Bayern Munich W vs Chelsea W	1.43	4.30	5.89
20:00	3802	HB Koge vs FC Roskilde	2.15	3.31	3.31
20:00	5606	Rosengard W vs Olimpia Cluj W	1.18	6.42	10.27
20:30	2716	CD Roda vs CF Torre Levante	2.41	3.03	2.82
21:00	1920	Sao Paulo U20 vs Xv de Piracicaba	3.42	3.42	1.94
21:00	2745	Club Deportivo Basconia vs SD Deusto	2.67	3.23	2.41
21:00	3188	Numancia vs Barcelona B	1.88	3.49	4.30
21:00	3670	Gimnastic Tarragona vs Granada	2.59	3.13	2.91
21:00	3833	SD Zamudio vs SD Balmaseda FC	2.01	3.30	3.35
21:00	4175	EC Agua Santa SP vs Inter De Limeira SP	2.26	3.54	2.67
21:00	5111	CD Bunol vs CF Borriol	1.63	3.62	4.74
21:00	5974	Taboao DA Serra SP vs Ferroviaria SP	2.90	3.77	2.04
21:30	2017	UD Alzira vs CF La Nucia	2.40	3.42	2.55
21:30	2379	CD Almazora vs Olimpic Xativa	4.96	3.48	1.64
21:30	4841	CD Eldense vs CD Castellon	2.11	3.14	3.24
21:30	4943	UD Rayo Ibense vs Levante B	3.14	3.04	2.21
21:30	5569	Crevillente Deportivo vs Silla CF	2.05	3.22	3.32
21:45	3177	Farnborough vs Weymouth	2.57	3.71	2.26
22:00	2786	Real Oviedo vs Tenerife	2.10	3.13	3.93
22:30	4307	Margarita FC vs Mineros Guyana	4.20	3.48	1.74
23:00	1919	Sevilla Atletico vs Cadiz CF	2.75	3.02	2.81
23:00	2421	Urena SC vs Zulia FC	2.55	3.16	2.55
23:00	5240	La Hoya Lorca vs Zaragoza	2.91	3.13	2.59

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VOLLEYBALL KIPRUTO AND SANG AMONG THE BIGGEST CASUALTIES



KVF trim squad

Five players dropped as national men's team is whittled from 20 to 15 players



BY AGNES MAKHANDIA
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Kenya's National Men Volleyball team celebrate after winning against Rwanda during CAVB zone V World Championship qualifier **/COURTESY**

Experienced setter Elisha Aliwa and rookie Abuid Kipkirui were named in the 15-member team as the technical bench whittled down the squad ahead of next weekend's African Nations Cup-cum-World Championship qualifier in Cairo, Egypt.

The two were not part of the team which qualified for the event that was held in Rwanda in July.

Aliwa, who plays for Kenya Defence Forces in the league, was overlooked prior to the team's departure for the Rwanda assignment while Kipkirui, who turns up for General Service Unit didn't receive a call up as he was undergoing training.

At the same time, Kenya Prisons' right attacker Sila Kipruto and middle blocker Linus Sang from Administrative Police, who were part of the team that qualified for the Africa show were dropped.

Others who didn't make the cut to the 15-member squad that is expected to go into residential camp later this week are GSU duo of Shadrack Misikho and Cornelius Rotich and Kenya Prisons' Josephat Kirwa.

Team manager Ismail Chege said they encountered selection headache in whittling down the 20-man squad that has been training for the last one month at the Safaricom Indoor Arena, Kasarani as all of them were impressive.

"The players have shown growth and I know those who failed to make the cut will surely have a positive impact in their respective clubs in the local league matches," said Chege. He added: "We are in the last phase of our preparations ahead of the October 22-29 championship and the players are determined to do well. We can only hope for the best going forward but we will still drop three players prior to our departure next week."

Those in the provisional squad include Michael Chemos, team captain Jairus Kipkosgei, Hudson Chesoli, Rodgers Kipkirui, Timon Kimutai and Kelvin Maiyo from Kenya Prisons.

Others are Bonfentry Wekesa, Abiud Kipkirui, Brian Melly, Simon Kipkorir, Cornelius Kirwa and Noah Bett (GSU); Elisha Alisa (KDF), Nicholas Matui (Nairobi Water) and Sam Juma (KPA).

The national team depart for the host nation on October 20 as they seek to challenge for the top three spots up for grabs ahead of next year's World Championship to be co-hosted by Bulgaria and Italy.



Serena Williams **/FILE**

TENNIS

Serena ready to defend title after maternity

BY PRESS ASSOCIATION / Serena Williams looks set to return to defend her Australian Open title after becoming a mother in September, the tournament's director has announced.

The 35-year-old discovered she was expecting shortly before the 2017 Australian Open in January but went on to win the tournament without dropping a set.

Williams beat her sister Venus in the Melbourne final 6-4 6-4. She now hopes to return to grand slam tennis in time for the Australian Open in January next year, Craig Tiley said.

Speaking after an announcement on what fans could expect of the 2018 tournament, he said: "Serena, the competitor that she is, she wants to win more than the 23 grand slam titles that she has. "She was eight weeks pregnant when she played the Australian Open and very few people knew that."

The 23-time grand slam singles champion and her fiance Alexis Ohanian named their daughter Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr, with Williams previously tweeting: 'Fun fact my daughters initials are AO as in the Aussie open she won with me @AustralianOpen'.

Tiley added: "We're proud of the fact she's gone around the world, she's told that her baby's AO—Australian Open, Alexis Ohanian.

"We have a special relationship with Serena, the Williams family, both her and Venus. She wants to come back in 2018 and defend her title."

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