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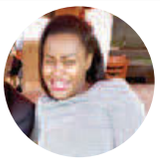


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President Uhuru Kenyatta with First Lady Margaret Kenyatta launches Phase 2A of the Standard Gauge Railway from Nairobi to Suswa in Narok County, yesterday. The train will operate daily passenger services. PD / JOHN OCHIENG

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Sonko defends his controversial trips



Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko has defended his recent trips abroad that have come under heavy criticism from some leaders and residents, saying they were official. This came after some Kenyans termed video clips shared on social media of the governor partying "shameful". Speaking on a local TV station, Sonko said governors also have a social life. He added that one of the trips to Milan, Italy was to receive a global award on behalf of Nairobi as one of the fastest growing cities in the world. And speaking yesterday when President Uhuru Kenyatta launched the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Westlands Expressway, Sonko called on the National government to cooperate with the counties in fighting graft cartels that have deep-rooted networks in both levels of governance. **- Seth Onyango**



TV presenter seized at Diani Airstrip

KTN presenter Tony Gachoka (*pictured*) was yesterday arrested after he insisted on boarding a plane with alcoholic drinks at Diani Airstrip in Kwale, according to media reports. Msambweni OCPD Nehemiah Bitok said the Pointblank show host became rowdy and hurled insults at passengers who tried to restore calm after he was refused the request, which is against the airline's regulations. Gachoka is expected to be arraigned today to answer to charges of causing a disturbance. It's not the first time for the scribe to cause controversy. In 2015, he was banned from appearing as a guest on Jeff Koinange Live (JKL), which aired on KTN at the time after he allegedly turned up intoxicated and uttered defamatory statements against senior government officials.

– PD correspondent

Jumwa spends night in cell over death of ODM supporter

Court to rule today on DPP's application to detain Malindi MP for 21 days for police to complete probe

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Abrasive Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa spent last night in police cells as she waits to know whether she will be detained for 21 days to allow police complete investigations into the death of an ODM supporter on Tuesday.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) sought to have the MP detained for three weeks to allow police time to investigate whether the MP was involved in the shooting to death of Francis Ngumbao Jola. The court is this morning expected to make a ruling on the DPP's request.

Senior Assistant DPP Alloys Kemo said the MP is also being investigated for allegedly assaulting police officers and members of the public, incitement to violence and violation of electoral laws.

The MP, who was yesterday arraigned before Mombasa Senior Resident Magistrate Vincent Adete had been arrested at her home in Kakuyuni, Malindi, on Tuesday night.

Her two employees Samuel Charo and Katana Karisa, were released without charges. Jumwa and Okot are accused of storming a meeting at the home of Reuben Katana, the ODM candidate for today's Ganda ward by-election, leading to chaos that resulted in the shooting of Jola.

More violence

Kemo told the court that unless the MP is detained, there is a likelihood of more violence in Malindi town as voting takes place today. However, the MP's lawyers Jared Magolo, Gikandi Ngibuini and Michael Ngure, objected to the application, arguing that this would be a violation of her fundamental rights.

After her arrest on Tuesday, Jumwa was taken to the Malindi Police Station before being moved to Mombasa yesterday morning.

Reports indicated that violence erupted moments after Jumwa stormed the venue where ODM leaders were meeting 300 party agents at around 5pm, demanding that the gathering be dispersed because campaigns had officially ended on Monday.

Those present included Mombasa Deputy Governor William Kingi, Magarini MP Michael Kingi, Kilifi North MP Owen Baya, former Malindi MP Willy Mtengo and some ODM officials from Nairobi and Mombasa.

During the fracas, Jola was reportedly shot in the left side of his chest and was pronounced dead on arrival at the Malindi sub-county hospital. The deceased is said to be a relative of Katana, the ODM candidate.



Malindi MP Aisha Jumwa (right) with Geoffrey Otieno before a Mombasa Court over links to the death of an ODM supporter on Tuesday. PD/ BONFACE MSANGI

Tension is still high in Ganda Ward with more policemen deployed to enhance security during the polls.

Vincent Safari Katana, a relative of the deceased, said everything was well until Jumwa's team arrived and demanded that the meeting be called off saying it was illegal.

"The goons accompanying Jumwa started the chaos and disrupted the meeting. At that time, there were about eight police officers who were trying to keep the peace," he said.

Meanwhile, Kilifi County Governor Amason Kingi has demanded the arrest of sub-county police commander Phillip Wambugu and his deputy Solomon Kosgei for allegedly failing to prevent the violence.

Kingi claimed the two escorted the MP to the venue of the ODM meeting and "protected her instead of preventing her from causing chaos".

Earlier yesterday at Parliament Buildings, Nairobi, some Jubilee MPs accused the police of applying the law selectively in the fight against electoral violence.

More than 20 legislators associated with the political outfit Tanga Tanga that is associated with Deputy President William Ruto, claimed police rushed to arrest Jumwa yet politicians allied to the Orange party who have allegedly been engaged in electoral violence in Kibra constituency are yet to be questioned.

The legislators claimed no action had been taken against some ODM leaders who were openly calling for electoral violence targeted at the Jubilee candidate MacDonald Mariga during a campaign rally in Kibra last weekend.

They accused legislators Junet Mohammed (Suna East), Babu Owino (Embakasi East) and former Embakasi South representative Irshad Sumra of advocating violence in Kibra.

Led by Kimani Ichung'wa (Kikuyu), Didmus Barasa (Kimilili), Gladys Shollei (Uasin Gishu County) and Purity Ngirichi (Kirinyaga County), the legislators threatened to institute private proceedings against the ODM leaders.

"As of today the police have not arrested Sumra, Junet and Owino . . . we are just wasting taxpayers' time if these people are still roaming around. The law must not be applied selectively. Police should move with speed and have them arrested; the Handshake should not be used as a blanket cover for suspected criminals," said Barasa.

Ngirichi claimed that women were being victimised and arrested just because they are involved in politics yet whenever men engage in violence, they are left to go scot-free.

She said while they are not opposed to police doing their work, they are against police engaging in selective arrests.

"It is obvious that women are being victimised and that is why they are being arrested, we have seen men throw in big words and engaged in all types of violence but are not arrested. Is it that they arrest women because they are weak and can be threatened?" she posed.



with Kimathi wa Mutegi
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When life is this hilarious, indulge...

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Mom is going to be so happy when she sees the gas tank full.

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Nervy moments.

Should we call it a draw?





President Uhuru Kenyatta addresses members of the public when he officially inaugurated the Ngong SGR Station in Kajiado county, yesterday. PD/GERALD ITHANA

I don't want another mandate, Uhuru tells Handshake critics

President says BBI is meant to ensure that no Kenyan sheds blood because of politics competition

by Seth Onyango and George Kebaso
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President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday waded into the 2022 succes President Uhuru Kenyatta yesterday reignited the 2022 succession politics and told off those accusing him of using the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) to extend his mandate.

Uhuru tore into the Tanga Tanga faction of the ruling Jubilee Party, that is allied to Deputy President William Ruto, for fuelling claims that he and Opposition leader Raila Odinga were using the March 2018 Handshake to entrench dynasty rule.

Speaking when he opened Phase 2A of the Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) from Nairobi to Naivasha for passenger services, the Head of State said he was "tired and ready to go home" at the end of his term and told those spreading the propaganda to stop it.

"Those talking about BBI… I don't want another mandate. I don't want any job. I am tired. BBI is meant to ensure that no Kenyan sheds blood because of political competition. We want peace. I know together with Raila we will achieve it," he said.

Endorse BBI

For the first time, the President publicly endorsed the BBI, exuding confidence that it would sail through as he dismissed opponents of the initiative as "con men".

"We will be back with BBI very soon. Let no one lie to you that it is about politics," the President told hundreds of Ngong residents, after commissioning the Ngong SGR station.

The President repeated the same message at various stopovers he made between Nairobi and Naivasha as he commissioned the project.

In a direct assault against those opposed to the BBI initiative, Uhuru urged Kenyans to be wary of naysayers.

"Wachaneni na matapeli (ignore these con men)," the President, who at some point used his vernacular Kikuyu dialect to express his point, said.

He said political ambitions should not blind leaders on the need for solutions to challenges ailing the country for decades. "If there is a legacy I want to leave, it is that of unity so that no more blood is shed because of politics," he said.

"What do they want?" he posed, without mentioning names, but in a clear reference to those critical of his political truce with Raila. His assurance somehow eases political uncertainties within the Ruto's camp which has openly expressed reservations about the BBI agenda for a plebiscite, saying it was meant to create a prime minister's position to keep Uhuru in power.

Bill rejected

The President spoke as it became apparent that the Thirdway Alliance leader Ekuru Aukot's Punguza Mizigo Bill which aims to reduce the size of the Executive is facing imminent defeat.

By yesterday, 23 County Assemblies had rejected the bill which aims to shrink the size of government in a bid to tame the runaway wage bill. (See separate story)

Yesterday was not the first time the President was stating his position about retirement after serving for two terms as prescribed by the Constitution.

In an interview with CNN in October last year, Uhuru gave an assurance he will not cling to power after his second term ends.

Responding to questions from CNN anchor Richard Quest, the Head of State said he was not interested in staying on.

"People are talking about constitutional changes not necessarily because they are desirous of the President to seek a third term. They are talking about constitutional change because of issues related to the costs of running this new Constitution," he said.

Uhuru clarified that political competition with Raila and his allies Kalonzo Musyoka, Musalia Mudavadi and others was not conducive for the country's stability and development, the reason why he reached out to them.

"I reached out to Raila and his allies, and asked them to come and work with us in the government so that this country can move forward," he said.

He said it was unacceptable that after every five years, politicians invite Kenyans to fight yet it is not their blood that spills. "The blood being spilled does not belong to the politicians; their wives or children," he said.

The President cautioned Kenyans to be wary of politicians who are promising them heaven while preaching vanity and politics of hate.

Yesterday, Uhuru listed various projects that have been completed because of peace and stability that he attributed to the March 9, 2018 Handshake.

"We were in Mombasa recently to inspect a number of ongoing projects, and we are going back to operationalise the Dongo Kundu bypass which will greatly see reduction of accidents witnessed in the Likoni Channel.

Biggest port

"I was in Kisumu Port yesterday (Tuesday) and I witnessed a ship arrive from Kampala with cargo containers. Here we are at the Kumuka area, we have water that we didn't have. We have already seen one of Africa's biggest port in Lamu completed, and will enhance business between Kenya and countries in the Northern Corridor. All these have been achieved because of peace that has prevailed since my handshake with Raila," the President added.

He was accompanied by more than 10 Cabinet secretaries; six governors including Mike Sonko (Nairobi), Joseph ole Lenku (Kajiado), Lee Kunyanjui (Nakuru), Samuel Tunai (Narok), embattled Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu and Alfred Mutua (Machakos).

Some of the stop-overs included Ongata Rongai, Ngong station, Kumuka water project near Mahi Mahiu, Ngong tunnel, Suswa SGR station and the site where the Inland Container Depot (ICD) is to be built in Naivasha.

PROJECTS COMPLETED

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BRIEFLY

Hospital denies rejecting interns

Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, Eldoret, has refuted claims that it has turned away graduate interns deployed to the institution following a stand-off between the Public Service Commission (PSC) and State corporations. The hospital chief executive Wilson Aruasa (*below*) said they have received three out of 13 interns sent to the hospital by PSC. He added that some reported in July, an assertion that appears to contradict the reality as the PSC interns were nominated early this month and posted from late last week. At the same time, it has emerged that the Media Council of Kenya was not part of the institutions where interns were posted. Meanwhile, PSC spokesman Brown Kutswa said they have advertised for 400 more intern posts. **– Winstone Chiseremi**



CS summoned over forces hiring

Defence Cabinet Secretary Rachel Omamo has been ordered to appear before Parliament today to shed light on the upcoming Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) recruitment slated for October 28. Deputy Speaker Mosses Cheboi ordered Omamo to appear before the Defense committee after members raised queries on how the exercise will be conducted. The orders came after KDF in an advertisement on their website and Twitter page said the deadline for application is November 7. Recruitment centres have also been moved from sub-counties to counties' level. "She should tell us whether the budget is the main issue," said Cheboi. Tiaty MP William Kamket sought to know the transparency measure in place ahead of the exercise. **–Mercy Mwai**

Man arrested for biting son's groin

A 23-year-old man from Mwingoni village in Voi Sub-county was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly biting the genitals of his son, aged four months, under unclear circumstances. Agatha Martin, the wife of the suspect Salim Mwaluma, said he took their son out for a walk on Saturday evening and returned late with the baby having slept. On Sunday morning, he insisted on bathing the baby but during the day the baby's cries prompted her to check the minor's body. She discovered the baby had bite marks including on his genitals. The baby was rushed for treatment at a local health facility but was referred to Moi County Referral Hospital. The suspect was reportedly against the matter being reported to police. **– KNA**

NCIC summons Junet, Sumra

The two face investigations over claims of incitement and hate speech in the ongoing Kibra by-election

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The National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) yesterday summoned Suna East MP Junet Mohamed and former Embakasi South MP Irshad Sumra to respond to hate speech accusations.

NCIC said it is investigating the two over claims of incitement and hate speech in the ongoing Kibra by-election.

The summons come as party chairman John Mbadi is today expected to appear before the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) to respond to electoral violence accusations.

But reacting to the summons by IEBC, ODM yesterday accused Jubilee of hatching a plot to have its candidate in the Kibra by-election Imran Okoth disqualified.

Secretary general Edwin Sifuna said the claims were part of a calculated scheme to have its candidate locked out of the November 7 race.

Sifuna, however, said the party will appear before IEBC tomorrow to defend itself.

Mbadi was summoned after Jubilee candidate McDonald Mariga accused ODM of orchestrating violence at his campaign rallies.

In his complaint to IEBC, Mariga says his campaign had faced a "series of well calculated, planned and executed violence" by ODM supporters, including the damage of his campaign vehicles on October 12.

He said the attackers were acting on instructions of the leadership of Opposition leader Raila Odinga's party which is seeking to recapture the seat left vacant by the death of Ken Okoth.

"The violence being meted on my supporters and I is in blatant violation of Section 6 of the Electoral Code of Conduct which parties to an election signed and are expected to be bound by them," he said and asked IEBC to take appropriate measures to prevent further violence.

Following the complaint, IEBC's Electoral Code of Conduct Committee secretary wrote ODM chair Mbadi, asking him to appear before it tomorrow at 10 am.

Arguing they were not aware why they had been summoned, Mbadi said they will nevertheless present themselves at the IEBC offices to hear the charges.

Demand evidence

"There are no details of what we have done to warrant the summons, but as a party that respects the rule of law, we will present ourselves there on time and demand to be informed about the accusations so that we can respond. We will demand evidence," Sifuna told *People Daily* yesterday.

Mbadi, he said, will be accompanied by ODM lawyers including Siaya Senator James Orengo, MPs TJ Kajwan'g (Ruaraka), Otiende Omolo (Rarieda), Peter Kaluma (Homa Bay Town).



Former Embakasi MP Irshad Sumra has been summoned by the NCIC. PD/FILE

MARIGA'S COMPLAINT

- Jubilee candidate in the Kibra by-election McDonald Mariga says his campaign had faced a "series of well calculated, planned and executed violence" by ODM supporters.
- But ODM claims the accusations are part of a scheme by Jubilee to have its candidate in the Kibra by-election Imran Okoth disqualified so it can have a smooth ride.

Sifuna said Jubilee leaders had sensed defeat and were trying to have ODM candidate disqualified so that they can have an easy ride.

"They have openly demanded that our candidate be kicked out of the race. But that will not happen. They should be prepared to face us at the ballot," he said.

He asked IEBC to investigate all electoral malpractices in the by-election campaigns, saying the electoral body had ignored voter bribery and use of public resources in the campaigns.

Ban harmful pesticides, activists say

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Greenpeace Africa, a farmers' lobby and smallholder farmers in Makueni County, want all pesticides bearing harmful ingredients banned.

The activists, who stormed a World Good Day celebrations in Makueni yesterday, said food safety had become a major concern for consumers in the country.

"Kenya's food system is broken and food safety has become a major concern to consumers. In the past year, we have seen immense violation of Kenyans' right to safe food. Kenyans have been exposed to food with harmful chemicals.

A farmer, Rebecca Mukeku, said agrochemicals were not only harmful to the health of consumers but also degraded soil and quality of yields.

She urged the government to provide water, seeds, extension services and access to markets to enable farmers to contribute to food security efforts in President Uhuru Kenyatta's Big Four Agenda.

"The government needs to support sustainable farming practices such as ecological farming. Such efforts will increase farmers' income, build resilience and empower local farmers," she said.

Questions emerge over KNH plans to build private facility

by Stellar Murumba
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Questions have emerged over Kenya's largest referral facility's plan to set up a multi-billion-shilling private hospital on public land, to raise funds for public service in its parent arm.

In a public notice in the dailies and in its website, Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) is bidding for a developer to design, build, finance, equip, operate, maintain and transfer the proposed KNH private hospital through a public-private partnership (PPP).

It has now emerged that Transparency International-Kenya, a global civil society organisation in the fight against corruption, had in October, 2018 written a request for information to the hospital's management on the construction of the 300-bed, seven-storey private facility at the KNH grounds.

At the time, construction of the private facility had begun but has since stalled.

Aid discourse

In his response, the then KNH chief executive Thomas Mutie said the project was being handled by the PPP unit, National Treasury.

"You may wish to seek further clarification from them," he told the lobby's executive director Samuel Kimeu.



"However, in regards to items (a) and (b) of your letter under reference, we bring to your attention that the hospital has not entered into PPP agreement with any private sector investors," he said.

Mutie said the procurement documents engaging Ernst and Young to undertake the feasibility study are with the PPP unit at the Treasury.

Articles three, 10 and 35 of the Constitution allow for citizens to request for information on public matters affecting them.

This information requested on the KNH project was to aid a meaningful engagement in the public discourse on the investment, which is being set up on public land "without public participation".

This comes even as the Auditor General has raised a red flag over ownership of the land on which the private wing of yet another public referral facility — Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) — stands.

The said land belonged to the Uasin Gishu Memorial Hospital before being taken over by MTRH, a 1998 gazette notice shows.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND NATIONAL SECURITY

NOTIFICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE REFUGEES BILL, 2019

The Departmental Committee on Administration and National Security through local print newspapers of Wednesday, 9th October, 2019 advertised for public participation in the enactment of the Refugees Bill, 2019 from 17th to 19th October, 2019 in Nairobi, Mombasa, Uasin Gishu, Nakuru, Garissa and Turkana counties.

Public participation on the Bill is done in compliance with the provisions of Article 118(10)(6) of the Constitution which requires Parliament to facilitate public participation and involvement in the Legislative and other business of Parliament and its Committees.

Whereas public hearings in Nairobi, Mombasa, Uasin Gishu and Turkana will proceed as per the 9th October, 2019 advertisement, this is to notify the public of change in dates for hearings in Nakuru and Garissa as indicated below-

COUNTY	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 23rd October, 2019		
NAKURU	Old Town Hall (Nakuru Town)	10.00 am - 5.00 pm
Thursday, 24th October, 2019		
GARISSA	Dadaab IOM (Dadaab)	10.00 am - 5.00 pm

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Kiambu MCA charged with forging academic papers

by Nancy Gitonga
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A Member of Kiambu County Assembly, Robert Kibe Githongo, was yesterday charged in a Nairobi court with forging academic papers.

The Kiamwangi Ward Rep, who is also a pastor, denied five counts of forgery, providing false information, making false documents, uttering a false document and making a false statutory declaration against the law.

The court heard, among other counts, that on March 2, 2017 in Nairobi county, Githongo (*pictured*) deceived the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission by indicating in his declaration form dated March 1, 2017 that he had a genuine diploma from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology awarded in 2015.

Milimani chief magistrate Lawrence Mugambi released the accused on a Sh1 million bond or a cash bail of Sh800,000 and declined to bar him from visiting his office as requested by Principal Prosecution Counsel Vivian Kambaga, who, however, did not oppose bail application. The case will be mentioned on November 31.



BRIEFLY

PCEA reads mischief in own clerics' Sh50m fraud case

The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) has expressed fears that the prosecution could cause a mistrial in a case in which former senior clerics are charged with defrauding the church of Sh50 million. The alleged offence occurred at the headquarters in South C, Nairobi. Letters in our possession show that PCEA has written twice to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to demand that the typographical and clerical errors in the charge sheet be corrected. Former PCEA moderator David Ritho Gathanju, James Muiruri Njane and Peter Mwangi Kamuthu, have been charged with transferring Sh50,940,753 from a church account illegally. The letter indicated the errors mean Njane would be facing charges that ought to be pressed against Kamuthu.

– Anthony Mwangi

Senate terms medical leasing scam of all time



CoG chair Wycliffe Oparanya before the Senate ad hoc committee on Managed Equipment Services, yesterday. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

Governors say counties never asked for the Sh63b project, were not involved in its entire conceptualisation

by Hillary Mageka
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The Senate has now termed the controversial Managed Equipment Services (MES) initiative as "a scandal of all time" following damning revelations by the Council of Governors (CoG).

The description came as governors disclosed that President Uhuru Kenyatta's promise to form a task force to probe the Sh63 billion MES programme is yet to be implemented.

Appearing before the Senate ad hoc committee on Managed Equipment Services yesterday, CoG chairman Wycliffe Oparanya (Kakamega Governor) said the 47 counties never requested for the MES project and if they did, the Ministry of Health should have first supplied adequate information before the devolved units committed to the project.

Oparanya said while permitting the programme, the ministry said the type of equipment prioritised under the MES project was informed by a needs assessment conducted in March 2014 without the involvement of any of the 47 county governments.

Voice concerns

"There were five meetings in 2014 to discuss these issues and we (CoG) resolved that we had nothing to do with it. Memoranda of understanding (MoU) came after the project had started," he said.

"We were not involved in the entire conceptualisation of the programme. We were brought on board when the project was ongoing. We were involved as a council for coordination purposes to ensure the CECs attended the meetings," he said.

The committee chaired by Isiolo Senator Fatuma Dullo and deputised by Moses Wetang'ula (Bungoma) is probing the award and lease agreements for the managed specialised medical equipment in the 47 counties.

After variations in the cost of the MES scheme from Sh95 million to Sh200 per annum, Oparanya said the CoG voiced its concerns to President Uhuru Kenyatta, who directed the Health ministry to form a task force to investigate the issues raised by the county chiefs.

Oparanya and his Laikipia counterpart Ndiritu Muriithi said to date the probe team is yet to be formed by the Health ministry as directed by the President.

"We raised this issue in the last summit, and the President said he will form a committee to investigate the matter and it was to be convened by the Ministry of Health," said the Kakamega governor.

"The Health Cabinet Secretary was given the mandate to constitute the team, but it has not seen the light of the day," Oparanya said in response to a query raised by Wetang'ula.

"But also, I agree, that this is a scandal but I don't know to what extent," the Kakamega governor added.

Do business

Wetang'ula had sought to know from the council if the President's instructions were followed.

"What is before us is general feeling supported by the fact that somebody or some people sitting at the Ministry of Health headquarters connived to do business using counties as the conduit," said the Senator.

"CoG you have a secretariat that analyses issues for you. It defeats any logic to think that the quantic needs of Lamu are the same as that of Nairobi. You did not raise any question," he added.

"I see a conspiracy between governors and this authority that has imposed on you a programme," said Nominated Senator Judith Pareno .

"They delivered without assessment of the counties; they vary (payment) from Sh95 million to Sh200 million and there is no question from the governors. Why should our governors whom we know are able to speak out about these things be quiet?" she posed.

In documents tabled before the committee, CoG said the procurement of MES on behalf of the counties was not done pursuit to the provisions of Article 187 neither did it respect the functional and institutional integrity of the counties under Article 189 (1) of the counties act.

Provide list

The county chiefs have now demanded, through the Senate, that the Health ministry provides original list of all equipment that each county was supposed to receive for the CoG to determine which devolved units received less than what they should have received.

The programme included the provision of CT Scan machines.

Governors also want names of companies and individuals behind the CT Scan machines procurement.

'COERCED'

- CoG chair Wycliffe Oparanya says most county governments were coerced by the National government to sign the medical equipment lease pacts.
- He says in Kakamega county, a well-choreographed campaign against his administration was done.
- "The pressure was too much from all quarters. I had to do it" —Oparanya.



LSK gives State 7 days to give cash to Judiciary

by Bernard Gitau
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The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) has given the government a seven-day ultimatum to reinstate the Sh2.8 billion cut from the Judiciary budgetary allocation or it will file a constitutional petition.

LSK chair Allen Gichuhi (*pictured*) expressed concern that the move by the Executive to reduce Judiciary funding has started to cripple essential operations.

"Due to the austerity measures by the government, the reduction of Judiciary budget has led to immediate suspension of mobile courts and all tribunal sittings," he said.

He said the austerity measures circular issued by acting Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yattani proposed a drastic reduction on the Judiciary's recurrent development budget.

Evidently, according to a memo from Judiciary dated October 15 to all advocates, litigants and members of public, all Cooperative Tribunal sittings were suspended effective October to December.

"The Cooperative Tribunal will not be sitting with effect from October to December until/unless there is further communication," read part of the memo signed by George Sirro, Cooperative Tribunal chief executive.

Another memo from the Ministry of Transport, Housing and Urban Development suspended the Rent Restriction Tribunal sittings.

Gichuhi said the budget cuts adversely affect the government's commitment to constitutionalism. Other services affected include suspension of judicial service weeks.

Magoha reads riot act to staff in education docket for laxity

Education Cabinet secretary says ministry officials had failed to oversee roll-out of key programmes

by Irene Githinji
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Education Cabinet secretary Prof George Magoha's yesterday read the riot act to officials in his ministry accusing them of sleeping on the jobs.

He said they had failed to implement the ministry's key programmes.

The CS said it was unacceptable that there are about 3,000 unregistered schools across the country yet there are education officials on the ground supposed to undertake routine checks on status of these institutions.

"I was ashamed to tell the President that we have closed over 2,000 unregistered schools in the country. Launching documents will not take the President anywhere... we are leaders, can we agree that we come down from the ivory tower" said the CS.

Inspect school

"Those supposed to inspect schools should do it twice or thrice a term but some have not inspected for six years... you are being paid for nothing, what do you think we should do with you for registering bad schools? That is where the problem is not on the documents".

Magoha made the remarks at the launch of National Education Sector Strategic Plan (NESSP) 2018-2022 at Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) and Sessional Paper.

He said it was unfortunate that work is being done below par and urges the officials to give themselves higher targets.

"You and I know that we have not achieved, when I look at the two important documents before us, truth be told, the Strategic Plan requires a mid term review and here we are thumping our chests at the end of 2019 for something that is reading 2018, then the Sessional paper should have been launched earlier," said Magoha, who was addressing Regional and County Directors of Education.

He said he will not pretend to be happy over the current status of the ministry, regretting that for the six months he has been in office, not even 25 per cent of his targets have been achieved.

He urged officials to wake up and start serious work and do what they are supposed to, while decrying the high level of apathy in his docket.

"What is happening in the ministry is that there is a silo mentality about positions and ranks, please let us be all equal around the table from the most junior to me, if we cannot share ideas we cannot go anywhere," the CS said.

He urged the officials to 'throw their ranks into the dustbin' and help in serving the children better. "If you are not able to help me create a team then unfortunately I would have the bigger task of replacing all of you, which I do not want. I would rather be the one to go because it would mean I am in the wrong place. If everybody is not doing what you want, then you must be the mad man in the market," he added.

Launch documents

He made the remarks even as he stated there should not be a lot of pomp in launching documents. Magoha further said it is shameful to be given names of officers on the ground collecting money from the public to do things that are unacceptable.

"The documents are good, what I am not sure about are the people to implement, that is why I am not so much addressing the document. Do not argue saying that you are too senior because a leader must lead by example. You cannot give people orders when you are sitting in the back, you should be working with them," the CS stated.

He said he is in the ministry at a time when change is not only being implemented but is also resisted.



Education CS George Magoha with University Education and Research CAS Colleta Suda during the launch of the sector's strategic plan in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/ BENARD ORWONGO

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About 40pc of learners drop out before Form Four, report reveals

by Irene Githinji
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Despite the growing enrolment of learners to school over the years, an estimated 40 per cent of children who start Standard One do not complete Form Four.

The National Education Sector Strategic Plan (NESSP) for 2018-2022 launched yesterday indicated that there are glaring internal inefficiencies in the Kenya's education system.

High gross intake

The NESSP report states that the education system is characterised by relatively high gross intake in Standard One with learners generally staying in school up to Standard Seven, before a considerable proportion drops out between Standard Seven and Eight and between Standard Eight and Form One.

"The drop in promotion rates in Standard 7 and Form 3 could be attributed to national examinations that are essential determinants of progress from primary to secondary in many Sub-Saharan Africa countries," reads the report.



On disparities in access to basic education, the report showed that being born in a rich background increases the child's chance of enrolling and staying in school and transiting from one level to another.

NESSP indicates that enrolment in pre-primary schools increased from 2.8 million in 2013 to 3.4 million last year.

State assures all is set for curriculum roll-out in Grade 4

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Education Cabinet secretary Prof George Magoha yesterday said all is set for the roll-out of the new curriculum in Grade 4 next year.

He assured the public that all is well as Grade Four curriculum designs have been shared to schools and are also available at the Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) bookshop.

"I want all teaching and learning materials for Grade 4 to be readily available. Come next year, the system should be up and running," said Magoha.

He made the remarks when he launched National Education Sector Strategic-Plan 2018-2022 and the Sessional Paper No. 1 of 2019 at KICD yesterday, documents meant to enhance quality and inclusive education, training and research.

Ready for supply

He said textbooks for Grade 4 are being finalised in readiness for supply to schools and the market.

Magoha reaffirmed government's commitment in ensuring pupil-to-textbook ratio of 1:1 is upheld to guarantee quality teaching and learning.

BRIEFLY

End Kemsa monopoly, Waiguru tells Senate

Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru now wants the Senate to amend the law that gives the Kenya Medical Supplies Agency (Kemsa) the monopoly to supply equipment and drugs to public facilities. Waiguru (*pictured*) blamed drugs shortages in the counties on delayed delivery by Kemsa. She urged the Senate Health Committee to end the monopoly being enjoyed by the agency and allow counties to source for drugs and equipment from private companies. Committee chair Michael Mbito said they will consider the issues raised by the governors and other stakeholders during debate on the bill from the National Assembly. Contacted yesterday, Kemsa chief executive Dr Jonah Mwangi said counties were trying to cover up their inefficiencies by blaming it. **- Anthony Mwangi**



Lobbies demand Waititu resignation

A group of civil society organisations yesterday told embattled Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu to resign. They said his continued stay in office had held the county to ransom with most official activities coming to a standstill. Business was paralysed at Delta Hotel in the city centre, which is owned by Waititu, as protestors threw heads of dead pigs inside, demanding his resignation. However, police arrived shortly after and dispersed the protesters with three of them being arrested. Bunge La Akina Mama chairperson Ruth Mumbi said they have given Waititu 14 days to tender his resignation to President Uhuru Kenyatta.

-Clement Kamau

Injured athlete's son seeks help

An 18-year-old student who attained B- in last year's Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) exam is seeking financial aid to help him pursue university education. Samuel Mokaya says he is unable to join Machakos University after his father, Benson Rang'ondi, an athlete, fell during a competition and developed health complications. Speaking in Gianchore village in Kitutu Masaba, Mokaya said he is now forced to join his mother in picking tea for neighbours and do menial jobs to help fend for the family. "I have also been unable to collect my certificate from Amabuko Secondary because of a Sh42, 000 fee balance," he said. His mother Stella Rang'ondi appealed for help saying efforts to get help from local leaders had proved futile. **-KNA**

Priest prime suspect in colleague's brutal death

Detectives investigating claims the two men of cloth may have differed over woman, money

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The body of Father Michael Maingi Kyengo, a Catholic priest in Thatha Parish, Machakos county, who was kidnapped on October 8, was yesterday found buried on the bed of a seasonal river in Mashamba Makima, Embu county.

Ironically, another priest, who is the deceased's former colleague, is one of the suspects in the murder after allegedly stealing from the deceased's bank account and secretly burying his body.

Police sources told *People Daily* that detectives were following crucial leads that indicate the murder could be a result of a possible dispute over "money and a woman."

"This could turn out to be a murder that could shock the church to its core as it may implicate one of their own in the killing," said a source privy to the investigations.

Michael Mutunga, who is a mutual friend to Kyengo and the suspect, has been arrested after he was found with the deceased's car, mobile phone and documents. Mutunga, 25, is suspected to have planned the murder.

Crosshead

Mutunga was yesterday afternoon taken to witness the exhumation of Kyengo's body amid angry reaction from outraged members of the public who attempted to attack him.

The exhumation was overseen by the Director of Operations at the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) headquarters Danson Diru and Government pathologist Dorothy Njeru.

According to them, the priest was strangled and his throat slit. The body, which was wrapped in a polythene paper and put in a sack, also sustained deep cuts.

"Because of the condition of the body, we will also carry out a DNA analysis to confirm that the body belongs to the priest," Diru said.

Kyengo, 43, who was an assistant priest at the parish, was last seen on October 8 at Kaewa market in Masinga while driving his grey Toyota Axio registration number KCQ 665S.

He had dropped off a man who had earlier been fencing his Tala home before he proceeded to Masinga Resort for supper. It is suspected he was kidnapped on his way from the resort. The same day, his phone went off and police say the killers drove his car to Malindi and then back to Nairobi. In Malindi, they withdrew Sh1 million from the priest's account.

Among the red herrings in the case was the deceased's phone which at one point was located in Lamu, over 400km away from the scene, where it would be switched on and off. It was, however, not immediately established if this was deliberate, to throw detectives off the trail.

It was further established that the kidnappers withdrew money several times from the priest's Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB) account. On October 9, just a day after he went missing, Sh100,000 was withdrawn from the account. On October 10, two withdrawals of Sh70,000 each were made.

On October 11, a total of Sh240,000, in three transactions of Sh100,000, Sh70,000 and Sh70,000, was withdrawn.

Detectives say a total of about Sh1 million was withdrawn from Kyengo's account in four days, either by using his ATM card or mobile transfers, before the account was frozen after his brother Boniface Kingoo reported to the bank.

The disappearance had been reported by Kingoo at the Taka Police Post on October 11.

A team of detectives from the Special Crimes Prevention Unit (SCPU) left for Lamu but on reaching Makindu, they found Mutunga driving the priest's car.

He was arrested, and upon interrogation, he confessed knowing about the murder plot and the people behind it. He also revealed that the body had secretly been buried at a location that he was willing to disclose.

American priest

A preliminary report from analysis of his phone revealed he had been in constant communication with a Catholic priest, who is now one of the prime suspects. Text messages retrieved from his phone indicated they discussed details of the killing.

After the killing, they went back to their daily lives, a scene reminiscent of the case of the US Catholic priest Fr Hans Schmidt, who in September 1913 slashed his lover's throat, drank her blood, raped her as she bled to death, dismembered her body, and threw the pieces into a river. He then went back to St Joseph's Church where he offered Mass and administered Holy Communion.

Detectives are investigating reports that the two priests could have differed over money and a woman.

Other reports said the deceased had planned to visit Makima in Mbeere South to pray for a woman who was alleged to have been possessed by demons, but he had not been cleared by the leaders of both counties.

Father Josphat Kyambuu who is in charge of Thatha Parish, said he had worked harmoniously with Kyengo, who he described as hardworking.

"Father Kyengo was a hardworking priest who knew his job and we worked together in spreading the gospel in Thatha Parish," he recalls.

His body has been moved to Montezuma Funeral Home in Machakos awaiting a post-mortem.

CLERGY DEATHS

- **In June this year, Catholic priest Fr Eutychus Murangiri, 32, was murdered in a guest house in Nkubu town where he was drinking with friends.**
- **In December 2018, Father Joseph Njoroge of Kinoo Parish in Kiambu, was shot dead by a gang of four men riding two motorcycles.pro magniminum eosapelles**



Security officers exhume the body of Father Michael Kyengo on the riverbed of a seasonal river in Makima, Embu county, yesterday. PD/BRIAN MUSYOKA



Father Michael Maingi Kyengo of Thatha Parish, Machakos county who was murdered and his body buried in Mashamba Makima, Embu county. PD/ COURTESY

DETECTIVE

> **This could turn out to be a murder that could shock the church to its core.**

Ombeta tells court client was not on duty day lawyer Kimani was killed

by Bernice Mbugua
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Defence lawyer Cliff Ombeta yesterday sought to exonerate his client Stephen Cheburet from the murder of lawyer Willie Kimani, his client and a taxi driver.

Ombeta, while cross examining lead investigator Robert Owino, claimed Cheburet was not at the Syokimau AP camp the night Kimani, his client, boda boda rider Josephat Mwendwa and taxi driver Joseph Muiruri were murdered.

According to Ombeta *(pictured)*, the duty roaster indicates only Sylvia Wanjiku, one the of the suspects in the case, was on duty which suggested that Cheburet was not at the report office.

"Look at the duty list…show me where Sylvia was working with Cheburet," Ombeta asked Owino.



Cheburet and Wanjiku are charged alongside colleagues Fredrick Leliman, Leonard Maina Mwangi and former police informer Peter Ngugi in June 2016.

Yesterday, Owino confirmed that, the traffic case in which Mwenda had been charged with when he was allegedly shot was still active until the day he died.

"This shows the court did not make a finding on the case," argued Ombeta.

Ombeta further poked holes in the charge sheets which were used to charge Mwenda noting they were signed by OCS Mlolongo.

But in response, Owino told Justice Jessie Lessit that Leliman did not sign the charge sheets because he had no powers to do so.

According to Ombeta, it could have been the OCS who initiated the arrest of Mwendwa contrary to Owino's statement.

Police seize 'most wanted con artist'

Police believe she is the mastermind of fake multi-million-shilling tenders

by Eric Wainaina
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Directorate of Criminal Investigations detectives have finally arrested a tall and light skinned woman believed to be the mastermind of a fake multi-million-shilling tenders supply racket involving State House and Department of Defense (DoD).

Businessmen have lost millions to her as she masquerades as a projects manager or procurement officer at either State House or Harambee House Annex, besides leading a team of con men pretending to be intelligence or military officers.

Joy Wangari Kamau, aka Patricia Mareka (*pictured*), has been on the detectives radar since 2018 after she reportedly orchestrated a scam that defrauded a businessman Sh116 million using fake tenders to supply 1,200 pieces of HP ENVY laptops to install security systems at State House and DoD.

The suspect is alleged to be well-connected with some of the high and mighty in politics and government, who, her victims claim, have been protecting her.

The arrest happened on Tuesday on Lenana Road in Nairobi, and yesterday, one of her reported victims, Charles Gathii, who is said to have lost Sh116 million, positively identified her at an identification parade.

Gathii, the director of software development company Microhouse Technologies, was reportedly awarded the fake tenders in January 2018 by people who are said to have taken him to State House and Harambee House Annex where he met the "boss lady".

CON GAME

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- **She is allegedly well-connected.**

Wangari is also facing a litany of other fraud- related charges, some of which she has jumped bail, one being where he allegedly defrauded Makueni businessman Stephen Ngei Sh180 million last year in yet another a fake computer tender.

John Kariuki, the head of Investigations Bureau at the DCI, confirmed Wangari's arrest, adding that she will appear in court today. Gathii claims to have been lured into the scam by a Douglas Simiyu, who identified himself as a National Intelligence Service (NSIS) officer but whose real name is Fredrick Mangala Muhanji, said to be based at Nyati House—home to intelligence officers—where he also met him twice. When the fraud was executed, Gathii claimed to have met Wangari at State House and Harambee House Annex, which hosts Deputy President William Ruto's office.

In a statement recorded by Gathii, he says in the run-up to the 2017 election, a relative introduced him to a Mr Onesmus Waiguru, who allegedly worked at the Office of Auditor General.

Waiguru, he told police, was close to a woman only identified as Tabitha, who allegedly worked at Nyati House. He said she introduced him to Simiyu at a meeting at Chester House in early January 2018.

Sign agreement

Gathii said after the meeting, Simiyu told him the project would proceed once he signed "a confidential non-disclosure agreement" after submitting a proposal and company profile which he did. And on April 27, 2018, Microhouse Technologies wrote to "State House" to follow up with the payments and a response was done on May 8, 2018 indicating it would be settled in 30 days.

This never happened.

Girls aged 10 to get vaccine against HPV



Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki. PD/FILE

by Alvin Mwangi
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Girls aged 10 will from tomorrow start receiving free vaccination against the human papillomavirus (HPV) which causes cervical cancer.

Speaking yesterday during a media briefing ahead of the launch in Mvita, Mombasa, Health Cabinet secretary Sicily Kariuki said the roll-out is estimated to cost Sh800 million.

She said the government has 1.3 million doses in the first phase of the exercise.

For maximum protection, Kariuki said the girls will receive two doses of the vaccine within six months.

To monitor their progress, the government will issue the girls cards which they will always be required to produce after the six months.

"Cancer of the cervix is the leading cause of deaths among women in Kenya. The vaccine will protect the girls from the disease," said Kariuki.

She added that she is working with the Education ministry to ensure the exercise is successful.

According to statistics, in Kenya, nine women die of cervical cancer every day. In the last one year, close to 30,000 women in Kenya were diagnosed with cervical cancer.

Kariuki appealed to women to visit health facilities and get vaccinated.



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Resolve impasse on PSC interns postings

The unfolding standoff between the Public Service Commission (PSC), parastatals and other State agencies that is threatening to scuttle a noble initiative meant to impart skills and hands-on experience to graduates is unfortunate.

And the upshot of the embarrassing turn of events is that some 3,600 graduates, who were posted by the PSC barely a week ago, have been turned away by the receiving agencies. Reason? The internship slots had already been taken up.

This development is shocking, but not entirely unexpected in a country where shortcuts, dishonesty and fraud are common, especially where there is a whiff of money.

Could it be those trying to short-circuit the programme have their eyes on the Sh1 billion set aside for the paid internship? Hopefully not.

Naturally, the standoff will be mired in blame game and obscure the facts on the missteps—or deliberate scheming—that led to the stalemate about one of the ruling Jubilee Party's re-election pledges in the 2017 campaigns.

Already, some of the receiving agencies accuse the commission of sidelining them in the planning and implementation of the programme.

This speaks volumes on the breakdown of communication within the government in the execution of programmes.

There are troubling questions on the roll-out of the internship: Was there a needs assessment in the respective agencies to determine the number of slots available, placement and skill sets required? What was the selection criteria to ensure fairness?

PSC needs to come clear on these to reassure an increasingly cynical public and graduates that the hyped training at the Kenya School of Government and subsequent posting was not a mere public relations exercise.

Public Service Cabinet secretary Margaret Kobia should also convene heads of relevant agencies meeting to resolve the stalemate. Any mischief must be nipped in the bud and its schemers punished.

This programme is too important to be allowed to go the way the National Youth Service and others — which were supposed to improve the lot of many young people and spur economic growth — went.

Its success will be a test case for government's commitment to transparency and accountability in the conduct of public affairs.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

CORETTA SCOTT KING

"The failure to invest in youth reflects a lack of compassion and a colossal failure of common sense.

QUOTED TODAY



GEORGE MAGOHA

"I was ashamed to tell the President that we had closed 2,000 unregistered schools in the country. We are implementing change and change is always resisted and painful but is constant in life.



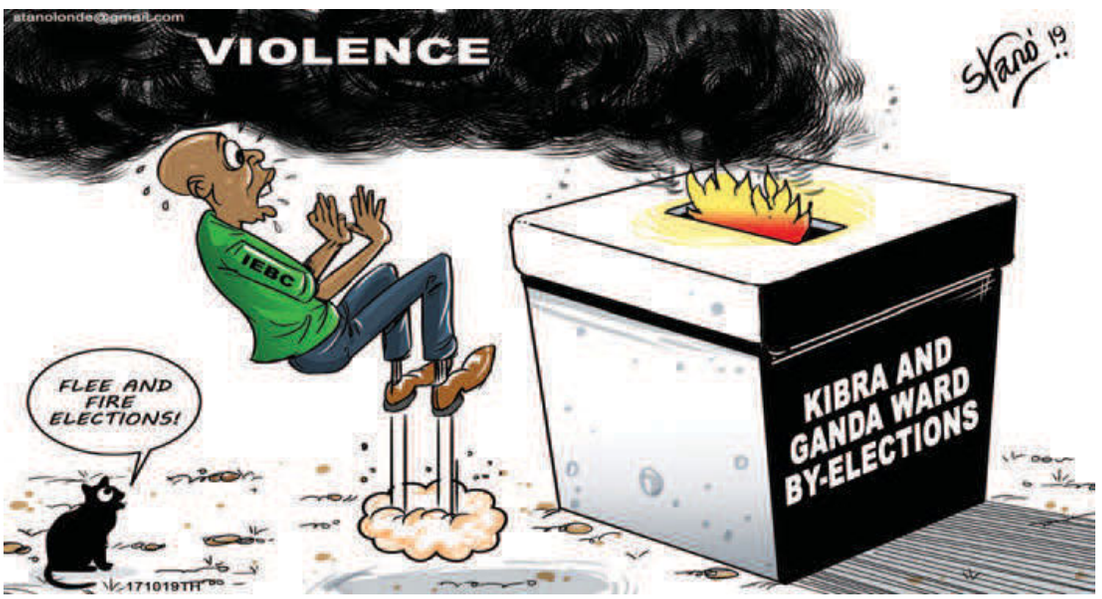
EKURU AUKOT

"I want to assure Kenyans that we will not abandon them. We will continue finding solutions to the problems in the country like ballooning national debt. We will make our next move soon. Watch this space.



POPE FRANCIS

"It is a cruel, unjust and paradoxical reality that, today, there is food for everyone and yet not everyone has access to it, and that in some areas of the world, food is wasted, discarded and consumed in excess.



Likoni calamity exposed how low Kenya has sunk



STEPHEN NDEGWA

"The navy has given the impression that it is simply smart in drill and formation

Last week was a watershed period in the evolution of the Kenyan society. It was as if the gods had visited the country, with a message that can only be deciphered by those discerning enough to see, and interpret, the signs of the times.

Two unprecedented events glued Kenyans to their television sets. First, it was the heart-rending deaths, and the nail biting recovery of the bodies of mother and daughter from the Indian Ocean. Second was the amazing triumph of a soul in a faraway land. But today I will deal with the tragedy, and how it has exposed our vulnerability.

After an unlucky 13 days, the Kenya Navy and private divers last Friday finally retrieved the bodies of Mariam Kighenda, and four-year-old Amanda Mutheu. The duo drowned after their car plunged into the Likoni channel from the rickety ferryboat.

This tragedy is symbolic of what is wrong in Kenya, below the veneer of humanity. That a mother and child sank in a rescuable, even preventable accident, reveals our pretentiousness, and the low value we place on human life.

So, we have a ferry service that has no safety standards, or effective emergency response? Never mind that the headquarters of the Kenya Navy is a stone's throw away.

Sadly, the navy has given the impression it is simply smart in drill and formation, but highly inadequate to save life. It is symptomatic of our modern society, where form has become more important than substance.

It was not the first time our ineptness has been exposed. Remember the Westgate terrorist soap opera in 2013?

To add salt to injury, the fat cats, who we pay a fortune to manage our collective business, were totally inept, waiting shamelessly and remorselessly for their equally fat salaries, perks, and kickbacks!

It is the story of our lives. A colleague recently recounted an ugly altercation with the head of a small Nairobi-based consultancy firm. He is still in shock how his former boss threw a tantrum of gigantic proportions to cover up her grave managerial flaws.

For some queer reason, those who give you a raw deal are the ones who demand your pound of flesh. Dare they catch a glimpse of desperation on your face. They will seek to draw the last drop of blood from you.

Then there is our bloated sense of self-importance, righteousness, and entitlement. No one wants to perform their roles without cajoling, persuading, threatening, or bribery.

In the current tough investment and labour market, we all understand that getting a job is like winning the national lottery. But if you give someone an opportunity for pay, do not stop press with the news.

You are simply hiring skills that you need, not giving life. Jobs are about willing buyer, willing seller, of services. The fact that you are privileged at any moment, does not mean you are special.

You owe your position to a twist of fate, lineage, or sheer luck, if not nepotism, cronyism, tribalism, and corruption. Life is a game of chances, so stop playing God with the lives of others. Humility is the hallmark of sincerity and Godliness.

The foregoing is the reason why our politicians and leaders behave with impunity and utter contempt towards Kenyans. They know our show of piety and resilience is simply a guise for deep seated covetousness.

The smell of coffee has never been so strong. But we cannot smell it in our denial and duplicity. In the words of Thomas Hobbes, in his 1651 poem, Leviathan, life in Kenya has become "nasty, brutish and short."

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Country failed mother, daughter in ferry tragedy

SABINA AKOTH

We are even more complacent as we continue to use the same ferry in the same unsafe condition

Death brings pain and suffering. Oftentimes, those left behind wonder which event is less traumatic; deaths that catch you by surprise or the ones that occasion a long suffering of the flesh. It is, perhaps, these questions that the family of Mariam Kighenda and her four-year-old Amanda Mutheu are asking. The two tragically lost their lives after their car slipped and sunk into the Indian Ocean.

The painful scene beheld the mother and child frantically asking for help as the public helplessly watched on the sidelines. It also beheld the wrath of nature as it charily consumed the two innocent lives.

What is most evident, however, is that we failed Mariam and Amanda. We failed them by our inefficiency and we are still failing them with our complacency.

Many reasons have been put forth regarding the cause of their accident, the major one being the laxity in security onboard the ferry. In particular, Mariam and her daughter stayed in the car even after they were aboard the ferry. Ideally, and borrowing from best practice, they should have left their car behind and joined the crowd at a safer distance.

More alarming is the fact that there were even fewer security measures for the car itself. Many affirm that accident could have been avoided had there been a stronger and bigger ramp.

The absence of lifesavers aboard is another challenge. Often times, those who patronise the ferry are herded and hurdled together in the small space. Lifesaver jackets are hard to come by and there are no criteria for the distribution of the few available. Perhaps there should be investment in more divers and/or lifeguards. With that big number of patrons it is only logical and fair that an adequate amount of life guards are made available on board.

This lapses were even more evident during the rescue mission. It was appalling that it was almost impossible to find local qualified divers days after the accident. The family and the country at large had to wait for days to get the right equipment and the right personnel to identify the vehicle. It cost the family thousands of shillings to hire a personal diver to address a public tragedy. This was against the background of preparations by the Kenya Navy for the forthcoming Mashujaa Day.

All these have been a bone of contention for the citizenry even as the bodies of the two Kenyans were finally recovered from the waters. It is partly a relief and party a scorn on the weight we place on the lives of our fellow men. The relief comes from the fact that the family can now have closure.

Last week, there were suggestions that the family should start working on accepting the situation and the possibility that they could never see their bodies of their loved.

Mainstream and social media pundits had wrongly predicted that the two would never be found and that the family should have a memorial service by the ocean to mark their loss.

The pundits cannot bee blamed, however, because this is not the first time that lives and property have not been retrieved from these deep waters. There are families still in loss as their people will never be found under sea. It is because of this that the scorn of the event is heavy on the minds of all involved.

Indeed, it is even more upsetting that the government wants to establish a task force to investigate an issue whose causes and solutions are obvious to naked eye. This escapist and diversionary tactic that is characteristic to our disaster management systems wastes time, risks more lives and squanders our resources.

As citizens, we are even more complacent as we continue to use the same ferry in the same unsafe condition. It is as though we are conditioned for silence and routine, because in other sober environments one would demand for better and sustainable changes given how precarious life can be.

In honour of the memories of Mariam and her daughter Amanda, it is only appropriate that we put an end to all these inefficiencies so that no other family can go through what they did.

—The writer comments on socio-economic issues

State needs to invest more in the youth, its future



WALTER ODONDI

Let's not play Russian roulette with future generations, lest the entire boat sinks

The government is banking on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Tvets) to equip the youth with skills and stem rising unemployment.

But despite the hype, most Tvets are yet to realise full enrolment besides lacking facilities to prepare the youth for challenging market demands.

Some are even mismanaged and may not offer much to the learners.

If the promise Tvets make does not come to fruition, Kenya, which leads the East African region in youth unemployment, will be in awkward position.

Our tertiary institutions churn out some 500,000 graduates annually, 75 per cent of whom join the unemployed list. According to the World Bank, an estimated one in five young people in Kenya is jobless.

And unless this trend is reversed, the country will stand accused of killing the dream of its largest population— and its future. That's why the International Youth Day, usually marked annually on August 12, passes almost unnoticed. The youth have nothing to celebrate in their joblessness.

In 2018, for instance, the government set aside, Sh45 million for this day and almost the same amount this year, but nothing meaningful has yet to come out of that fete except for additional policy briefs that end up collecting dust on shelves like other national policies.

A nation that fails to invest in the future of its youth will miss out on this critical demographic dividend. This is why any responsible government will invest in the youth who are its future, strength and treasured resource for development.

And this has to be deliberate and that is why the International Youth Day provides a platform for the government to outline and take stock of its policies on youth empowerment.

Tvets, if well managed, is one those programmes to realise this dream. By equipping the youth with relevant skills and exposing them to apt technology, we'll have adequately prepared them for the fast-changing job market.

Unfortunately, the youth seems to be getting the shorter end of the stick. The recent appointment former Othaya Member of Parliament Mary Wambui, an old guard by all means, as chairperson of the National Employment Authority (NEA) in a way reinforced the perception that the youth don't matter. She is the latest of the old guard to make a comeback to the public service, while the youth wallow in joblessness.

While it would be unfair to discriminate against likes of former Vice President Moody Awori, retired public service head Francis Muthaura and former Nyeri Town MP Esther Murugi, it is only fair that they be allowed to enjoy their retirement as senior citizens.

Ironically, those in government advise the youth to self-employ, yet they cling to formal employment for years, seeking contract extensions or positions in boards. Indeed, the saying *Kazi kwa vijana, pesa kwa wazee* couldn't be a better description of the situation.

The Jubilee government promised to create millions of jobs for young people. That remains just that — an empty promise.

Let's not play Russian roulette with future generations, lest the entire boat—Kenya—sinks.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR

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Yesterday was World Food Day, and there were calls to make Kenya food-secure.

@IrriHub: World Food Day calls for action across sectors to make healthy and sustainable diets affordable and accessible to everyone. At the same time, it calls on everyone to start thinking about what we eat.

@akinyichemutai: Today is World Food Day. Food security in Kenya is very fragile and broken. We need talk and find solutions to make sure every Kenyan doesn't go to bed hungry and gets the right nutrition.

@kanjoo: Simple natural solutions can help improve food security in parts of western Kenya

@Hasseni2014: Nature-based solutions can make a significant difference in people's lives. In Kenya's Vihiga County, African indigenous vegetables are being prioritised to boost farmers' incomes through this @theGEF-supported project. #WorldFoodDay

STREET TALK

Politician's wife can't stand indecent dressing

Every family has unwritten rules which even visitors are required to observe, as a politician's wife recently proved to her guests. The woman, whose husband has declared interest in the presidential seat in the 2022 election, dragged out an indecently-dressed woman from her house during a meeting. The young woman, an aide of a Woman Representative from Nyanza region, was ordered to dress appropriately before joining the other guests for a function they were set to attend together. Well, your house, your rules.

Multiple child upkeep payments draining MP

The burden of paying the upkeep for several children sired out of wedlock is now taking a toll on an MP from Nyanza region. Sources from Parliament have intimated that the MP's payslip reads almost nil as all his money goes to the upkeep of more than six children sired with various women out of wedlock. The legislator has devised survival tricks, including seeking donations from friends for imaginary "harambees" in his constituency while the money ends up in his pocket.

MP dumps 'ATM' wife to protect his image

An opposition legislator has parted ways with his second wife, whom he is said to have married with eyes on her wealth. The man accuses the woman of engaging in criminal activities that are not good for his "image". But the woman has termed that as an excuse as the lawmaker knew the nature of her work even before they got married. She believes the man dumped her because he no longer needs her money.

Parastatal boss attitude turns off his colleagues

A parastatal chief has found himself a lonely figure in the organisation because of his know-it-all attitude and penchant to post all his undertakings on social media. His colleagues are said to have taken a back seat to let the man run the show as he documents the same on social media. They are waiting to see how far he will go.



TRUTH IS: In the midst of every trial, God is on our side.

The vanishing birds of Taita

Rare species, only found in Taita Hills, have joined list of critically endangered thanks to human activities





The critically endangered Taita Thrush (left) and Taita Apalis. PD/ COURTESY

Conservationists are warning that two rare species of birds only found in Taita Hills are on verge of extinction because of severe loss of habitat and use of non-native trees to rehabilitate degraded areas.

Taita Thrush and Taita Apalis are on the Red List of Critically Endangered Birds by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), which is the final stage before any species is officially declared extinct.

According to IUCN, a global organisation that tracks and monitors status of different species of plants and animals, the two birds are dwindling at an alarming rate. A survey done in August 2018 established that the global population of Taita Apalis stood at between 210 and 430 birds. The numbers of Taita Thrush as at October 2016 was 930.

John Mlamba, a veteran conservationist, says the fate of the two species hangs by a thread blaming rising human population for degradation of forests and dense bush where the birds live.

Rob birds

"Human activities such as clearing bush for cultivation has robbed the birds of their original homes. If nothing is done, we are witnessing the death of the last species of Apalis and Thrush in the world," he said.

In an attempt to stem the looming catastrophe, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) in collaboration with several conservation groups launched Action Plan for Conservation of Critically Endangered Birds in Taita Hills, Kenya 2015-20.

The report places the population of Taita Thrush at 1,400; a slightly higher figure than the figures earlier given but their survival remains gravely threatened. The bulk of these surviving birds are in Mbololo Forest which houses 1,060 birds. Some 250 others are in Ngangao forest while Chawia Forest has 35 birds.

However, it is the Taita Apalis that is giving conservationists sleepless nights. The report pegs its population at between 300 and 600. The threat to the species is directly linked to severe habitat loss caused by human activities and predation. Already, Taita Apalis has vanished from two of their traditional habitats in Chawia and Fururu forests.

Rare sightings of these birds are reported in Iyale, Msidunyi and Ngangao forests.

Mlamba says the biggest threat to the birds' survival is habitat fragmentation which has confined the birds into tiny colonies separated from each other. This has been blamed on human settlements and deforestation.

As a result, in-breeding amongst small colonies with a higher male ratio has seen the birds' population dip sharply.

He says in early 2006, there were efforts to revive least-cost corridors in farms around Taita Hills, an initiative to encourage farmers to plant indigenous trees in selected places which would link up the fragmented habitats for the birds.

"These corridors would act like bridges which would allow birds from one surviving habitat to move to the next one for mating and hybrid improvement," he explained. The project, however, did not take off for lack of funds and support from stakeholders.

A Finland's University of Helsinki study, he said, showed that Taita Hills had lost more than 90 per cent of its forest cover in the last century— with 60 per cent happening in the last 50 years.

He adds that initially, more than 20 forests including Chawia, Mbololo, Fururu, Iyale, Msidunyi and Shomoto formed one unbroken continuum of forest cover. This made the birds population thrive. However, settlement in those forests cut off the birds leading to the current situation.

The 2015-20 Action Plan report also cites use of non-native trees for reforestation as working against the rejuvenation of the birds' population. To reverse the trend, farmers are being advised to plant indigenous trees to boost the endangered birds' numbers.

Renewed effort

Mlamba, who is also the director of Management of Arid Zones and Initiatives for Development Options (MAZIDO), said there was a renewed effort to encourage farmers to plant indigenous trees.

In a programme dubbed Vuria Forest Restoration and Livelihood Improvement (Vuforeli) project, his group is working with 1,000 farmers living around the degraded Taita Hills to restore the natural vegetation cover using native trees.

"We are educating farmers on why they should plant indigenous trees. This is the only hope remaining for the birds," he said.

As part of livelihood improvement, farmers are being encouraged to plant Macadamia trees as an alternative to their preference for non-native trees which they claim are economically beneficial due to timber harvesting.

-KNA

MORE GROUPS

- **Nature Kenya, an NGO that deals with conservation of birds, has also joined in the campaign to save the two bird species.**
- **Apart from tree planting, the organisation has started donating energy efficient jikos to schools to prevent excessive use of firewood which contribute to deforestation.**
- **Nature Kenya's Gilbey Obunga, says there are plans to give such jikos to households around the remaining forests in Taita Hills to ease the pressure on forests.**

Judge, home owners tussle with developer moves to court

by Bernard Gitau
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A senior judicial officer together with other eight home owners are involved in a tussle with a private developer over the ownership of properties valued at more than Sh200 million in Lavington, Nairobi.

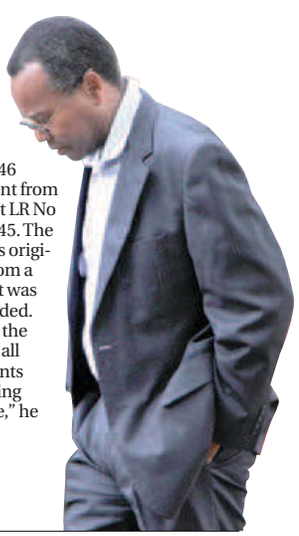
Nakuru High Court judge Joel Ngugi (*pictured*) and his neighbours are opposing the development of a plot next to their Oryx Villas they have been occupying since 2008.

Justice Ngugi was on Tuesday involved in a heated argument with the developers and police officers before retreating to one of the maisonettes.

The residents claim ownership of the undeveloped plot being developed by Guangzhou Villas, adding that the two plots had been amalgamated. They even presented a certificate of occupation.

Bona fide plot owner

However, Guangzhou Villas lawyer, Royford Mwenda on Tuesday maintained his client was the bona fide owner of the plot, adding that Justice Ngugi and other owners at the Oryx Villas were wrong in claiming ownership of the disputed plot.



"My client's Plot LR No 3734/1046 is different from their plot LR No 3734/1045. The two plots originated from a land that was sub-divided. We have the title and all documents supporting the same," he said.

Ports authority challenges jurisdiction of judges in SGR case

by Monica Kagia
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Kenya Ports Authority (KPA) has moved to the Supreme Court to challenge the jurisdiction of a five-judge bench constituted by Chief Justice David Maraga to hear a case seeking to have the management of the port handed over to the Mombasa county.

Through the Attorney General, the Authority filed a Notice of Appeal at the Supreme Court in Nairobi challenging the decision by the Appellate Court sitting in Mombasa that allowed the Bench to hear the dispute last month.

Lawyer Wachira Nguyo from the Attorney's General office said KPA was dissatisfied by the decision of Justice Pauline Nyamweya, Erick Ogolla, Lydia Achode, Anthony Mrima and Justice Joel Ngugi that was delivered on September 26.



AG KIHARA

KPA is dissatisfied with decision allowing the Bench to hear dispute.

The Appellate Court had ruled that the five-judge bench had the jurisdiction to hear and determine the dispute.

In March, the bench rejected an application by KPA counsel Githu Muigai and Billy Kongere challenging their jurisdiction on the matter.

The dispute arises from a petition filed by three Mombasa residents: William Odhiambo Ramogi, Asha Mashaka Omar and Gerald Lewa Kiti. Mombasa county, Muslims for Human Rights (Muhuri) and activist Maina Kiai are enjoined in the case as interested parties.

The petitioners, through lawyer Nyambura Kihoro, are challenging the September 30, 2014 agreement between KPA and Kenya Railways Corporation that allowed clearing of upcountry-bound cargo and transportation through Standard Gauge Railways to the Inland Container Depot.

The petitioners want the Bench to order the return of cargo clearance services from the Embakasi ICD to Mombasa port and for the entire operation of the port left to the County Government.

Kihoro said issues raised in the petition are of public interest and the outcome shall determine the extent to which the economic and social rights of the county residents shall be threatened and contravened.

However, KPA in their appeal argued the dispute is inter-governmental that needs to be resolved through dispute resolution tribunal.

Nyoro wants clauses on devolved units declared illegal

by Nancy Gitonga
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Kiambu Deputy Governor James Nyoro wants the High Court to declare some sections of the County Governments Act unconstitutional arguing they are denying him a chance to execute his duties effectively.

In a cross-petition filed yesterday, Nyoro through lawyer Kibe Mungai, said he should be allowed to exercise such powers as may be necessary, for the execution of the office of governor during the period he will be serving as the acting governor of Kiambu County.

Nyoro said in response to a petition filed by a Kiambu resident Bernard Chege that by dint of Article 259(3)(a) and (b) of the Constitution, so long as he remains the acting Governor, the law permits him to perform all the functions and exercise all the powers conferred by the Constitution on the office of the governor.

Nyoro said currently, the County Public Service Board (CPSB) of Kiambu is not fully constituted and therefore lacks quorum to discharge its mandate.

In the petition, Chege moved to court to challenge the powers of the deputy governor, to reshuffle the county executive committee members saying it is a recipe for chaos because Governor Ferdinand Waititu is likely to revise it.

Setback for Aukot bill as eight more counties reject initiative

Some MCAs say the public felt Punguza Mizigo was too unrealistic, would water down gains made in current Constitution

by Eric Wainaina
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Ekuru Aukot's Thirdway Alliance party has suffered yet another blow after eight more counties rejected the Punguza Mizigo bill, bringing the number of devolved units that have rejected it so far to 23.

The latest counties to shoot down the bill are Trans Nzoia, Garissa, Nandi, Elgeyo Marakwet, Kericho, Kisumu, Meru, Tana River and Busia, which voted on Tuesday to further diminish the hopes of the initiative which, among other things, pushes for the reduction of the number of MPs to 147, ever seeing the light of day.

Other counties that have voted against the proposal which got the nod of the country's electoral body after attracting the support of 1,222,541 registered voters, are Nairobi, Kiambu, Siaya, Nakuru, Murang'a , Kakamega, Kisii, Kirinyaga, Nyamira, Makueni, Nyeri, Mandera, Lamu and Homa Bay.

Vote in favour

To succeed, the bill requires the backing of MCAs from at least 24 regional assemblies, but so far, only Uasin Gishu, Deputy President William Ruto's home county, has voted in its favour. While voting against the bill, MCAs in Trans Nzoia and Meru counties said it erodes the gains made by the 2010 Constitution.

The assembly's Justice committee chairman Mathew Orang'o said the bill had been resoundingly rejected by majority of residents in the region during a public participation forum on October 11.



Thirdway Alliance Party leader Ekuru Aukot at a recent press briefing. PD/FILE

VOTING FOR BILL

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- To succeed, the draft bill requires support of MCAs from at least 24 regional assemblies, but so far, only Uasin Gishu has voted in its favour.

"Majority of the members of the public felt that the bill is too unrealistic and will undo gains made by the country under the current constitutional dispensation," said Nyarango while tabling the motion.

In Meru, where 42 members voted against it, Majority Leader Victor Karithi claimed the reduction of the number of MPs will lead to unfair representation in the National Assembly and reduce service delivery to the electorate.

Garissa county's Justice committee chair Hamdi Ahmed argued that whatever the Bill is taking away from Kenyans was 'much bigger' than what it offers because it was, among other things, seeking to further marginalise the already under developed areas by abolishing nomination slots.

"The Bill has enticing clauses, but it is too toxic to be consumed because reduction of constituencies will lead to more marginalisation in under privileged areas," she told the House.

Hulugho MCA Mohamed Adow said reduction of the presidential terms will create irresponsible leaders, saying: "The Bill is taking us back. A president who wins will not bother much because he or she does not stand a chance of being re-elected,"

Intimidating MCAs

Aukot has repeatedly accused what he calls the "big boys" in the political arena of wooing and even intimidating MCAs to reject the bill. On Tuesday night during a live TV interview, he expressed hope that the remaining 25 counties would consider it.

The former presidential candidate was recently forced to pronounce himself on claims that Ruto was sponsoring him to flex his political muscles against his political enemies.

Israel backs Kenya UN seat bid, says envoy

by Hillary Mageka and DPPS
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Israel will support Kenya's bid for the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) non-permanent seat for 2021 to 2022, the Middle East country's Ambassador to Kenya Joseph Oded said yesterday.

He said Israel recognises the vital role played by Kenya on matters pertaining to regional security, noting that the position would strengthen its activities in the fight against terrorism extremism.

Speaking when he met Deputy President William Ruto in his Karen office, Nairobi, yesterday, Oded said his country would continue to support Kenya in the war against terrorism among other criminal activities.

Israeli support comes as Senate Speaker Kenneth Lusaka placed a strong case for Kenya's candidature before global parliamentarians. The Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU) pledged to throw its weight behind the bid.

Having lobbied its peers in the African Union (AU) and secured the continental approval, Kenya has now set its eyes to woo Asian and Europe nations.

Addressing the 141st Assembly of the IPU in Serbia on Tuesday, Lusaka said Kenya's contribution to regional security, humanitarianism, peace-keeping, and counter-terrorism; through efforts such as Operation Linda Nchi, contribution to AMISOM troops in Somalia, as well as playing host to over 600,000 refugees has been phenomenal.



Deputy President William Ruto (right) with Israeli ambassador to Kenya Joseph Oded in Nairobi, yesterday. DPPS

BRIEFLY

Microbit firm bosses charged with fraud

Two directors of a private company associated with a Mandera politician were yesterday charged in a Nairobi court with Sh273 million tax fraud. Ali Apei and Bashir Mamo of Microbit System Limited, who appeared before Milimani chief magistrate Martha Mutuku *(pictured)* denied all the charges. Apei and Mamo are accused on or about June 2015 in Nairobi being the directors of Microbit Systems Limited with others not before court, knowingly and unlawfully omitted from the company's returns an income of Sh437,122,561 an amount they knew or ought to have known should have been included for the year of income 2014. Mutuku released the accused on a cash bail of Sh1 million and bond of Sh2 million each.

—by Nancy Gitonga



State rolls out two billion trees plan

The government plans to plant at least two billion trees by 2022. The tree planting campaign which has a target of increasing the country's forest cover from the current 7 per cent to10 per cent, will be conducted in two seasons: March during the long rains and the short rains of October. Speaking during the launch of the campaign at Ngong Forest grounds on Tuesday where several Cabinet Secretaries were in attendance, Environment Cabinet Secretary Keriako Tobiko urged Kenyans to plant trees as climate change affects everyone. Kenyan Forest Service chairman Peter Kinyua said the campaign comes against the backdrop of increased pressure on forest resources to sustain the growing demands for food.

—KNA

Four handed death verdict for robbery

A Nyahururu court yesterday sentenced to death four people charged with robbery with violence offence committed three years ago. Johnson Njenga, Terra Kariuki, Paul Thumbi and James Kamau were convicted by Nyahururu Chief Magistrate, Judith Wanjala. The accused were charged that on July 5, 2016 at Mairo-Inya in Nyandarua, while armed with crude weapons they jointly robbed Rosemary Wanjiru two mobile phones valued at Sh29,000 and killed the victim. The deceased was found lying dead on a sofa in her house with a deep cut on her left side of her neck and iron box burning marks on her body which showed she was tortured before she was killed. The deceased also had wounds on the neck.

—by David Macharia

BRIEFLY

Baringo gets new Assembly Clerk

Former Finance Chief Officer Richard Koech is the new Clerk of the Baringo County Assembly, after his appointment was approved by MCAs.

The approval brings to an end months of tug-of-war between the Assembly and the Executive.

Koech replaces Joseph Koech who was hounded out of office in May over claims of abuse of office, incompetence and misuse of funds.

A certified public accountant, Koech trounced former Chief of Staff Nixon Mutai and former candidate for governor Samson Kibii.

"The approval is not only a demonstration of the confidence by the members in my competence and professionalism but also a quest for diligence and good service," he said.

– Noah Cheploen



Car theft syndicate suspects charged

Six men suspected to be members of a car theft syndicate operating in major towns in the Rift Valley region were yesterday arraigned in an Eldoret court.

They denied six counts related to stealing of motor vehicles and handling stolen property when they appeared before Senior Principal Magistrate Sylvia Wewa.

Geoffrey Kiprotich, Isaa Sirma, Hillary Kiplagat, Abraham Kosgei, Peter Kibet and Elkana Kipchumba were arrested by the Directorate of Criminal Investigations officers following a tip-off from members of the public.

The prosecution told the court the accused stole the vehicles, all valued at Sh2.4 million, between June 21 and October 1, 2019.

– Winstone Chiseremi

MPs fault Nakuru deeds programme

The National Assembly's Committee on Lands has accused the Nakuru county government of overstepping its mandate in the ongoing titling programme.

According to a member of the committee Cate Waruguru (Laikipia Woman Rep), Parliament was supposed to work with the Ministry of Lands to issue the titles.

"The county should stick to its work of collecting garbage and washing markets and allow MP Jayne Kihara (Naivasha) to address the issue of title deeds," she said.

But speaking earlier, Governor Lee Kinyanjui defended the programme, saying: "Families who never dreamt of ever owning a title deed now have the document in their homes."

– Kirera Mwiti

Unlimited danger...

Yet another boda boda rider defying the limits on the busy Mombasa Road, Nairobi yesterday. Unlimited by the motorbike's modest carrying capacity; unlimited by the traffic rules, thus putting the lives of his fellow road users, and his own, in danger.
PD/GERALD ITHANA



Twins in Raila family estate dispute to undergo DNA test

Fidel Odinga's widow has contested claims that her husband sired children with another woman before his death

by Nancy Gitonga
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Two minors alleged to have been fathered by Opposition leader Raila Odinga's late son, Fidel, will undergo a DNA test to establish their paternity.

Justice Aggrey Muchelule of Milimani High Court's Family Division directed that the test be conducted following a consent of the parties to ascertain the paternity of the twins before proceeding with a succession case before court.

The order was issued following an objection by Fidel's widow, Lwam Getachew Bekele, to an application filed by Raila's wife, Ida, and her daughter, Winnie, at the court seeking to be granted orders to be the administrators of Fidel's estate.

Justice Muchelule directed lawyers Victor Olao, who appears for Raila's family, and Rogers Sagana, for the widow, to agree on where the DNA test will be done.

He also ordered the parties to cooperate in the process of extracting of tissue or blood samples for the purposes of the test.

Bekele, through her lawyer Sagana, termed her mother-in-law's assertions as a concoction of facts given that the twins were born six months after Fidel's death.

Fidel, who was Raila's first born, died on January 4, 2015. His body was found in bed at his Karen home.

One child

At his death, Fidel's wife had one child but Ida and Winnie claim he had sired twins with a different woman and are legally his dependents.

"The petitioner has deliberately failed to include and provide or otherwise show the intention of providing for the said minors hence a red flag on her intentions," says Ida in her court papers.

However, Bekele said she does not have a problem accepting the minors as beneficiaries of her late husband's estate if it is proved they are his children.



Raila Odinga's late son Fidel and his wife Lwam Getachew Bekele.
PD/FILE

2015
Year in which Opposition leader Raila Odinga's eldest son Fidel Odinga died.

At the same time, the court declined to bar the media from covering the case, saying once the matter is filed in an open court, the media have a right to report on it. The judge, however, directed that the children's names should not be mentioned to protect them.

Juicy story

"You are fighting in an open court therefore, we cannot stop the media from accessing the courtroom or covering the case. If the media finds the story juicy, let them publish it," said Justice Muchelule.

This followed attempts by Ida, through her lawyer Olao, to seek court orders stopping the media from publishing details about the Fidel's property row pitting his widow Bekele and her daughter Winnie.

Lawyer Olao told the court that, the issue before court was not about property, as reported in the media, but about paternity of the two minors.

"The Odinga family has no problem over the minors being included in the vast estate of Fidel subject to direction of the court," he said.

Bekele has denied that the twins are her late husband's children, saying her son is the only heir to his estate.

She further says the objection by Ida and Winnie had been overtaken by events since it was filed outside timelines stipulated by law of succession. The grant of letters of administration of the estate was issued on January 9, 2019.

Bekele points out that, in an affidavit filed by Ida, the birth certificates of the twins do not indicate their father, thus do not prove the paternity of the minors.

She says the birth certificates indicate the children were born on July 1, 2015, which was six months after Fidel's death and wondered how the deceased supported the minors before they were even born.

"I have never inter-meddled with the estate of the deceased person (Fidel) either before or after being issued with the grant of letters of administration intestate," she adds.

Include twins

Bekele denied claims she had hidden her son from Raila's family or withdrawn him from the formal education system as alleged by her mother-in-law. She added that she had been providing for her son without any support from Raila's family.

She said she would include the twins as beneficiaries of his estate if it is proved he sired them.

Justice Muchelule directed the parties to file their relevant responses to the petition that was filed last year.

The case will be mentioned on November 13.

NYANDARUA

Cop charged with misuse of firearm

A police officer, who has been causing fear among residents of a Nyandarua village by opening firing unnecessarily, was yesterday charged with misuse of firearm and destruction of property. Constable Peter Waithaka Wahome pleaded not guilty when he appeared before Nyahururu senior resident magistrate James Wanyanga. The officer was arrested for firing 20 bullets at a police post in Mawingu, where he is stationed. The alleged offences occurred on October 13. He will be remanded at Ol Kalou Police Station for two weeks before the case is mentioned. In the same court, two night guards were charged with robbery after a break-in at ACK Pro-Cathedral Church. **-David Macharia**



MACHAKOS

Poisons board to recruit boss afresh

The recruitment of Pharmacy and Poisons Board chief executive will commence afresh after the High Court quashed the previous advertisement for the said position, which was issued on January 25. Machakos High Court judge George Odunga stopped the final appointment of the CEO, saying the recruitment process was unconstitutional. "I hold that the process of recruitment of CEO of the board failed to meet constitutional threshold," he ruled in the suit filed by a Machakos businessman, Wambua Maithya, who claimed the January advertisement was unlawful and unconstitutional. Justice Odunga said he did not see any likely chaos which will result if the board starts the recruitment afresh as per the law.

-Bernice Mbugua

KITUI

State vows to flush out rogue herders

The government will flush out pastoralists who herded their camels into Kitui county, Eastern Regional Coordinator Isaiah Nakoru says. He said the government would not sit and watch as two communities clash over livestock grazing. "We will take stern action against those who have brought their camels and driven them to people's lands. We will flush them out," he said. Kitui residents have accused the herders of invading their farms leading to loss of lives, property and livestock. Speaking in his Embu office, Nakoru said pastoralists who do not go through the elders when intending to graze in a certain community are not genuine.

-Brian Musyoka

Jubilee intervenes in Nairobi wrangles, backs Elachi return

Tuju says status quo of Assembly leadership to remain, another mediation meeting to follow soon

by Bernard Gitau
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Jubilee Party's national leadership yesterday intervened in the apparent wrangles at the Nairobi County Assembly resulting in a truce that endorsed embattled Speaker Beatrice Elachi to remain in office.

The crisis meeting, which was held at Jubilee Party headquarters and chaired by secretary general Raphael Tuju, also resolved to reinstate the ousted Leader of Majority Abdi Guyo.

"We had a constructive meeting with MCAs over the challenges that precipitated chaos at the Assembly last week. On the leadership of the House, we have agreed that the *status quo* remains," said Tuju, who was accompanied by Guyo and some MCAs.

He said Jubilee is guided by the rule of law. Elachi did not attend the meeting.

"On the Speaker's position, even those of alternative views should respect the court orders and the party position hence Elachi remains as the Speaker until otherwise," he said.

To iron out the differences between MCAs and Elachi, Tuju said the party would hold another meeting soon between the warring camps .



Jubilee Party secretary general Raphael Tuju addresses the press yesterday at the party headquarters. He was accompanied by some Nairobi MCAs. PD/DAVID NDOLO

Pursue interests

"From the meeting, we have noticed that the impeachment might have taken place because of Elachi's alleged collaboration with the Opposition party ODM but we will deal with it," he said.

Last week, chaos rocked City Hall as MCAs opposed to Elachi's return tried to evict her from office. She had returned after 13 months' absence.

In September last year, 103 MCAs voted to remove Elachi from office, two voted against the motion while two others abstained.

"We have agreed that MCAs will concentrate to ensure Nairobi residents receive good services than leaders following their individual interests," said Tuju.

The SG said the party has no locus and capacity to investigate MCAs suspected of causing chaos, and destroying property.

"It is the responsibility of police and Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission and we have written to them," he said.

DISPUTE

- **Jubilee SG Raphael Tuju says the party has registered the conflict pitting Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko against county Assembly Leader of Majority Abdi Guyo and will resolve it in due course.**
- **He says Jubilee has not seen the letter purported to be from Sonko sacking Guyo.**
- **He says the party has already heard Guyo's grievances.**



A healthy option...

Jocinta Jedida collects her 'mgongo wazi' fish for frying at Obunga market in Kisumu, yesterday. She sells a piece at Sh50. As the World Food Day was marked yesterday, Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) urged people globally to eat healthy diets to help meet Sustainable Development Goal 2 on 'Zero Hunger'. PD/ DANIEL OGENDO

Nyong'o sacks CECs in shuffle

Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o (*pictured*) has sacked three county Executives from his Cabinet in a reshuffle he says will improve service delivery. In a statement released by his communications director Aloice Ager, the governor dismissed Alice Moraa (Energy), Thomas Ondijo (Roads) and Richard Ogendo (Business). Nyong'o picked Physical Planning Executive Dixon Obungu to head the Transport department while his Agriculture colleague Gilchrist Okuom takes over the Business docket, both in acting capacity. Embattled Finance executive Nerry Achar has been substantively moved to the Energy docket. Education Executive Obiero Ogone is also the acting Finance boss. Ager said the governor nominated George Okong'o to fill the Finance post substantively.**-Noven Owiti**



Massive job cuts will cause economic crisis, says body

by Kirera Mwiti
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The country is headed for an economic crisis owing to the ongoing job losses, Human Resource management experts have warned.

Institute of Human Resource Management said the job cuts, mostly affecting youth, have led to an increase in crime and suicide cases.

This emerged during the institute's ongoing 23rd annual conference in Naivasha.

Executive director Dorcas Wainaina said sending home workers was not the solution to tough economic times.

"This will end up creating a bigger problem," she said, adding that the institute supports the government's plans to employ workers on contract, because it would impact on productivity.



A car sits next to a badly damaged home in Nagano after Typhoon Hagibis hit Japan on October 12. PD/AFP

Japan pours aid into typhoon-hit regions

Tokyo, Wednesday

Japan's government said Wednesday it would set aside millions of dollars to help areas devastated by Typhoon Hagibis, which killed more than 70 people across the country.

Hagibis slammed into Japan on Saturday, unleashing fierce winds and unprecedented rain that triggered landslides and caused dozens of rivers to burst their banks.

By midday Wednesday, the government put the toll at 74, with more a dozen people still missing.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said his government would offer 710 million yen ($6.5 million) to help areas affected by the storm.

The money will come from some a 500 billion yen emergency reserve, he said.

Tokyo will also fast-track the disbursement of subsidies to more than 300 disaster-hit municipalities.

"The government will stand united to tackle the issue of supporting victims, so that they will be able to return to normal life as quickly as possible," said Abe .

As of Wednesday morning, more than 10,000 households were still suffering from electricity blackouts, while more than 110,000 households are without running water, top government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters.

"Today, too, rescue workers are making their utmost efforts in search and rescue work," he said.

Television footage showed devastated residents returning to homes filled with brown mud, and rescuers searching a hillside for a family missing after a landslide. **-AFP**

No listening ear...

Hong Kong's chief executive Carrie Lam (second left) leaves the chamber for a second time while trying to give her annual policy address as she is heckled by pro-democracy lawmakers (in the background) at the Legislative Council (Legco) in Hong Kong, yesterday. Lam was to unveil a closely watched State of the Union-style speech aimed at winning hearts and minds after four months of seething pro-democracy protests. PD/AFP



Turkey defiant on Syria operation

President Erdogan rejects negotiations, says the only way to solve problems was for the Kurdish forces to lay down arms

Ankara, Wednesday

Turkey has rebuffed international pressure to curb its military offensive against Kurdish militants in Syria as US President Donald Trump dispatched his deputy Mike Pence to Ankara to demand a ceasefire.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan rejected any negotiations, telling parliament the only way to solve Syria's problems was for the Kurdish forces to "lay down their arms... destroy all their traps and get out of the safe zone that we have designated."

Battles raged in the key Syrian border town of Ras al-Ain on Wednesday, with Kurdish fighters burning tyres in a bid to blind Ankara's warplanes and digging in against a ground offensive by Turkish-backed Syrian rebels.

The operation, now in its second week, has triggered a flurry of diplomacy among major powers.

Trump sent Pence along with his top diplomat Mike Pompeo to Turkey amid the greatest crisis in relations for decades between the NATO allies.

Moscow has stepped into the void left by Trump's withdrawal of US troops from northern Syria, deploying patrols to prevent clashes between Syrian and Turkish forces.

Russian TV showed its forces alongside Syrian government troops taking up positions in and around the town of Manbij following the US pull-back.

The Kremlin said it would host Erdogan for a meeting with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in the coming days, to ensure the operation does not turn into all-out war between Turkey and Syria.

Trump — facing mounting criticism in Washington over his decision to pull 1,000 troops out of the conflict zone, as well as an unrelated impeachment inquiry — has hit back at Erdogan, slapping sanctions on three cabinet officials and raising tariffs on Turkish steel.

Pence's office released a statement that he would meet Erdogan on Thursday and "voice the United States' commitment to reach an immediate ceasefire and the conditions for a negotiated settlement".

He reiterated that Trump will pursue "punishing economic sanctions" until a resolution is reached.

There was confusion after Erdogan told reporters he would not meet with Pence — a position that was later reversed by his office. The operation has widespread support in Turkey, where decades of bloody insurgency by Kurdish militants have killed tens of thousands of people.

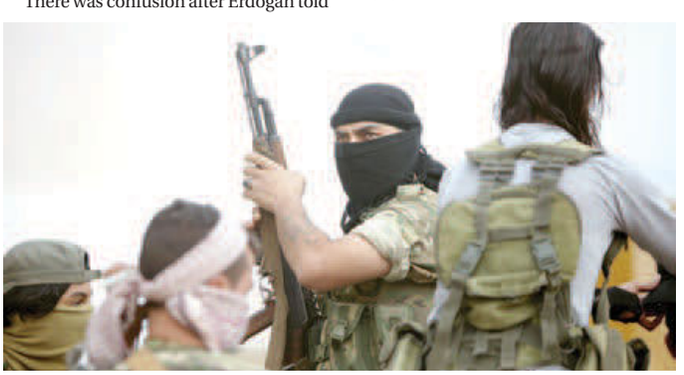
But Western powers fear it will endanger the battle against the Islamic State group, which was led on the ground by Kurdish forces. Thousands of IS prisoners are held in Kurdish-run camps in the region.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said Wednesday that the camps were not "currently" under threat from the operation, but Europe has taken an increasingly tough line with Turkey.

Britain and Spain became the latest powers to suspend military exports to Turkey on Tuesday. Canada made a similar move. **- AFP**

1,000

US troops pulled out of conflict zone by President Donald Trump



Turkey-backed Syrian fighters gather between the Syrian towns of Tal Abyad and Kobani on the Turkish border yesterday. PD/AFP

BRIEFLY

Twitter warns world leaders

Twitter said Tuesday world leaders are "not above" the rules of the online platform and could see their messages removed or demoted for egregious conduct violating its terms of service.

In a statement aimed at clarifying its policies, Twitter said it reserves the right to take "enforcement action" on offending tweets, notably those including threats of violence or posting of private information.

The move comes with social media, and Facebook in particular, facing pressure over enabling false and misleading statements from political leaders.

Both Facebook and Twitter have said they would not attempt to remove "newsworthy" comments from political leaders, and Facebook has exempted political ads from fact-checking.

Twitter said its policy does not give free rein to political figures. **-AFP**



Activists in Harare decry violations

Zimbabwe rights groups on Tuesday accused the government of continued abuses since the rule of late ex-president Robert Mugabe came to an end two years ago, with military violations "rising to new levels".

Mugabe was toppled by his military generals in November 2017, when tanks rolled into Zimbabwe's capital Harare and thousands of civilians poured out on the streets to demand his resignation.

He died of cancer last month, leaving Zimbabweans divided over the legacy of his often oppressive 37-year rule. But a coalition of local rights groups said the new government, headed by President Emmerson Mnangagwa, was also "complicit in human rights violation". **–AFP**

At least 22 killed in Ethiopia landslides

Rescue workers on Tuesday used excavators to dig out bodies after a landslide in southern Ethiopia washed away homes and killed more than 20 people, a local official said.

The landslide in the remote district of Konta occurred Sunday following 10 hours of heavy rains, said the official, Takele Tesfu.

"There are 22 people dead and we have only been able to dig up 17 using manpower and machine power," Takele told AFP.

He said the victims included nine women and six children.

While the district — located in Ethiopia's Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region — sees landslides with some regularity, Takele said this was the deadliest he could remember. **–BBC**

UHURU KENYATTA

Some prophets of doom say this railway is going to nowhere... but we know what we are doing

Uhuru unveils SGR second phase, tells off critics of project

President says project will finally get to its destination despite challenges expected along the way

by People Team
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President Uhuru Kenyatta officially opened the $1.5 billion (Sh150 billion) Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) line from Nairobi to Suswa yesterday, saying the project would terminate originally envisioned despite pessimism in some quarters.

The project is among others set to breathe a new lease of life to the economies of the region such as the establishment of Special Economic Zones (SEZs), construction of container marshalling yards alongside the Inland Container Depot (ICD).

Extension of Phase 3 of the SGR, described as 2B to Kisumu, will pass through Narok, Bomet, Kericho, Nyamira, Bondo, Homa Bay and other parts of the former South Nyanza District .

"Some prophets of doom say this railway is going to nowhere but as a government we know what we are doing as we are planning for the future," he said.

ALL SYSTEMS GO

- **Commissioning of the 120.49 kilometres (Phase 2A) project will see Madaraka Express passenger. The completion of the line had been delayed by compensation of 1,810 persons.**
- **The phase , which commenced in 2017, cuts across Nairobi, Kajiado, Nakuru and Narok with four passenger stations – Ongata Rongai, Ngong, Mai Mahiu and Suswa.**

Sh150b

Cost of extending the line from Nairobi to Naivasha. However, the entire line has not been completed.

Launching the Inland Container Depot near Mai Mahiu town in Nakuru county, yesterday, Uhuru said that Sh6.9 billion had been allocated for the depot and it was set for completion before the end of the year.

"When we started commissioning the construction of the Syokimau-Suswa line, they said the same, but we are riding on it. And when we are launching it, they are saying, it is going nowhere, but we are telling them that it is headed to somewhere, and we will complete it to Kisumu," the Head of State said.

He said the economic potential in every corner of the country required rail connection to catapult Kenya to the rest of the world.

To entice more investors to the park, Kenya is banking on offering tax breaks to those interested in investing in manufacturing, coupled with preferential tariffs for electricity generated in the nearby geothermal fields and the Turkana wind farm in Loiyangalani.

Industrial park

Preliminary arrangements such as setting up a 220kv line to the new industrial park has commenced with Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd (Ketraco) ready to link the economic zone directly to the national grid.

Jaswinder Bedi, the chairman of Kenya Export Promotion and Branding Agency (KEPROBA) said the ICD would be a cheaper and easy way of getting his merchandise to the Port of Mombasa for export. "Garment or textile business overseas is now a lucrative undertaking overtaking coffee. So I am setting up the first textile for export company here," he told *People Daily*.

National Treasury set aside Sh700 million for the provision of water to the Special Economic Zone in Mai Mahiu area of Naivasha as works in the multi-billion-shilling project is expected to kick off on the 1,000 acres site.



President Uhuru Kenyatta during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Naivasha Inland Container Depot yesterday. PD/ JOHN OCHIENG

The project is a scion of China's "One Belt, One Road" initiative of multi-billion-dollar infrastructure projects for upgrading land and maritime trade routes between China and Europe, Asia and Africa.

Uhuru said Kenya had already given land to Uganda and South Sudan for the construction at the dry port within the Naivasha Industrial Park to help them ease movement of goods through the SGR to the neighbouring countries. "We have offered land to our neighbours in the 1,000 acres set for industrial park and we expect thousands to get employment opportunities," he said.

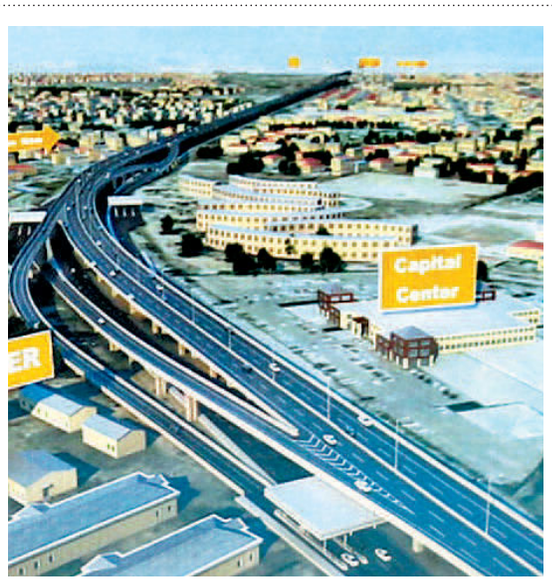
The deal cuts short the journey the countries make to Mombasa to collect and clear goods destined for Juba and Kampala even as more countries show interest of similar arrangements.

Uganda is one of the biggest markets for Kenyan goods and client to the Port of Mombasa, particularly for transit cargo. Other regional countries that benefit from the Mombasa port are Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), South Sudan and Rwanda.

Traditional financing

"The road infrastructure network in Kenya alone requires Sh400 billion. This is amid a shrinking traditional financing environment, the reason we are going for the Public Private Partnership models to be able to fund the expensive SGR," Uhuru said.

By George Kebaso, Silas Mwiti and Fred Aminga



The Sh60 billion project expected to be completed in 2021 will bypass the city centre through a four-lane elevated highway overlooking Uhuru Highway from Capital Centre near South B Estate. PD/ COURTESY

New expressway plan offers hope for reducing Nairobi's heavy traffic jams

by Noel Wandera
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Construction of a new superhighway in Nairobi, the first of its kind in the region, was yesterday unveiled by President Uhuru Kenyatta with expectations high that it will unclog heavy traffic jams experienced in the city and its suburbs, especially during rush hours.

Uhuru said the Sh60 billion project would reduce traffic jams for motorists accessing or exiting city centre and will put Nairobi at par with capital cities in the developed world. The Nairobi 21-kilometre Nairobi Express highway, will terminate at James Gichuru, along Waiyaki Way in Westlands.

An expressway is a highway designed for fast traffic, with controlled entrance and exit, a dividing strip between the traffic in opposite directions, and typically two or more lanes in each direction.

Motorists will, however, pay a maintenance fee for the highway through 10 electronic toll plazas. To ease traffic flow on the highway that begins at Mlolongo, and joins Waiyaki way at the James Gichuru junction in Westlands, 10 points of entry and exit have been provided.

City centre

The expressway, to be completed in 2021 will bypass the city centre through a four-lane elevated highway overlooking Uhuru Highway from Capital Centre near South B Estate, thereby reducing traffic snarl-ups experienced by motorists accessing or leaving the city centre.

In addition to raising the status of Nairobi and reducing traffic jams on Uhuru Highway, President Uhuru said the expressway would provide employment for the youth.

"I have directed the contractors - China Road and Bridge Corporation – to give priority to youths from Embakasi, Mlolongo, Kibra and Mathare when employing," he said. In addition to the elevated highway, the Nairobi Express highway will have ground level sections composed of four and six lanes.

Civil, construction and engineering works will be undertaken by the Chinese firm, China Road and Bridge Corporation, which will manage the road for the next 30 years.

Delayed rainfall, graft bite Kenya's growth prospects

Whereas Treasury says the country will grow at six pc this year, IMF has slashed its projection to 5.6pc

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Kenya continues to receive conflicting economic growth projections, with the latest one dampening hopes the country will record an above-six per cent growth.

Coming on the back of a slowdown in the farming sector, which accounts for nearly a third of output, manufacturing and transport, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) yesterday cut Kenya's 2019 economic growth outlook to 5.6 per cent from 5.8 per cent it predicted in April.

The IMF's latest forecast is lower than the government's.

In September, Treasury forecast the economy would grow by six per cent this year after 6.3 per cent growth in 2018.

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics last month showed the economy grew by 5.6 per cent in the second quarter of this year, down from 6.4 per cent in the same period a year earlier.

With a well-diversified economy that does not depend on a single commodity or sector, Kenya has enjoyed rapid growth in recent years, but critics say it is not enough to lift many citizens out of poverty.

While IMF did not explain the reason it cut the growth projection for the year, analysts say Kenya's growth is largely pinned on rainfall, debt and corruption.

Kenya experienced delayed rainfall and is struggling with debt and corruption.

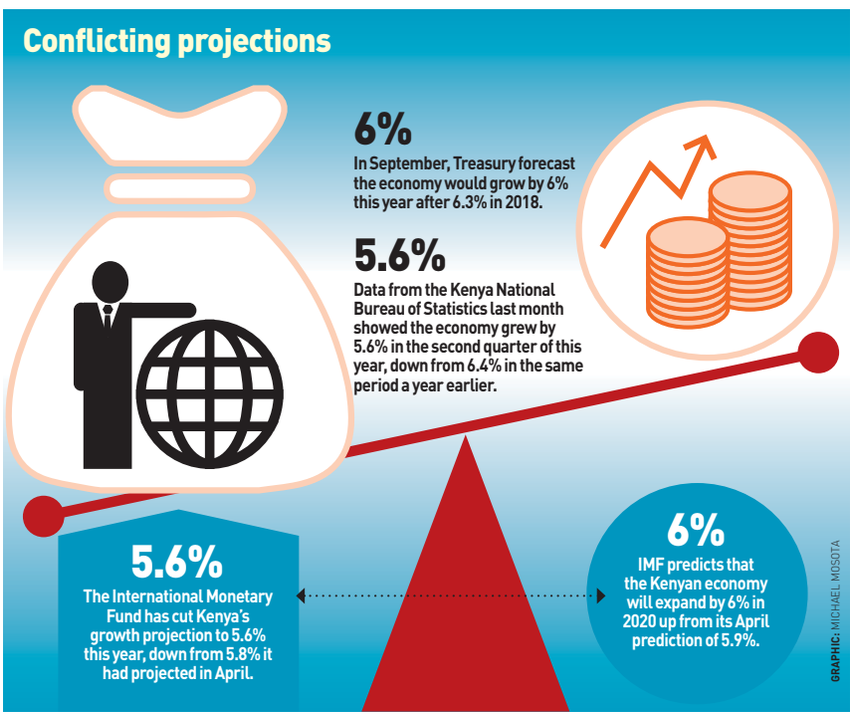
Cost of living

IMF, through the Global Economic Outlook report released on Tuesday, also revised Kenya's 2020 growth upwards to six from 5.9 per cent adding that the cost of living will drop next year making life more bearable for most Kenyans.

Analysts, however, say that growth will largely depend on weather conditions next year since Kenya is largely an agricultural economy.

"If we get more rains, then six percent is achievable, however the predicted growth rate is very modest for an economy with such human talent," said economist Robert Shaw. As well as runaway spending, the government has been criticised for failing to stamp out widespread corruption.

Critics also accuse the government of saddling future generations with too much debt.



CHENGULA

"For sustainable growth to be achieved, Kenya must invest in irrigation and water management infrastructure

The government says higher borrowing is required to fund infrastructure.

Shaw says that Kenya should be growing at about nine per cent, adding that misuse of debt and corruption are holding the country back.

"We are using loans to pay off old debt," said Shaw.

IMF says inflation will drop from 5.6 per cent this year to 5.3 per cent in 2020.

The projections come amid concerns that the country is borrowing and using the debt to pay off past debt thus squeezing money out of the economy.

Balance of payments

Data from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics last month showed the economy grew by 5.6 per cent in the second quarter of the year, down from 6.4 per cent in the same period a year earlier.

The report also predicts that Kenya's balance of payments, which is the difference between the money coming in and money leaving the country, will also improve to -4.6 from -4.7.

This means that money from foreign direct investments, diaspora inflows, exports among others, will increase and help offset the money spent on imports and debt repayments.

Several business owners in Nairobi say business has been good even as the government adopts austerity measures by freezing hiring and cutting travel budgets, among others.

"For sustainable growth to be achieved, Kenya must invest in irrigation and water management infrastructure and leverage disruptive technologies to deliver agricultural services," says Ladisy Chengula, World Bank lead agriculture economist.

The country, she said, needs to invest in accurate agro-weather, market information and advisory services.

Multiple companies in various industries have been laying off people across various industries from banking to manufacturing.

Private sector growth has also been hit by poor credit extension from the banking sector.

Additional reporting by Reuters

BRIEFLY

Airtel clients hit by network outage

COMMUNICATION: Airtel subscribers were unable to communicate for the better part of yesterday following a technical hitch. The firm, whose merger with Telkom Kenya is at its final stages, acknowledged the hitch but did not specify the extent and cause of the outage.

By the time of going to press, subscribers were still unable to access voice and SMS services even as Airtel assured customers it was working on resolving the problem which forced customers to opt for alternative means including WhatsApp to make calls.

"We are currently having some technical challenges with our network. Due to this, calls and SMS messages will be intermittent. However, data services are available," read a statement from the firm. **– Fred Aminga**

Top executive exits Britam Insurance

CHANGES: Britam Holdings has appointed Jackson Theuri as the acting chief executive and principal officer of Britam General Insurance, to replace Margaret Kathanga, who stepped down from the position.

Making the appointment, Britam Group managing director Benson Wairegi said Kathanga had worked with the company for 13 years.

During that time, Wairegi said, Kathanga made a significant contribution to the growth of general insurance business for the group.

Theuri was the chief operating officer, Britam General Insurance. **– Zachary Ochuodho**

Tanzania to pay StanChart $185m

PENALTY: Tanzania has been ordered by a World Bank arbitration court to pay $185 million (KSh18 billion) to the Hong Kong subsidiary of Standard Chartered for breaching an energy contract. The court's ruling, which was released on Tuesday, adds to pressure on the East African nation, which faces at least two other multi-million claims from international investors.

The case stems from a legal battle between the Tanzanian government and privately-owned independent power producer IPTL, which led to the dismissal of several cabinet ministers in 2014. **– Reuters**

Icpak cautions State against using debt for recurrent expenditure

SPENDING: Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (Icpak) chairperson Rose Mwaura (*pictured*) has urged the government to prudently use borrowed funds in financing development projects as opposed to recurrent expenditure.

Speaking yesterday in Diani during the fifth annual Icpak conference, Mwaura said using borrowed funds on recurrent expenditure would shore up public debt.

"Borrowed funds have quadrupled over the past seven years and as a result, the stock of debt has had an annualised growth rate of 16 per cent since June 2013 reaching Sh5.8 trillion as at the end of June this year," said Mwaura.



Sustainability

She said if the debt was used to finance development, it would be sustainable in the long run.

"According to recent Central Bank of Kenya statistics, the country's debt includes Sh3.01 trillion from external sources and Sh2.8 trillion domestic debt as at June 30. The country, therefore, faces a moderate risk of external debt distress," she said. The chairperson, however, said the government should live within its budget rather than taking up unnecessary loans.

"Members of Parliament raised the debt ceiling to Sh9 trillion which is a reflection of the government's increasing appetite for loans despite concerns over the pace at which the debt is accumulating," she said.

Mwaura, however, added that Icpak appreciates the government for prioritising fiscal consolidation where Treasury has controlled costs around foreign travel, hospitality, cleaning and having regular payroll register audits frequently.

"We are happy to see the government is recognising the need for fiscal consolidation to reduce deficit. We must start living within our means and acknowledge the limitations of our revenue collection," she said. **– Munira Mandano**

Experts warn on impact of redundancies

HR managers say job losses have previosuly led to a spike in crime and suicide cases

by Kirera Mwiti
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Kenya is staring at an economic crisis and increased anti-social activities due to the ongoing staff layoffs amid insufficient job creation and high youth unemployment rates, experts have warned.

Institute of Human Resource Management (IHRM), the regulator of the profession, said job losses led to increased crime and suicide cases.

The disclosure, made during the institute's 23rd annual conference in Naivasha yesterday, came against a backdrop of the decision by some firms to cut staff numbers, in what they have term cost cutting measures.

Doing business

Hundreds of people have lost their income in the process, which has seen some of the firms relocating to other countries, despite Kenya being ranked top on the ease of doing business.

Addressing the press on the sidelines of the three-day event, which has brought together more than 1,000 human resource professionals, IHRM Executive Director Dorcas Wainaina (*pictured*) said sending workers home was not the solution.

"We have noted with concern the rising cases of job losses. Sending home workers is not the solution and will create a bigger problem," she said.

She was, however, quick to add that with the changing economic times and mechanisation, more workers could lose their jobs if their companies did not change with times.

"The workplace is changing a lot with mechanisation and use of robots becoming the in-thing and employers should retrain their workers," Wainaina said.

HR professionals are seeking ways to streamline current jobs with changing technology as is the case with developed nations.

Wainaina said the institute supported the planned move by the government to employ workers on contract, noting that this would have positives impact on productivity.

Wycliffe Osoro, a board member of IHRM, attributed the rising job losses to harsh economic times which had affected many countries.

He, however, said this would change in coming years, noting that Kenya's ranking had risen in terms of the ease of doing business.

"The country has to agree that the manner of conducting business globally has changed and we have to adjust to this. As an organisation we are coming up with programmes to prepare workers," he said.

Quarterly bulletin

A Kenya Association of Manufacturers quarterly bulletin says the organisation, which has 1,000 members, commissioned a survey whose findings revealed that a third of KAM members indicated they were likely to lay off staff any time soon.

The survey reviewed the manufacturing sector's performance, and gives a forecast for the next six months based on the perception of manufacturers under its membership.

It indicates close to 350 companies could lay off more workers in the next six months.

"Thirty five per cent of the respondents indicated that they plan to reduce the number of full time employees," said the survey conducted between April and June.



ECONOMIC COSTS

- **Although joblessness means people are consuming far less than usual, the economic consequences can go beyond just less consumption. Many people will turn to retirement savings if need be, and draining these savings has long-term ramifications.**
- **Extended unemployment can lead to erosion of skills, basically robbing the economy of otherwise useful talents and force families to deny educational opportunities to their children and deprive the economy of those future skills.**

MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR / AGRICULTURAL	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
22.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS		11.35	-
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Ltd Ord 5.00		423.25	-
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Co. Ltd Ord Ord 5.00 AIMS		78.50	200
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ltd Ord 20.00 AIMS		470.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	16.50	17.80	1,300
180.00	134.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	135.00	135.00	6,300
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00		20.00	
		BANKING			
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	11.10	11.15	994,300
33.00	28.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.50		28.00	-
220.00	112.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	113.00	114.75	100
57.00	31.00	Equity Bank Ltd Ord 0.50	36.05	36.00	195,200
13.40	3.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	6.84	6.90	3,000
130.00	52.00	I&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	49.00	44.90	200
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	41.40	41.70	552,900
12.25	3.70	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		4.12	-
44.50	20.50	NIC Bank Ltd Ord 5.00	29.45	29.35	52,900
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00	96.00	96.00	100
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	196.00	196.75	1,500
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	12.05	12.10	64,500
		COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES			
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
4.65	0.85	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.11	1.07	14,500
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	7.10	7.10	200
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 5.00	2.69	2.68	5,900
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 AIMS	6.84	7.32	3,600
8.40	0.88	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 2.50	0.90	0.90	19,800
125.00	46.00	Nation Media Group Ltd Ord. 2.50	43.00	42.55	6,100
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc ord 5.00	3.17	3.18	2,600
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Ltd Ord 5.00	26.50	26.05	700
38.00	18.05	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	17.40	18.00	300
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Ltd Ord 5.00	0.27	0.27	153,600
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 5.00	13.10	13.00	2,600
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Ltd Ord 1.00		5.55	-
187.00	110.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	97.50	95.75	600
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		72.00	-
5.20	2.10	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	2.73	2.74	22,400
26.00	12.60	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	16.70	18.50	100
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
9.00	5.46	KenGen Co. Ltd Ord. 2.50	5.84	5.82	129,100
8.00	3.05	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	2.88	2.93	203,800
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
36.50	25.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	29.10	29.30	300
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.22	7.50	200
		INSURANCE			
15.85	8.00	Britam Holding Plc Ord 0.10	7.02	7.02	7,200
5.40	3.20	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord.1.00	3.07	3.07	22,300
540.00	366.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	345.00	350.00	100
19.25	3.48	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.00	3.00	84,200
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord.1.00	9.72	9.72	800
26.50	18.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00		17.40	-
		INVESTMENT			
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Ltd Ord 0.50	28.20	28.10	2,200
1.15	0.45	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.49	0.46	14,200
1500.00	1500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.02	2.02	8,500
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Ltd Ord 0.50 AIMS	3.00	3.00	25,600
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
21.00	12.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	10.35	10.50	4,800
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
100.00	58.00	B.O.C Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	57.50	58.00	1,400
725.00	492.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00	485.00	486.00	158,400
12.50	7.70	Carbacid Investments Ltd Ord 1.00	7.70	7.92	15,200
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	191.75	193.00	32,900
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	2.19	2.20	554,800
80.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	12.60	12.60	200
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00		0.27	-
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	31.50	34.50	2,000
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	27.90	27.90	8,243,800
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
12.30	7.60	Stanlib fahari I-Reit Ord 20.00	8.36	8.56	18,800
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1275.00	1165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1502i	1495.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.04 points to close at 146.09
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.51 points to close at 2435.74
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: UP 5.32 points to close at 3473.87

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (16/10/2019)

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Eldoret	Nakuru	Isiolo	Embu
Dry Maize	90	3800	3000	2800	3600	3600
Green Maize	115	2200	1400	1800	2,000	2,300
Finger Millet	90	8800	7650	6300	6700	7000
Sorghum	90	6500	5400	4000	6500	5500
Wheat	90		3000		4000	4500
Beans Canadian	90	8800		6300		6800
Beans Rosecoco	90	10000	8100	6300	10000	9500
Beans Mwitemania	90	7500	8100	5000	8500	8800
Mwezi Moja	90	5400		5000		
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	12600	11700	8500	12000	11500
Green Gram	90	10500	12600	8100	12000	12500
Cowpeas	90	6800	7200	8100	8000	10500
Fresh Peas	51	3000	2040	2800	4080	3060
Groundnuts	110	12000	10350	12000	12000	12400
Red Irish Potatoes	50	1900	1500		1300	2500
White Irish Potatoes	50		1400	1700	1500	2500
Cassava Fresh	99	2600			1600	2500
Sweet Potatoes	98	5000	5600	3000	2200	2600
Cabbages	126	1350	900	700	1000	1890
Cooking Bananas	22	450	1250	350	480	280
Ripe Bananas	14	600	700	750	650	420
Carrots	138	3450	3000	2500	1500	3100
Tomatoes	64	4500	5500	5500	4000	2560
Onions Dry	13	840	780	650	650	750
Spring Onions	142	3100	1400	3500		4260
Chillies	38	2850		2500	1900	6840
Cucumber	50	2600				2000
Capsicums	50	2850	2000	2500	4000	1500
Brinjals	44	1540		2000		2200
Cauliflower	39	2950				1950
Lettuce	51	1350				2550
Passion Fruits	57	3800	3990	5500	2400	11400
Oranges	93	4500	5600	5000	5000	6500
Lemons	95	3000		3000	2800	
Mangoes Local	126	2200	2400	3000		
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1400	1200		2000	
Limes	13	2600				
Pineapples	13	950	1620	600	1200	1500
Pawpaw	54	1800	3600	3000	1500	3780
Avocado	90	3000	3200	3500	2600	2200
Kales	50	950	800	600	1250	500
Eggs		300	320	280	320	280

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 16/10/2019

CURRENCY	mean	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	103.7000	103.6000	103.8000
SW KRONER	10.5484	10.5366	10.5602
STG POUND	131.1008	130.9606	131.2411
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	75.6272	75.5487	75.7056
SAUDI RIYAL	27.6474	27.6200	27.6748
SA RAND	6.9663	6.9561	6.9765
S FRANC	103.9026	103.7764	104.0289
NOR KRONER	11.3283	11.3155	11.3410
KES / USHS	35.6028	35.5202	35.6853
KES / TSHS	22.1794	22.1098	22.2490
KES / RWF	8.9291	8.9145	8.9436
KES / BIF	17.8296	17.8020	17.8571
JPY (100)	95.6422	95.5367	95.7476
IND RUPEE	1.4488	1.4474	1.4502
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.2178	13.2050	13.2305
EURO	114.0642	113.9439	114.1844
DAN KRONER	15.2673	15.2514	15.2831
CHINESE YUAN	14.6443	14.6295	14.6592
CAN $	78.3736	78.2832	78.4640
AUSTRALIAN $	70.0183	69.9404	70.0961
AE DIRHAM	28.2319	28.2020	28.2618

More US companies to set up base in Kenya

by Zachary Ochuodho
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Five American multinational corporations have set base in Kenya in the last 12 months, increasing the number of private sector businesses creating opportunities in the country.

Chris De Angelis, Deputy Economic Counselor at US Embassy in Nairobi, said the firms include Cigna, a leading American health services organisation, Abbot Laboratories, Corteva – an American agricultural chemical and seed companies, American Tower Corporation (ATC).

He said more US multinationals were interested in investing in Kenya, adding that one of the companies which wants to set base in Kenya is Alternet Systems. It plans to build Africa's first electrical motorcycle plant under the ReVolt brand in Kenya.

The deal, which is currently at industrial plant approval stage, when approved, will set the stage for the plant to assemble motorcycles in Kenya for sale across Africa.

More US multinationals are interested in investing in Kenya.

Announcement of the impending entry into the local market of more investors came on the back of plans for the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Kenya Annual Business Summit 2019, to be held at the UN Complex, Gigiri in Nairobi.

Engagement platform

Maxwell Okello, AmCham Kenya chief executive officer, said the forum, to run from November 4 to 5, would serve as an engagement platform for the US and Kenya to strengthen trade and investment ties.

"The East Africa perspective in this year's summit is based on the growing interest in the region as a single market," he said. Okello added that the 2019 summit was anchored on Kenya as a business hub and gateway into the East African Community (EAC).

De Angelis said local businesses would benefit from the summit as it would give them the opportunity to meet US firms and establish partnerships.

Clique & Clicks ▸ Get Spotted



KLM's Robin Mitei and Wanjiru Ng'ang'a.

KLM'S 100 YEARS STRONG

by Milliam Murigi

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines marked its Centenary birthday in Nairobi recently. The event brought together the airline's staff, customers and trade partners to celebrate the important milestone for the airline that was also marking 50 years of flying to Kenya. KLM announced its plans to unveil its latest version of the Boeing 787-10 aircraft on the Amsterdam-Nairobi route in November this year. In the 50 years that KLM has flown to East Africa, it has become a major player in regional aviation, backed by a strong global network that connects East Africa to the rest of the world.

PD/ MILLIAM MURIGI



Sauti Sol's Bien-Aime Baraza with TV and radio presenter Willis Raburu.





Pauline Maru, Julie Dabaly Scott and Alan Dixson.



Fred Adoro, Sarah Gichuhi and Brian Rotich.



Suited and booted: Amos Muta and Erick Munene look dapper.



KLM general manager for East Africa Arthur Dieffenthaler with the company's commercial director Steven Van Wijk.



Wansanto Maroa, Lisa Ndirangi, Liz Watiri, Lucy Kamuyu and Anne Muli.



Guests Jurrician Jonker, Evie Maina and Niels Van Poorn.



Koi Kamau with Mitchelle Ntalami in a selfie moment.



Rappers Femi One and Naiboi out to show support for Fena.



Girl of the hour Fena Gitu takes the centre stage.

Unleashing Fena

by Cynthia Mukanzi

Kenyan rapper Fena Gitu hosted guests to an exclusive listening party to her upcoming sophomore album, *Unleashed*, on Sunday at the Alchemist in Nairobi. The party saw hundreds of her fans throng the venue just to have a taste of the album and interact with her. A number of Kenyan artistes also turned up to show support for their fellow musician. They included Femi One, Steph Kapela, Kagwe Mungai and Naiboi. *Unleashed* is scheduled for launching next month at the Junction Mall, on Ngong Road, Nairobi.

PD/ JOHN OCHIENG



Dynamix Band's Lena Gaya and Miss Chepkorir of the entertain revellers.



Lydia KM with musician Naomi Wamboe.



The fans couldn't just keep their cool.



Mr Kibera 2018 Dennis Andere.

People Plus ▶ Tell your Story

From Kibra to the world

From working at construction sites to brushing shoulders with diplomats and dignitaries, the sky is the limit for DAVID AVIDO OWINO, 24, now among the most sought-after designers from Nairobi

by Alfayo Onyango
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Days seem longer when you are at the bottom of the totem pole, as your faith gets tested to the point of wondering if God is there. When you are at what seems to be the bottomless pits' bottom, you question the most sensitive things such as your sanity and your purpose, but as 24-year-old David Avido Owino testifies, the key is to never give up.

"I would barely have a meal on some days. Some KDF (an inner city-style pastry) and Sh50 packet of milk would take me through the day. Some days were longer than others, nights shorter, and I wouldn't desire to wake up, but I never gave up and somehow I knew God had a plan for me," Avido explains to *People Plus*.

In a country where unemployment is as deadly as cancer, Avido is no stranger to it. From construction, he would try beat the idle monster by engaging in social activities most notably dancing with his high school dance crew, Chopperz, through which they would coin some revenue by appearing in music videos, ghetto dance competitions, and any opportunity they could score. Avido would tailor their amateur costumes, something that would help young lad evade the prevalent noir lifestyle of Kibra.

Biggest supporter

Fashion came as an 'Aha!' moment for the young turk, as it wasn't something he had actually contemplated on doing as a teenager. He faced one too many challenges including lack of primary school fees as his mother struggled with low income, forcing him to utilise his resources such as his football prowess to fund his primary school certification.

"My mum is my rock. She has always supported me, and even when we were down and out, she always pushed me forward. Through every step I feel like I'm accomplishing both our dreams. "She didn't have a formal job, and because of this I had to drop out in Form One. This gave me time to discover myself and was one of my most important time. I would go deep into the slums just passing time through writing poems and stuff like that. Eventually, I joined *mjengo* to try make ends meet, then dancing, and later that propelled me into my fashion journey," Avido reveals.

The designer had to attend adult education after failing to complete high school the usual way. "I got the opportunity to pursue adult education (*gumbaru*) through hard work in the hood, that took me past Form Four, and then Maisha Foundation organisation gave me the chance to pursue a certificate in fashion in 2016," he says.

Many people associate his brand, LooksLikeAvido, with the shiny glitz and eccentric hues. From blazers, bomber jackets, pants, body suits, hats, hoods, his fine prints have managed to light up any room from the effortless authenticity they flaunt.

His trademark African Kanga Prints has gained him much traction from upper echelon politicians such as late Kibra MP Ken Okoth, and a multitude of celebrities from both locally and abroad.

"The late honourable Ken Okoth was one of my biggest supporters and inspirations. He got me my first sewing machine. I am forever indebted to him," Avido says. When he was still new to the industry, Okoth would still wear his jackets and motivate him.

Mentoring youngsters

The infamous Kibra is Avido's main source of inspiration and fuels him to be a positive thinker and to work even harder.

"I've lived in the slum all my life. I have been there through all the highs and lows, for example I saw people being victimised during the Post Election Violence. I have been there everyday enjoying meeting with my counterparts to follow our dreams such as dancing, music, fashion. I have seen success stories such as musician Octopizzo change his life for the better, and those around him. I love the ghetto," Avido shares.

His work in fashion gained fame back in 2017 after the internet could not ignore the colourful African designs being shared all over the net, as well as on the grounds where they always strived to make an impression through their wardrobe decisions.

Remembering how he would get from place to place on his famous bodaboda bicycle covering long distances, then progressing to cabs to deliver his designs, it would not be long before world renowned stars such as Burning Spear, Jah Cure, Konshens, Vanessa Mdee, Cecile and Chronixx noticed the LooksLikeAvido's genius and dreamt of meeting the young lad.

"Meeting my idols humbles me and reminds me that they are also just human like you and I. If you put your mind to anything, good or bad, you will most likely attract the same. It gives me a special feeling that my work is appreciated, and I strive to keep getting better just as they do in their arts as well," Avido expresses.

The reggae lover was among Safaricom's youth mentorship programme, BLAZE 2018 motivational speakers alongside entrepreneurs such as actress Catherine Karanja and social media entrepreneur Joy Kendi.



AT A GLANCE

- **Avido ventured into fashion in 2017, thanks to a sewing machine from late Kibra MP Ken Okoth.**
- **The previous year, he had completed his high school through adult learning.**
- **He also earned a certificate in fashion from Maisha Foundation.**
- **His business, LooksLikeAvido, has now become a household name, with celebs such as Konshens donning its designs.**
- **His neighbourhood, Kibra, where he grew up, inspires the sole proprietor.**
- **He has featured in a number of international events such as the Bonn creative fair in Germany**



David Avido Owino at a fashion event in Berlin. MAIN**: Avido with LooksLikeAvido's marketing and distribution manager Ruven Börger.** PD/COURTESY

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MULIKWA WITH RODGERS NDEGWA



Gova ichukue sports viserious

First of all, lazima tuvulie Eliud Kipchoge ngepa kwa kupeleka dunia mzima na rieng vile Kenya tuko mbele ikikam ni kutoka kijiko. On Sato, huyu bazenga alifunguka 42 kilometres chini ya idhaa mbekse kule Vienna, Austria, na kuvunja record ya marathon after kumurder hio mbio in 1:59:40. Although organisation enye inahusika na risto za athletics duniani, International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), haijatambua hii record kama official, Kip alipeperusha flag yetu juu kwa sana.

Hii ni achievement bigi juu akuna kitu ka hio ishaifanyika kwa hii dunia yetu. Ngori ya Wakenya ni ati gova yetu haichukulii sports viserious. Time ya campaigns uko ma2013, hii gova ilipromise kujenga magrao international standards zaidi ya tano, but after kuchukua usukani bado hizo grao ni ndoto kubwa.

Countries ziko serious zinachukulia sports kama investment kubwa juu inacreate majanta kibao kwa mayout na watu wamekula mbuku kama sports scienctists hivi. Kitu ingine gova inafaa kumesea ni ati wakiunda facilities na wamalize udingo, corporates zitaanza kuingia kwa sports kupiga masponsorship deals na hii act itafanya sports ilipe ata vizuri.

Wakenya wengi hapa hii wiki kwa mtandao wameshinda wakidai vile sports ndio inafanya tujulikane internationally na hiyo ndo sector iko underfunded na gova na most of the times hukuwa last priority kwa gava. Daily wakiulizwa na majournalist rada ya hizo magrao na academies waudai ati "we will deliver" na hata rieng ya kurehabilitate Nyayo National Stadium ishawalemea bana.

Kitu ya kushangaza ni ati bado hawa maofficial wa gova wautaka kumake appearance time Mkenya ameweka the nation kwa limelight. Ikuwe ni Kipchoge, team ya rugby ya Lionesses ama any other sport, lazima watokee watoe speech na hio time hakuna ata kitu wamecontribute. Kenya kuna watu wengi talented, but ngori ni hakuna chances ama opportunities za kushowcase izi talents kwa dunia. Mtaani, juu ya kukosa opportunities in sports na pengine msee hakuwa masomo enough, inabaki vijana wamekuwa maobtainer ndo wasurvive na kufeed family zao manze.

URADI By Nafsi Huru

Tunabanja na SIR GEORGES MBOYA, bazenga wa Follow Focus, akichapa uradi ya media consultation, concept creation, cinematography na photography.



Ulianza lini hii uradi na kwa nini?

Niliendaga campo kusomea orthopedics, lakini kulikuaga na lecturer nifla anafanyaga film na kila idhaa nilikua namcheki na camera nilikua na urge ya kujua more about film na ndio nika divert course nikafanya film. Msee alikua akinipigia risto naiona in pictures nikaanza Follow Focus nikiwa na macolleague wasaba ambao with time walitake different paths nikabaki one-man show kutoka 2009. In 2011, nilipata exchange programme Toronto Film School na niliporudi 2013 nilikua na enough skills nikaanza kuchapa film as a career not just passion.

Challenges ni kaa gani kwa hii hustle?

Hii field iko competitive plus zile ngori za post-election violence, terror attacks na umwere ingine mingi imefukuza clients wengi inabaki kuchapa works na middlemen wenye manjaa. Government pia iko so stiff on local filmmakers; tunafaa kuacha free-to-shoot anywhere kwa nchi yetu. Create policies to support the local film industry na soon tutakua talk of the world.

Unapataga aje clients wako?

Your network is your net worth, so works mob hucome from network yangu. I am always active kwa social media, lakini for me ni more of an awareness platform; sijaona ikiniletea customers directly, just likes na recommendations.

Advise kwa mayout?

The future is now na kila kitu unadai iko at your disposal; just reach out.

TAMBULIKA By Nafsi Huru

Lady Bird

Becky Muthoni aka Lady Bird ni one of the fastest-rising talents outta Nairobbery akispecialise na mizuka ya reggae. Anajiita urbanised reggae artiste juu ya sound yake na kuimba ni kitu alianza akiwa 12 years. Alikua ametambulika church viserious na kejani pia maarif wa mdhama wakimuja chama ye ndio alikuaga chief entertainer na birthday zote mtaani alichafuaga.



Talanta ilikua recognised high school pia akiongoza choir ya chuo, lakini after kunyuria shule ndio akaamua ni grind serious. Alichagua mziki kama career na akarelease her first single *Midnight Blues* in 2016.

So far amechapa songs tisa na anazidi kuzidi akipromise a fresh album by mid-next year. Lady Bird ameweza kuchapa shows hapa kule akijitambulisha kwa mafans, na so far, reception inamwonyesha the future is bright. Kuna collabo za wanga in the pipeline akidunda na some of the baddest reggae artistes in Kenya. Lady Bird pia ni one of the best make-up artists hii Kenya, akidunga works na wazito kama wote.

MANUSCRIBES By Manuel Ntoyai

Ngori ya domestic violence

Siku izi, cases za domestic violence zimeongezeka mtaani na ukicheki poa, most of the time ni vijana ndio huwa kwa hizi ngori. Mara mob, utapata kijana amependa dem na maybe dem hajajipa, but wanasongesha maisha juu ya situation. Hii ni ile wasee husema kutake advantage ya mwingine ako innocent na ile day atazinduka from usingizi ndio na yeye anakuja na hasira.

Halafu kuna ile raia kesi yao ni special. Hii ni couple wao hushinda wamevurugana kwa ploti daily, but huwa hawaachani na hakuna msee anaeza jaribu kuwatenganisha. Hawa wasee huwa na shida funny juu ukiingilia kati time wanaletana juu, wewe ndio utachomekea hapo. So, kila msee hujipa shughuli kwa ploti wakianza vita. Hapa dawa huwa ni landlord kuwapea notice ya kuhama. But hii relationship utapata kuna mwenye anaumia, but kuna situation amejipata hawezi toka.

Juzi Prezda Uhunye amebonga hii story akisema vile vijana pia tumechachisha radar zaidi. Uhunye alipea vijana wisdom akisema msee anafaa kukatiana na ustaarabu na ukikosa tafuta mwingine. Hii story ya msee akikukataa unamvunja ama hata wengine kuuwana ni noma inafaa kuisha.

It's hightime sisi kama mavijana kubonga na hawa wazae kuwauliza siri ya maisha ya ndoa sababu most of them wako na experience. Although maisha ya zamo ilikuwa different na ya sasa, hawa elders wanaeza save situation. But pia, lazima uanglie na uchuje the kind of advice unapewa sababu pia hata mafala huzeeka.

#FORMZAGRAO By Rodgers Ndegwa

Felix Oloo, chesko wetu wa National Women Rugby 7s team Lionesses, alidai ako proud na mbogi yake juu despite ya kuloose 15-14 to South Africa pale kwa finals za Olympics 2020 qualifiers za kule Japan, bado waliqualify.

"Tulikuwa tunadai sana kushinda fainali, but vitu hazikuenda vile tulikuwa tunadai. Nevertheless, tuko ready kwa hii challenge inakoum next year na niko sure tutamake a huge impact kwa kupost results fiti," Oloo alidai.

Kwa kumalasia, fans wa rugby wako na treat bwaku hii wikendi, coz Safari Sevens itakuwa inago down pale RFUEA Grounds, Ngong Road, hasapa Nai. Kutakuwa na participating teams kibao from different parts of the world.

TOKAJIKONI By Nafsi Huru



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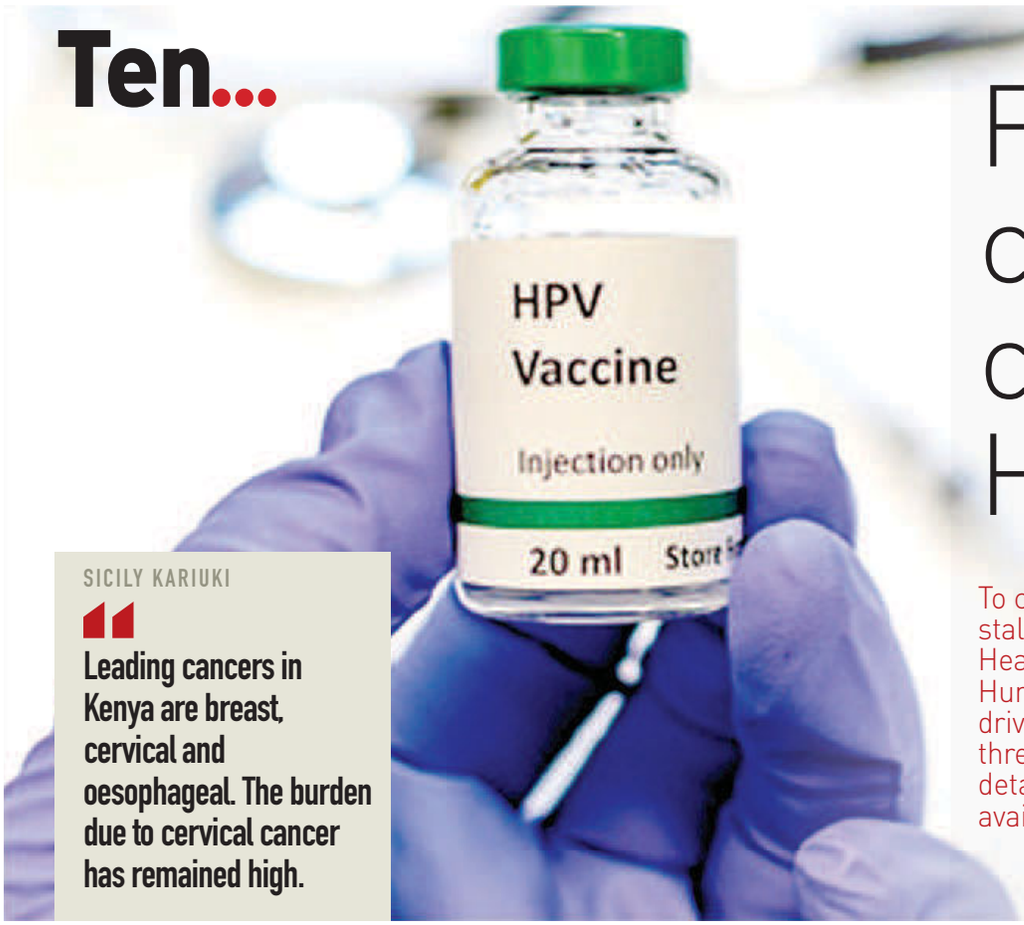
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3. Mavela – Wakuu
4. Washa Kitu – Iddi Singer ft Mercury
5. Born Again - Fila Bee
6. Kenya Made – Bhadie & Khadie
7. Champion Boy – Volkhano
8. 666 Coffins – Odi Wa Muranga
9. Kwenye Kwenye – Muki Rai
10. Sina Time – Tunji

SHENGPEDIA By Rodgers Ndegwa

1
Obtainer – ***Thief***
Origin – ***Baba Dogo***
Example – ***Siku hizi masanse wa-mechangamkia maobtainer mtaani juu wanavuka na kila kitu.***

2
Gwoko – ***Fight***
Origin – ***Dando***
Example – ***Gwoko ndio ilifanya Njoro na Omosh kutingwa.***

Ten...



Facts about cervical cancer and HPV vaccine

SICILY KARIUKI

Leading cancers in Kenya are breast, cervical and oesophageal. The burden due to cervical cancer has remained high.

To counter the scourge that is now stalking women locally and globally, the Health ministry will tomorrow roll out the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination drive in a bid to tame the killer disease threat. **MILLIAM MURIGI** delves into details on the prevention approaches and available remedies...

1 Shocking statistics

Cancer of the Cervix, which forms the lower part of the uterus, is the leading cause of cancer related deaths among women in Kenya.

9
Women die every day from cervical Cancer in Kenya.

2 min
One woman dies from cervical cancer globally every two minutes— this is one too many.

2 HPV linked to cervical cancer

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common sexually transmitted disease with an estimated **80 per cent** of sexually active people contracting it at some point in their lives. There are over **100 varieties of HPV**, more than 40 of which are passed through sexual contact and can affect your genitals, mouth, or throat. According to World Health Organisation, virtually all cervical cancer cases (**99 per cent**) are linked to genital infection with HPV and it is the most common viral infection of the reproductive tract.



3 No symptoms

Typically, cervical cancer develops slowly over a long period of time (**10-15 years**). The HPV can live in the body for many years without causing any health complications. Many people, in fact, have no signs of infection and may only become aware of the condition if they have an abnormal pap smear result. But, even for people who do have symptoms, they are often either overlooked or misunderstood. Available statistics show that more than **20 million** people are currently infected with HPV worldwide and another **6.2 million** will contract the virus each year.

4 Types

The main types of cervical cancer are:

Squamous cell carcinoma begins in the thin, flat cells (squamous cells) lining the outer part of the cervix, which projects into the vagina. Most cervical cancers are squamous cell carcinomas.

Adenocarcinoma begins in the column-shaped glandular cells that line the cervical canal.

5 Vaccine to be offered free of charge

The Government, with the support of the Gavi Alliance and Partners, plans to introduce the HPV vaccine into the routine immunisation schedule this year.



Sh800m
Cost of vaccine for the first year.

6 Targeted group

The vaccine is administered to **young girls** preferably before they have made their sexual debut to arm their bodies with antibodies to fight off the virus. The vaccine will be offered nationally alongside other routine infant vaccines through an existing network of over **9,000** public, private, faith based and non governmental organisation free of charge, to **800,000** girls, who are currently 10 years old and subsequently to all girls as they turn 10 years old in future. For maximum protection, all girls aged 10 years must receive two doses of the vaccine, six months apart.

7 No shortage of vaccine

Already, the country has in place more than **1.3 million doses** of the HPV vaccine against a target of **800,000 girls**, for this year 2019. Vaccination cards will be given to those who receive the vaccine. This would be implemented within the framework of achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), as part of the Preventive and Promotive Healthcare component

8 Vaccine is safe

The cervical cancer vaccine is safe and effective and has been evaluated and licensed for use in the country. It is in use in routine immunisation programmes of more than **115 countries** worldwide.

9 Pilot project successful

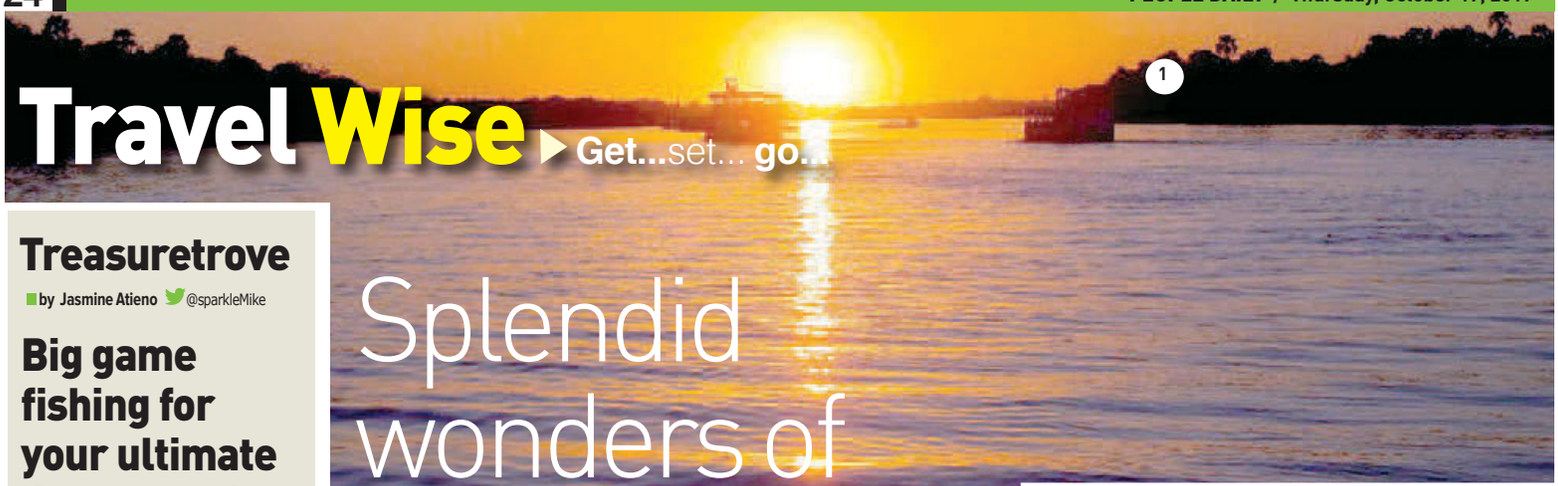
The HPV vaccine pilot vaccination in Kenya was carried between 2013 and 2015 in Kitui covering 22,500 children of ages nine to 11 resulting in 95 percent evidence-based success.

10 Other ways of preventing cervical cancer

Since HPV is the known cause of cervical cancer, the simplest way to averting the disease is avoiding getting the infection by the virus in the first place. Exercising caution by refraining from unsafe sex and limiting the number of sexual partners can lower the chances of contracting the virus and ultimately developing cervical cancer. If one has more sexual partners, they have higher exposure to HPV— having multiple sexual partners exposes one to different strains of HPV. When detected early, HPV can be treated and prevent any serious health complications.

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Travel Wise ▶ Get...set... go...



Treasuretrove

by Jasmine Atieno @sparkleMike

Big game fishing for your ultimate dream catcher

If you're currently contemplating dropping on one knee, there is a new sure way to getting a straight 'yes, yes, yes'! I am telling you this because I know how fast that 'yes' can get my heart beating. I probably would have had my hands up in the air if he was asking.

Like seriously though, this is the kind of fun that you always probably dreamt of if you are a sea lover. Leave behind the normal beautiful palmy hotel rooms with swimming pools and stuff! Take a trip to the grand Mapepe in Diani. Your mind will be blown away just like mine was. Mapepe is a Swahili word, which means something close to 'mind blown'. The place literally gets to your head.

At the heart of Diani, awaits the Dreamcatcher to carry you off to the deepest waters of the sea for the most fun filled time of your life. First it's the big game fishing, a sport that basically entails a fishing competition where gamers use rods and baits to catch the biggest fishes of the sea. The baits are provided on board from strips to live fish and tackles. When you catch your fish, which is normally like super cool, you get a photo moment, after which you will release the fish back to the sea. To catch the big fish you have to go miles out into the deep sea. This is why beach hotels have introduced big game offshore fishing to lure adventure loving Kenyans to try it out.

It's the most comfortable and safe cruise and you can bring along family and friends, but as I said this is a perfect couples getaway. If he brings you here, you know that knee is probably getting closer to the ground. The ship is fitted with the latest amenities including a kitchen, dining area, a toilet, bathroom and a bedroom. There is also unending supply of drinks and food, including alcoholic beverages. It's all full blown fun. You need to bring your bag of money, because you are going to be spending it, bring your sunscreens, sun hats and sunglasses and definitely your camera! This is one of those must go places.

Royalty treat!



Splendid wonders of Zambezi River

Known as Southern Africa's River of Life, Zambezi River is the fourth largest river system in Africa, which drains six countries. Tourists flock to the river to delight in aquatic activities and exciting game viewing opportunities





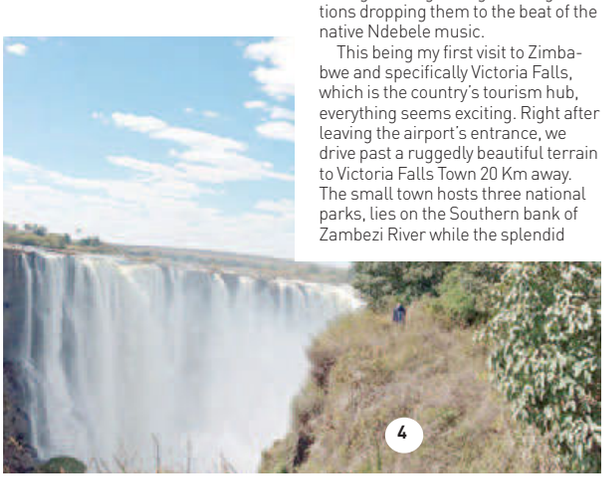
1. **A sunset on Zambezi River.** 2. **Traditional dancers welcome guests at the airport.** 3. **Boats cruising the Zambezi River.** 4. **A view of a section of Victoria Falls.** COURTESY.

by Evelyn Makena
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This sunset was none like I had ever seen before. The clouds appeared as fleeting wings of orange and yellow like glowing flames of fire. Over the clear waters of the mighty Zambezi River, the skies swirled with bold hues of colour transitioning from orange, to red before fading into twilight. There were quiet gasps, silent murmurs and coos of awe among those aboard a boat on an evening cruise as the radiant sunset cast golden shadows on the expansive water body marking a colorful end to an eventful day.

Four hours prior to encountering this splendid sunset, we had landed at Victoria International Falls Airport, Zimbabwe with a group of delegates who were in the country to attend a wildlife conference. At the newly built modern airport opened in 2016 in a small town of Victoria Falls that borders Botswana and Zambia, we were received by dancers performing the Indlamu dance. Dressed in strands of animal skin and fur, the dancers swung their legs in high kicking motions dropping them to the beat of the native Ndebele music.

This being my first visit to Zimbabwe and specifically Victoria Falls, which is the country's tourism hub, everything seems exciting. Right after leaving the airport's entrance, we drive past a ruggedly beautiful terrain to Victoria Falls Town 20 Km away. The small town hosts three national parks, lies on the Southern bank of Zambezi River while the splendid Victoria Falls (the largest waterfalls in the planet) cascade from its Western side.



From viewing the scenic Victoria Falls, bungee jumping on the falls, game drives in the parks, taking sunset cruises along the Zambezi River -the fourth longest river in Africa after Nile, Congo and Niger, taking chopper rides above the falls and skydiving we are spoilt for choice on what to sample in the small town during our four-day stay.

Our adventure begins with a sunset cruise along the Zambezi River with Captain Victor Madzimbamuto steering the vessel full of delegates past papyrus lined riverbanks.We spot zebras, gazelles and impalas grazing on the semi-green foliage of Victoria Falls National Park that's set along the riverbanks.

Elephants swimming

Further along the river, we encounter a herd of elephants swimming as hippos float their large heads on the water. We can hear the distant roar as a thundering mass of water tumbles off the Victoria Falls.

In the ensuing days, we visit a Lion sanctuary set on 1,500 acres of land carved outside the parks in Victoria Falls. The sanctuary hosts ageing lions that would otherwise have difficulties surviving in the wild that are kept inside huge enclosures that mimic the natural environment. On one of the evenings we enjoy a sumptuous meal of Huku Nedovi— a Shona dish of chicken served in peanut sauce. We experience the full glory of the small charming town on the last day of our tour when we visit the falls. Few rivers evoke mystery and a sense of wonder like the Zambezi River. From its source in Zambia, the 2,700 km long river flows through six countries before it pours into the Indian Ocean. The river meanders into Zimbabwe through its North-Eastern side before cascading spectacularly into the deep gorges at Victoria Falls, 80km further along.

At this point where the Zambezi River is more than 2km wide, it flows over basalt rock plateau and plunges up-to 108 metres downward resounding in a deafening roar. As the speedy waters fall off the plateau it generates mists that can be seen like a billowing silver smoke up to 20km away. The sprinkles of water from the waterfalls sustain an incredible array of plant and wildlife in an adjacent dense rainforest. So intense are the splatters of mist that one either has to be armed with an umbrella, wear a raincoat as they walk along the falls or risk getting drenched. At the Victoria Falls entrance, we pay an entry fee of Sh3,115 (30 USD) as international visitors before walking along mahogany, fig and palm trees vistas.

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Heading eastwards along the trails inside the rainforest, we walk past the statue of David Livingstone, the British explorer and missionary said to have discovered and named the falls in 1885. The fall is named in honour of Queen Victoria, the reigning British monarch at the time.

In the local Tonga language, the falls is christened "*Mosi oa tunya*", (the smoke that thunders). With our faces splashed with the heavy mist that at times obscures our view and our shoes squashing with water, we end our trip along the falls at Victoria Falls Bridge, the architectural marvel constructed in 1905 crosses over the Zambezi River and links Zimbabwe to Zambia. Not even the raincoats we had put on could have saved us from being sprayed by the plume of mist that locals consider to be spiritual.

FORK&LIFE

Taste of the newest Swahili eat out in town

The Swahili and Arabic culture comes to life at Lavington's Manara restaurant. The décor, the food, the service and the delight gives you a taste of what the coastal region has to offer

by Nailantei Norari
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"Every Saturday and Sunday, they have the perfect coastarian breakfast, *mbaazi na mahamri*. I cannot believe you have not been to this place," my friend castigated me over lunch last week. She was referring to Manara Restaurant, located off Gitanga Road at Westfield Mall, that mall that houses Quickmart Lavington. She has always ordered *biryani* online from them and was glad that Khados Cooking, an online cooking page had at last found a physical location as Manara Restaurant. And like the perfect millennial who suffers from FOMO, I showed up at Manara on a lazy Sunday afternoon ready to go on a whirlwind of eating all the Swahili food I could master.



a.**Mutton maandi with the lamb sauce and freshly made tomato sauce.**
b.***Mbaazi* and *mahamri*, a breakfast dish is served with lemon mint juice.**
c.**Basbousa, mint tea and some sugar.**
d. **Baba ganoush and warm pita bread.** PD/ NAILANTEI NORARI



Middle Eastern dishes

Manara walls are a muted cream with beautiful white scaffolding that is reminiscent of Arabic architecture and the Coast. There are carefully placed Arabic lanterns, which glow gold even during the day. There is an Arabic art piece on sale near the counter where golden tea urns and multi-coloured baskets that I will later learn are used to bring the bill, are placed. The service is quite quick and unintrusive with all meals being made fresh on order. Soon, my *mbaazi and mahamri* arrive. It looks exactly as depicted on the glossy menu. I wolf all the *mbaazis* down with one *mahamri* as I save up space for other things on the menu.

Ever since I stopped spending two hours in the gym like the CrossFit athlete I was, I try to eat healthy. So I reflexively checked out the salad options, which at about Sh500 a bowl, are quite affordable. I instead crossed over to the Middle Eastern dishes, which are split into either hot or cold mezze dishes. Mezze dishes are a collection of small dishes that can either serve as appetisers or full meals. One can order a full platter of either the hot mezze dishes or the cold ones at only Sh1,000. Since I was out dining alone, I chose baba ganoush and warm pita bread, a dish made from fresh onions, dhania, chilli, olive oil and eggplant. I enjoyed the taste of the freshly made pita bread against the cold textures of the baba ganoush. After I had polished off my mezze dish, I ordered mutton mandi, a dish that was brought with freshly made tomato sauce and lamb sauce on the side. The mutton was so tender that it tore off the bone with the slightest touch of the fork while the accompanying rice was very tasty as it had cashew nuts, caramelized onions and mild spicing. The food was quite a lot and I battled through it though there was no chance I could have finished it all in one sitting. I asked for the remaining to be packed in a take away bag as I sat in a food coma pretending to read a novel as I eavesdropped on the families seated across the room eating good food and telling a few not so good stories about their neighbours and colleagues. I slowly took my lemon mint juice that had remained forgotten till now. After a few long hours, I decided it was time to waddle home.

Irene, my host for the day was very solicitous and helpful. She informed me that there was mint tea in the house and I was more than glad to oblige and quickly sat back down. I then remembered I had not capped my meal with dessert and ordered some *basbousa* to take with the mint mea. Basbousa is made from semolina flour and is brought freshly soaked in syrup with fresh coconut dust and almond pieces. I managed to wolf down one of the three pieces and then promptly asked for the bill. The bill came to Sh2,500, which is quite affordable considering the number of dishes I had, the large portions and the quality of service. I promptly called my friend to tell her I had tried out her restaurant recommendation. "Did you try out their *pilau* though?" She enquired. Guess I will be coming back to try out the *pilau* and have some more of the *basbousa*.



Glass clinks keep wine flowing at vino show

by Faith Kinel
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Leading importers and sidtributors of wines and spirits held a wine exhibition in Nairobi in a bid to tap into the fast growing retail trade network and hospitality sectors.

The exhibition, Viva Global Trade Wine Exhibition, saw over 75 different types of wines exhibited on the two-day expo.

Some award-winning wines and fine wines such as Bellingham, Boschendal, and Franschhoek Cellars from the popular DGB Winery in South Africa, Casillero del Diablo from Chile, Cloudy Bay from New Zealand and the exclusive Penfolds range from Australia's oldest winery.

The exhibition took place over the weekend at Park Inn by Radisson in Westlands attracting wine lovers and traders from across the region.

Different from the other events, Viva Global has organised a tasting class for its attendees for Sh3,000 per class with unlimited wine from different parts of the world, local cheese and chocolate.

"This event has given our customers a good chance to see our entire range of new world wines. From wine tasting, to wine education this expo had it all for the wine. Enthusiast as well as the wine professionals had an opportunity to meet experts from viticulture backgrounds at the trade exhibition," said Viva Global's business development manager, Meera Karia.

The exhibition was targeting decision makers of the Food and Beverage department of the hospitality industry, restaurateurs, retailers and serious wine consumers.

The tasting class gave the consumers an opportunity for sensory examination and evaluation of wine.

The wine portfolio included origins from seven other countries including, Argentina, California, Australia and New Zealand. Viva also unveiled their plans to start importing wines from France and Italy. "These classes are important because one gets a chance to discover major wine growing regions, important grape varieties and the significance and meaning of a terroir. While tasting through a flight of wine, you learn these very easily and also discover the techniques of smell, sip, taste and evaluate," said Karia.

MEET & GREET
WITH HARRIET JAMES
@harriet86jim

Harun Makwana founder and director, Summit Seekers

Where did your inspiration for hiking come from?

My inspiration comes from the inseparable connection between hiking lessons and life lessons not forgetting the beauty and energy that nature has to offer.

Which unique destinations have you visited to for hiking?

I have hiked Mt Kusciuszko in Australia, New Zealand, Nepal and in East Africa, I have climbed Mt Meru, Mt Ol Donyo Lengai, Mt Kenya, Usambara mountains, Mt Kilimanjaro among others. There are still many more places in my travel bucket list!

Which is your favourite and why?

Mt Kenya; I feel there is deep energy on this mountain and so much to see and discover.

What excites or scares you about any expedition?

My excitement comes from being outdoors and becoming one with nature. What scares me is my body refusing to be up to the expedition.

Mistakes you have made during a hike expeditions?

Not sleeping well the night before the hike. People don't know that fatigue can be a very serious danger on a hike. One needs to get enough sleep to be alert during the entire hike.

Tips you can give an aspiring hiker?

Research on where you are going. Know how safe it is and what you need for the hike. Never go alone, go with a group or a friend. Carry essentials like water and food. Be honest to yourself about your health and fitness.

Are your trips spontaneous or planned and why?

We try our best to keep our day trips spontaneous. The planned ones are for the big climbs as they need adquate preparation.

Your next hiking phase

I don't know... where nature calls me!



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PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from our principals, we shall sell by Public Auction the below;-
ON **18TH OCTOBER, 2019** FROM **10:00 AM** AT OUR YARD IN NYAHURURU.

A)AT HIGH COURT AT NYAHURURU CIVIL APPEAL SUIT NO. 40 OF 2017.
IBRAHIM NDIRANGU GICHUKI =VS= GEOFFREY MWANGI NDERITU & ANOTHER
M/V REG NO. KBB 121 R TOYOTA CALDINA.

B)IN THE MATTER OF DISTRESS FOR RENT.
LANDLORD =VS= SIMION MWANGI - ASSORTED HOUSEHOLDS AND A FEW TIMBER.
LANDLORD =VS= JOHN KAMAU NJUGUNA - ASSORTED HOUSEHOLDS.
LANDLORD =VS= ALBERT ONJORO - ASSORTED CLOTHES MATERIALS, AT OUR OFFICES IN NAKURU FROM 2 P.M.

CONDITIONS OF SALE
• CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel **No. Nyeri Municipality/Block 1/1183** situated in town off Nyeri-Nyahururu Road, intends to **extend the use** to **include residential (one private dwelling) use,** subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institution(s)and organization with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT 2019

EXTENSION OF USER

The registered owner of land parcel **No. Nyeri/Municipality Block 7/203** situated in Kangemi area, Nyeri Municipality, intends to change the use from a **residential (one private dwelling) use** to **multi-dwelling**, subject to approval by the County Government of Nyeri. Any individual(s), institution(s) and organization(s) with objection(s) or comments to the proposal are requested to forward the same in writing within 14 days of publication of this notice to:

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Duly instructed by our principals the financiers, we shall sell the under mentioned repossessed motor vehicles by public auction, on Thursday 24th OCTOBER, 2019 at Greypost Ltd Kiambu Road from 10:30am.

1. FINANCIER -VS- AMOS KARURI MUBURI & HENRY MACHARIA KARIUKI

NO.	REG. NO.	MAKE/ MODEL	VIEW AT
1.	KCK 022N	TOYOTA BELTA	GREYPOST LIMITED
2.	KBL 390H	HONDA CRV	GREYPOST LIMITED

CONDITION OF SALE
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER
ALL ARE WELCOME

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PUBLIC AUCTION

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

DULY INSTRUCTED BY OUR PRINCIPALS, LANDLORDS/LANDLADIES AND AGENTS, I SHALL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION THE BELOW NAMED MOVEABLE ASSETS ON SATURDAY THE 26TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019 STARTING AT 10.00AM. WE SHALL SELL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OUTSIDE OUR MALINDI OFFICES SITUATED AT KIZINGO BUILDING, ALONG LAMU ROAD AND BEHIND BARCLAYS BANK, MALINDI.

LOT 1: Fairdeal Ltd =Vs= Johnson Khamimwa
TV Set and One Glass Table (To defray Auctioneers storages charges).

LOT 2: Japheth Investments =Vs= Peter Mwangi & Mwambire
Deep Freezer & One Glass Table.

LOT 3: Ali Salim =Vs= Lois Mihigano
TV Set, Sofa Set (five seater), DVD, Meko Jiko, TV Cabinet, a Plastic Stand, Plastic Table, 5 Plastic Chairs, and one HP Laptop.

LOT 4: Malindi Ginneries Ltd =Vs= Shabir Hatimal T/A Nafisa Stores
One small Table, Eight Chairs, Two Mirrors and One Curtain Box.

LOT 5: Sayyid Ali Ahmed =Vs= Sharriff Agencies
TV Set and a Hover (Vitron).

CONDITION OF SALE

1) Cash at the fall of the hammer.
2) Viewing to be done during normal working hours before public auction subject to making prior arrangements in either of our offices.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PUBLIC NOTICE

PHYSICAL AND LAND USE PLANNING ACT NO.13 OF 2019

CHANGE OF USE

The owner of the plot **No. Dag/Uthiru/943** off Mukiri Road, Uthiru is proposing to change the use from **single dwelling unit** to **multi-dwelling units (flats),** subject to approval by the Nairobi City County. Individuals, Institutions or Organizations with comments to the proposal are requested to forward them in writing within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this notice to:

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Nairobi City County Government,
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Email:dancyagencies@gmail.com

PUBLIC AUCTION

Under instructions received from court,we shall sell by public auction the under-mentioned goods on **Saturday 26th October, 2019 at 10am** at Pangani Auction Centre, Muranga road opposite Guru Nanak Hospital.

IN PURSUANT TO COURT ORDER TRIBUNAL CASE NO.798 OF 2019 NAIROBI.

1.LANDLORD-VS-CATHERINE WANJIRU

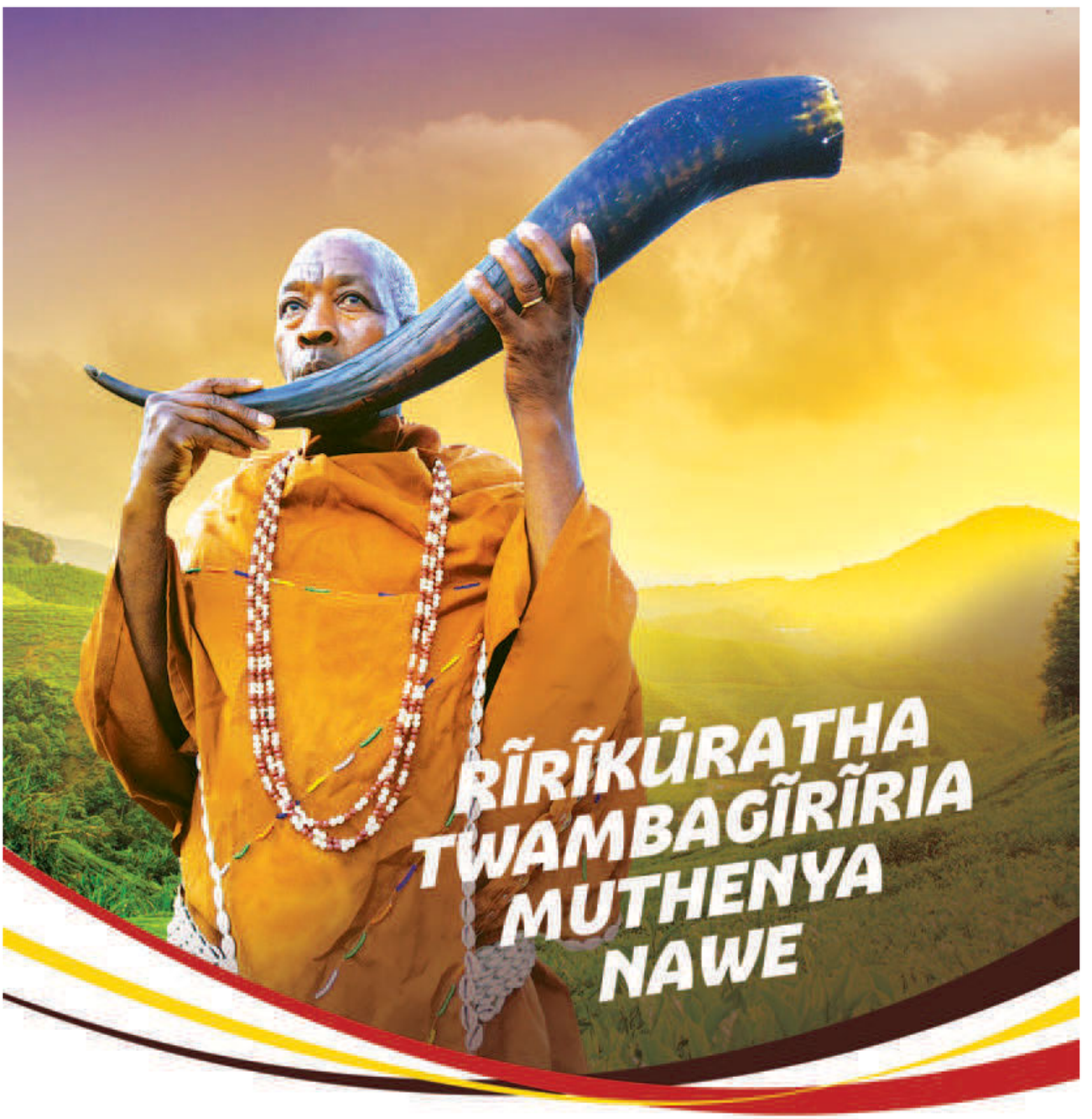
7pkts Niceone Bulbs, 2pkts Lyons Bulbs,1pkts premium Bulbs, 2pks Philips Bulbs, 22Pkts Economy, 3pks Tropical, 1pkts Laishipa bulb,122pcs Burner, 12 pcs Regulator, 5rolls Wire (Speaker), 1 Carton Niceone, 1Roll Gas pipe,13pcs (TV Wire DVD), 49pcs Extension Cables, 1pc Hot comb, 119pcs Assorted Bulbs, 2pcs Fridge guards, 2pcs Royal Iron Box, 9pcs Heaters, 3pcs shower Heater, 5pkts switch sockets & crew, 17pcs Bed switch, 5pcs Circuit Breaker switch, 21pcs Torch, 31pcs Grills (Meko), 19pcs Swtched bulbs, 3pcs Round Extension Cables, pc Speaker, 11pcs Electric Coil.

2. LANDLORD-VS-PARAPAT ELECTRICALS

7 Cartons of assorted electrical accessories and assorted Bulbs, Electric wire and extension cables.

CONDITION OF SALE
CASH AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.





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TIME OUT!

K24

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6.00 K24 This Morning
9.00 The Daily Brief
12.30 Inside Business
13.00 News Cut
13.30 Sports Hub Live
14.00 Kenyan Mvie
15.00 Sweetest Love
16.00 K24 Mashinani
16.30 Jus Kids
17.00 Beatbox
18.00 Unique Love
19.00 K24 Saa Moja
19.30 Jane And Abel
20.00 The Secretary
21.00 K24 Evening Edition
22.00 Riddim Vybz Reloaded
00.00 DW Live Feed

Kameme TV

5.00 Ime Ria Ruciini
6.00 Rikiratha
11.00 Kurekereria Kodii
12.00 Kwibanga-Rpt kwibanga-Rpt
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1.30 Kameme Iharoini- Live kameme Iharoini- Live
2.00 Kayu Ka Murimi
3.00 Thiririka Mixx
3.30 Satai
3.45 Kameme Toonz
4.00 Ririmbuka Live ririmbuka Live
6.00 Uraguri Wa Mwiiri Live uraguri Wa Mwiiri Live
7.00 Kameme Maturaini
8.00 Njungwa Ya Muthee Kihenjo
8.30 Taranda
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11.00 Mutamburuko Wa Mohoro- Rpt
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2.00 Deuestche Welle

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5:00 Club 700
5:30 Joel Osteen
6:00 Morning Express
7:00 Life N' Style
8:30 The Entrepreneur
9:00 Africscreen
11:00 Forevermore
12:00: Waliobaki
12:30: New Beginnings
1:00: News Desks
1:30 Turning Point
2:00 Afri-Screen
4:00 The New Adventure of Lucky Luke
4:30 World Of Winx
5:00 Maisha Mzuga
6:00 The Better Half
7:00 KTN Leo
7:30 Baba Yao
8:00 Thursday Night Live
9:00: KTN Prime
10:00: Movie
11:30: Andrew Wommack Ministries
12:00: CNN



::IN THEATRES NOW::

CENTURY CINEMAX IMAX GARDEN CITY: **10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00: ABOMINABLE (2019)**

ANGA SKY CINEMA: **10:00: AD ASTRA (2019)**

WESTGATE CINEMA WESTGATE MALL: **11:10, 15:05: ANGEL HAS FALLEN (2019)**

NYALI CINEMAX MOMBASA: **10:00, 21:10: FAST & FURIOUS PRESENTS: HOBBS & SHAW (2019)**

ANGA IMAX CBD: **10:40, 13:00, 15:20, 17:40, 20:00, 22:10: THE JOKER (2019)**



KBC Channel 1

5:00 BBC
5:30 Gear Up
6:00 Good Morning Kenya
9:00 Lay'd Back
10:00 Raggs
11:00 Spirou
12:00 Worship Experience
1:00 News Desk
1:30 Business Defined
2:00 Kenda Imani
2:30 Daytime Movie
3:00 Jesus Son Of God
5:30 Club 1
6:30 The Great D ebaters
7:00 Taarifa
7:30 Road to Success
8:00 Charging Currents
8:30 Magical Scene
9:00 KBC Channel 1 News
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11:00 GGTN
12:00 Layd Back
12:30 BBC

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5:00 Password Plus
6:00 AM Live
8:00 Better Living
9:00 On The Wings of Love
10:00 Wild Skin
11:00 NTV Today
12:30 SportsPesa Super Cup - Winner S2 Wings
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6:00 Be careful With My Heart
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HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
Travel and communication will be lucrative for you. You should socialize with clients or upper echelons of your industry if possible.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
Try to stay calm and understand both sides of the situation. Confusion is apparent and you'll need some sound advice if you want to do the right thing.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
You will want to take off and have some recreation. Luck is with you. Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Try to keep your cool; you may be a tad frazzled by all the rushing around. Go with the flow and don't let the unsettled atmosphere get on your nerves.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Your health may have suffered due to neglect or abuse. You will be able to get good advice if you listen to close friends or relatives you respect.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. You can make excellent investments if you are in the right place at the right time.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
You may be up for some changes in your home. You will get bored quickly, so make sure that you have scheduled enough activity to hold your interest.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Make sure to arrange in advance to spend quality time together. Opportunities for romance may develop through dealing with groups that have a purpose.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)
Avoid lending money or belongings to friends. You need to do your own thing and work on making yourself the best you can be.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22.- JAN. 20)
You can elaborate on your creative ideas and get involved in groups that relate to the arts. Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)
Travel opportunities look positive, but be cautious while driving. Joint ventures might prove to be unfavorable.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
You must not let fellow workers take advantage of your fine talents. This is not the time to lend or borrow money or possessions.

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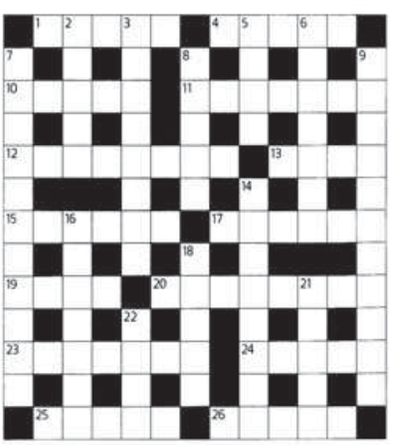
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The aim is to fill the grid so that each row, column and every 3x3 shaded box contains only one of the digits 1-9. You need to reason out where to place the missing numbers by using the numbers given in the grid and a process of elimination. It is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

LIFE'S LIKE THAT! | BY TUM





YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS
3. Amphibian
8. Ibis
9. Radiator
10. Eating
13. Sarah
14. Scapula
15. Work
16. Francis
17. Might
21. Victim
22. Rhodesia
23. Tram
24. Preserved

DOWN
1. Diversify
2. Victorian
4. Margi
5. Haddock
6. Bead
7. Agog
11. Purgatory
12. Pantomime
14. S.O.S,
15. Windsor
18. Ovate
19. Char
20. Odds

ACROSS
1. Wooden-soled Shoes (5)
4. Quivered (5)
10. Ascended (5)
11. He likes living alone! (7)
12. Mockery (8)
13. Corrosion (4)
15. Short club (6)
17. Ploy (6)
19. Rational (4)
20. Indian curry (8)
23. In a forward direction (7)
24. Declare (5)
25. Dragonfly young (5)
26. Cricketing trophy (5)

DOWN
2. Light amplification device (5)
3. Mobster (8)
5. Slash (4)
6. Rich (7)
7. Ancestor (11)
8. Spruce up (5)
9. Former British heavyweight boxer (5,6)
14. Island group in the Indian Ocean (8)
16. Faye _ _ _, US actress (7)
18. _ _ _ Spacek actress (5)
21. French river valley (5)
22. Swathe (4)

Sport

The one-stop Sport shop...



ATHLETICS-PG32

Brigid Kosgei envisions bright future, targets Olympics gold

Spain make Euro 2020, Ireland forced to wait

Paris, Wednesday
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Rodrigo Moreno (*pictured)* fired Spain into Euro 2020 with a last-gasp equaliser in Sweden while the Republic of Ireland's chances of reaching the finals are still in the balance after they fell 2-0 in Switzerland.

Spain became the sixth team to qualify for next summer's tournament thanks to Rodrigo, who came off the bench to score a dramatic injury-time leveller in a 1-1 draw in Stockholm, sparking wild celebrations on the touchline.

"Qualification is a must for a team like Spain but achieving it still has value. It releases the pressure and gives us time to work," said Moreno.

Robert Moreno's side are top of Group F on 20 points after drawing their last two matches. They are five ahead of Sweden and six above Romania, who missed the chance to take second spot when Norway's Alexander Sorloth snatched a late 1-1 draw in Bucharest.

However it was a far from vintage display from Spain, who started brightly but faded as the match wore on against the lively hosts, who were distraught after missing out on a famous victory right at the death. **-AFP**



EURO 2020 QUALIFIERS

On Tuesday

Switzerland	**2-0** R.Ireland
Gibraltar	**2-3** Georgia
Sweden	**1 -1** Spain
Romania	**1-1** Norway
Faroe Islands	**1-0** Malta
Israel	**3-1** Latvia
Finland	**3-0** Armenia
Liechtenstein	**0-5** Italy
Greece	**2-1** Bosnia



No love lost

Jones and Cheika: Old rivalry faces new test at Rugby World Cup

Oita, Wednesday
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Australian coaches Eddie Jones and Michael Cheika will renew a rivalry stretching back more than 30 years when Jones's England face the Wallabies in Saturday's World Cup quarter-final in Oita.

Both children of immigrants to Australia, Jones and Cheika played for the same Sydney club and have each led the Wallabies to defeat in a World Cup final as coaches.

Combative and outspoken the pair of them, Jones and Cheika grew up far removed from the snobbish environment of Australian rugby in the 1970s and 1980s, then an insular game for mainly white, privately educated, schoolboys. The American-born mother of Jones, 59, was the daughter of Japanese parents, while Cheika—seven years younger—is the son of Lebanese immigrants.

On the pitch, Jones got his break by playing in one of the most famous school matches in Australian history.

A Matraville High team featuring his childhood friends Gary and Mark Ella—arguably the best indigenous player ever to represent the Wallabies—beat St Joseph's, one of the country's leading rugby schools.

In the crowd was future Wallabies coach Bob Dwyer, then a stalwart of Randwick in Sydney, a club that had a reputation as a place where dustmen could play alongside doctors.

Dwyer brought Jones in as a hooker and Cheika joined the 'Galloping Greens' several years later as a back-row forward.

Both forwards represented New South Wales yet neither would win a Test cap for Australia, with Dwyer in charge when Jones was denied a Wallaby call-up.

'Miracle of Brighton' -

Many believe the lack of international recognition as players has fuelled their determination as coaches.

Jones came within 26 seconds of potentially winning the Webb Ellis Cup, his 2003 Wallaby side losing in extra time of the final to Jonny Wilkinson's drop goal.

He was later dumped by the Wallabies after a run of seven defeats in eight Tests, a decision that hurt the former Brumbies boss and led to him offering his services to rival nations.

Consultant to a South Africa side that won the 2007 World Cup, Jones was in charge of the Japan team that beat the Springboks 34-32 in the 2015 'Miracle of Brighton', the greatest upset in the tournament's history. **-AFP**

MICHAEL CHEIKA VS EDDIE JONES

June 11, 2016: Australia 28-39 England
June 18, 2016: Australia 7-23 England
June 25, 2016: Australia 40-44 England
Dec 3, 2016: England 37-21 Australia
Nov 18, 2017: England 30-6 Australia
Nov 24, 2018: England 37-18 Australia

RUGBY WORLD CUP
Quarter-final fixtures
Saturday
England vs Australia (10.15am)
New Zealand vs Ireland (1.15pm)
Sunday
Wales vs France (10.15am)
Japan vs South Africa (1.15pm)

Jeruto, Kipchirchir set to spice up Eldoret X-Country

ATHLETICS: Former World Youth 2,000 metres steeplechase champion Norah Jeruto and Josphat Kipchirchir will defend their titles during the University of Eldoret cross country championship slated for October 26 with more than 1,500 runners expected to participate. Local Organising Committee(LOC) secretary Kibet Rono said everything is in place to ensure the event is smooth. "This event serves as part of training for the athletes and we are expecting more in this edition," said Rono. Race categories are 10km for universities (men and women), 2km senior citizens, 50 years and above, (men) and 45 years and above (women). Children will also not be left behind as they will compete in two categories; 1km 10-14 years (boys and girls) and 500m for six-nine-year-olds (boys and girls). **-Ericson Kiprono**



Chemutai, Chelimo going for Valencia marathon title

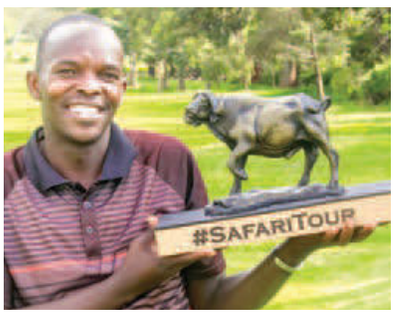
ATHLETICS: Former World Half Marathon bronze medallist Fancy Chemutai and two-time Boston Half Marathon champion Joan Chelimo are among elite athletes who will be lining up for this year's Valencia Half Marathon next Sunday. Chemutai, who suffered an ankle injury in May 2018, announced her return to action in January, finishing second at the Houston Half Marathon in a time of 66:48, and believes she is strong enough to challenge the course record currently held by compatriot Joyciline Jepkosgei (1:04:51). "I have been in good form for some time after the injury healed. It is a challenge for me but I am back to my full potential and I will still fight for medals," said Chemutai, who trains in Iten. **-Ericson Kiprono**



Shujaa handed SA, England and Spain for Dubai Sevens

RUGBY: Kenya will face England, South Africa and Spain in Pool D of the Dubai leg of the 2019/20 World Rugby Sevens Series that will take place from December 5-7. This will be the first combined men's and women's World Rugby Sevens Series event of the new season. World Sevens Series defending champions Fiji have been pooled alongside France, Argentina and invitational side Japan, who were relegated last season, in Pool A.

Pool B has last season's runners-ups USA, Australia, Scotland and newly-promoted side Ireland while Pool C comprise New Zealand, Samoa, Canada and Wales. Shujaa will be hoping for a bright start to banish the memories of the last campaign when they survived relegation by a whisker. **-Alex Njue**



Golf Park's Tony Omuli poses with the Safari Tour Golf Series trophy after winning the Royal Nairobi Golf Club's leg yesterday. PD/GIBO ZACHARY

Golf Park's Omuli claims maiden Safari Tour win

by Ericson Kiprono
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Golf Park's Tony Omuli claimed his first-ever Safari Tour Golf Series victory at the Royal Nairobi Golf Club leg of the tournament after he defeated homeboy Eric Ooko in a three-hole playoff that was played after 72 holes yesterday.

Having finished their four-round challenge tied at 3-over par 291 scores at the top of the leaderboard, both embarked on the playoff at the par-4, 10th, the par-4 11th and the par-4, 18th holes; setting the stage for a grand finish to the tournament.

At the 10th, both got off to a par before proceeding to the 11th where Omuli held par as Ooko holed a bogey. At the 18th, Ooko's second shot bounced off a tree to land on the fairway while Omuli found the middle of the fairway with his second. They both missed birdie chances on the green, but it was Omuli who carried the day, having held par as Ooko dropped yet another shot.

Earlier in the day, Omuli had carded a round of 72 to match his round from Tuesday, seeing him cement his 3-over par 291 score. On his part, Ooko had a less-than-ideal day, posting a 5-over par 77 score, in the process eroding the tremendous effort he had made on Tuesday to post an identical score as Omuli.

Omuli was delighted with the result, saying it adds impetuous to his Safari Tour challenge for the remainder of the season.

"I am extremely happy to have my first Safari Tour victory. It has been a long time coming and I think it comes at the right time just as we are getting into the thick of things in this year's Safari Tour calendar. I believe that this will give me enough motivation to challenge for the top position in the remaining legs of the series," he said.

Ooko expressed disappointment for the missed opportunity to win his first Safari Tour victory at his home club, but remained satisfied with his best-ever finish at the event.

The trio of Njuguna Ngugi, Riz Charania and Johnnie Walker-Sponsored Dismas Indiza posted 5-over par 293 scores seeing them end the tournament tied in fifth.

Why Police and Butali won't be in African Cup

by Amos Abuga
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For the second year running, Kenya will not have male representatives at the annual African Cup of Club Championship scheduled for December 1-10 in Ismailia, Egypt.

Champions Butali Sugar Warriors pulled out just like their predecessors, Kenya Police, who withdrew last week.

While league leaders Butali cited unavailability of players, the law enforcers said the decision was based on a 'financial crisis.'

An insider at Kenya Police, however, says the decision was based on the poor performance by the former champions who are ranked fourth on the 10-team Kenya Hockey Union league table.

Butali team manager Kamal Sembi said unlike in 2008 when the sponsors were not able to set a budget aside to send the team to Nigeria, this time around, the situation was different.

"It's true we will not be sending our team to Egypt for the championships. As you know, most of our players are employed and not able to get permission from their respective places of work to honur the tournament," said Sembi.

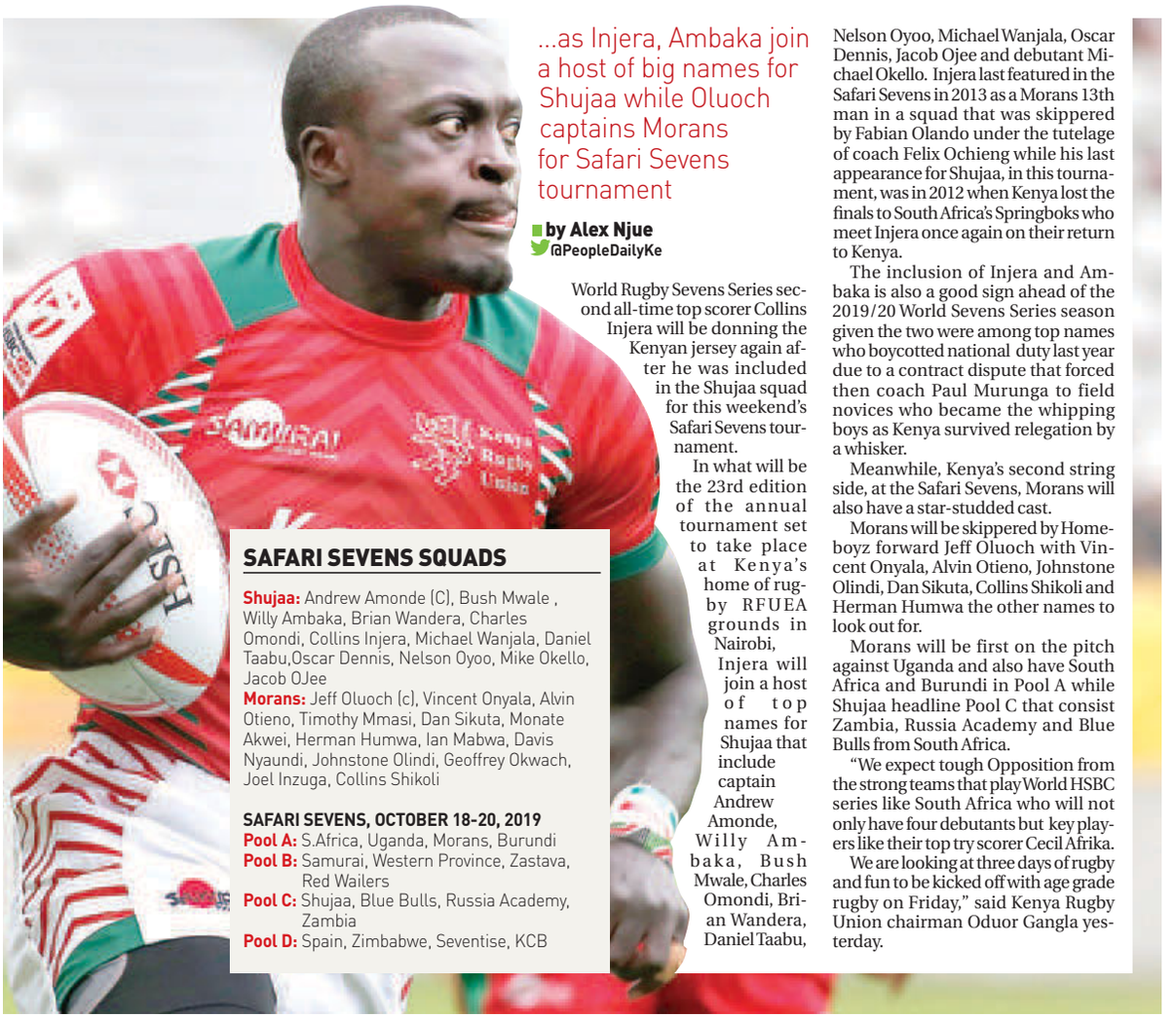
"Our sponsors were hoping to send the team to the tournament but with such commitments, there is nothing we can do," added the team manager of the league leaders, who are top of the table with 33 points with five matches left.

In the women's category, Kenya will be represented by 10-time champions Telkom. The other representatives Strathmore University are yet to confirm their participation.



Butali Warriors forward Francis Kariuki reacts to his goal assist against Sikh Nairobi at the City Park stadium last weekend. PD/ALEX NJUE

Star-studded cast



...as Injera, Ambaka join a host of big names for Shujaa while Oluoch captains Morans for Safari Sevens tournament

by Alex Njue
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World Rugby Sevens Series second all-time top scorer Collins Injera will be donning the Kenyan jersey again after he was included in the Shujaa squad for this weekend's Safari Sevens tournament.

In what will be the 23rd edition of the annual tournament set to take place at Kenya's home of rugby RFUEA grounds in Nairobi, Injera will join a host of top names for Shujaa that include captain Andrew Amonde, Willy Ambaka, Bush Mwale, Charles Omondi, Brian Wandera, Daniel Taabu, Nelson Oyoo, Michael Wanjala, Oscar Dennis, Jacob Ojee and debutant Michael Okello. Injera last featured in the Safari Sevens in 2013 as a Morans 13th man in a squad that was skippered by Fabian Olando under the tutelage of coach Felix Ochieng while his last appearance for Shujaa, in this tournament, was in 2012 when Kenya lost the finals to South Africa's Springboks who meet Injera once again on their return to Kenya.

The inclusion of Injera and Ambaka is also a good sign ahead of the 2019/20 World Sevens Series season given the two were among top names who boycotted national duty last year due to a contract dispute that forced then coach Paul Murunga to field novices who became the whipping boys as Kenya survived relegation by a whisker.

Meanwhile, Kenya's second string side, at the Safari Sevens, Morans will also have a star-studded cast.

Morans will be skippered by Homeboyz forward Jeff Oluoch with Vincent Onyala, Alvin Otieno, Johnstone Olindi, Dan Sikuta, Collins Shikoli and Herman Humwa the other names to look out for.

Morans will be first on the pitch against Uganda and also have South Africa and Burundi in Pool A while Shujaa headline Pool C that consist Zambia, Russia Academy and Blue Bulls from South Africa.

"We expect tough Opposition from the strong teams that play World HSBC series like South Africa who will not only have four debutants but key players like their top try scorer Cecil Afrika.

We are looking at three days of rugby and fun to be kicked off with age grade rugby on Friday," said Kenya Rugby Union chairman Oduor Gangla yesterday.

SAFARI SEVENS SQUADS

Shujaa: Andrew Amonde (C), Bush Mwale , Willy Ambaka, Brian Wandera, Charles Omondi, Collins Injera, Michael Wanjala, Daniel Taabu,Oscar Dennis, Nelson Oyoo, Mike Okello, Jacob OJee

Morans: Jeff Oluoch (c), Vincent Onyala, Alvin Otieno, Timothy Mmasi, Dan Sikuta, Monate Akwei, Herman Humwa, Ian Mabwa, Davis Nyaundi, Johnstone Olindi, Geoffrey Okwach, Joel Inzuga, Collins Shikoli

SAFARI SEVENS, OCTOBER 18-20, 2019

Pool A: S.Africa, Uganda, Morans, Burundi
Pool B: Samurai, Western Province, Zastava, Red Wailers
Pool C: Shujaa, Blue Bulls, Russia Academy, Zambia
Pool D: Spain, Zimbabwe, Seventise, KCB

Olympics marathon to be moved from Tokyo over heat fears

Tokyo, Wednesday
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The marathon and race walks at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics could be moved from the Japanese capital to Sapporo where temperatures will be "significantly lower", the International Olympic Committee said on Wednesday.

The IOC is proposing the move because temperatures in Tokyo during the July 24-August 9 Games could reach into the high 30s Celsius.

In Sapporo, more than 800 kilometres (500 miles) further north, they would be five to six degrees cooler during the day.

"Athletes' health and well-being are always at the heart of our concerns," IOC President Thomas Bach said in a statement. "The new far-reaching proposals to move the marathon and race walking events show how seriously we take such concerns."

"The Olympic Games are the platform where athletes can give 'once-in-a-lifetime' performances, and these measures ensure they have the conditions to give their best."

The plan to change the location of the events has yet to be rubber-stamped. **-AFP**



BRIEFLY

Bandari deploy scouts on spying mission against Guinea's Horoya

NAIROBI: Kenya's CAF Confederation Cup representatives Bandari FC have conceded that they are on a spying mission on Guinea's Horoya Conakry FC who they meet in the play-offs later this month. Team coach Bernard Mwalala said the fact that Horoya is an unknown quantity is reason the dockers resolved to obtain intelligence about them to plot for their downfall. "We are trying to obtain the video of the Guineans while in action and this way, I believe we will be in a vantage position to understand their strengths and weaknesses," said Mwalala. For Mwalala, there is a big sense of optimism by his charges ahead of the match although he was quick to add that they need to be cautious given the obduracy of most West African teams."My players have the desire to continue doing well which is quite encouraging. I believe I have struck the right balance by fusing the squad with both youthful and talented players but then, we need to be watchful against Horoya as it is one of the top teams in Africa," said Mwalala. **- Charles Thuku**

Lubinu Rangers pumped up as scores enlist for Kakamega Governors Cup

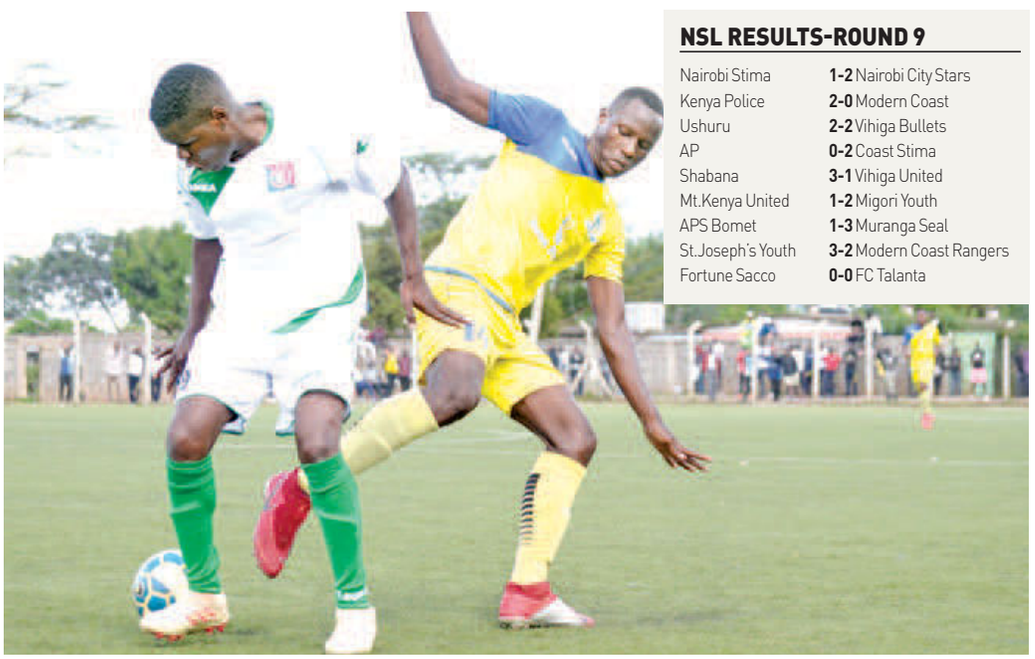


KAKAMEGA: Over 1,500 teams from 60 wards in Kakamega County have registered for the second edition of the Governor Wycliffe Oparanya Cup set for early next month. Defending champions Lubinu Rangers from Mumias East Sub-County are setting their eyes on the top prize. Lubinu who are currently taking part in Western Football Kenya Federation (FKF) branch league are leaving no chances having prepared well for the kick off of one the most lucrative tournaments in Kakamega County. Rangers secretary Jack Makokha stated that the team has intensified their training with all players being in good shape and well focused for the event. "We have put up all the necessary measures in place and we are very much optimistic of good performance we however don't want to exert so much pressure on our players we want them to enjoy the game. **- Frederick Likuyani**

St Peter's Mumias head elated by institution's particpation in league



MUMIAS: St Peters Mumias School principal Cosmas Nabongolo is excited by the large number of schools from western region competing in Football Kenya Federation (FKF) organised leagues terming it as the best platform to expose players. St Peters nicknamed 'Rock Saints', 'The Scorpions' Musingu High School, Lugusi Boys and Muslim Boys are taking part in the Western FKF branch league, while soccer giants Kakamega School are playing in Division One. Nabongolo said the league will be important to the teams in terms experience and exposure and will also foster great unity and strong among the competing schools. "I am impressed with the good run my boys so far in the first three matches we have played we want to play several of this kind of matches that will be great and important for us before the school games kicks off. **- Frederick Likuyani**



NSL RESULTS-ROUND 9

Nairobi Stima	**1-2** Nairobi City Stars
Kenya Police	**2-0** Modern Coast
Ushuru	**2-2** Vihiga Bullets
AP	**0-2** Coast Stima
Shabana	**3-1** Vihiga United
Mt.Kenya United	**1-2** Migori Youth
APS Bomet	**1-3** Muranga Seal
St.Joseph's Youth	**3-2** Modern Coast Rangers
Fortune Sacco	**0-0** FC Talanta

Glowing City Stars switch off Stima

NSL leaders show no respect for fellow KPL contenders in entertaining midweek clash at Camp Toyoyo, Police shoot down Modern Coast

by Barry Silah
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Nairobi City Stars yesterday signalled their strong intention to return to the Kenyan Premier League (KPL) following a standout 2-1 win over fellow contenders Nairobi Stima at Karuturi Grounds yesterday.

That the win came against their immediate rivals and opened an eight-point gap was even juicier for the slum boys who were relegated from the top tier in 2015. Goals from ex-Gor Mahia and Sofapaka left back Wesley Onguso and Davis Agesa were enough to earn Sanjin Alagic's charges the full points on the day at a titanic match in Naivasha to get to 25 points.

Victor Omune was the scorer of the lone goal for Stima who are still stuck on 17 points and had centre back Shela Mandela sent off for a poor tackle. Coach Leonard Odipo for Stima expressed dissatisfaction with the call arguing it changed the match.

"We were dominating well in the game but things changed in the second half when inside only five minutes a flimsy (sic) red card was shown by the referee thus affecting our momentum also showed a couple of unnecessary cards. However we should have won if we also scored two penalties awarded to us."

Meanwhile, the recent miseries that have compounded Kenya Police and Coast Stima changed with convincing wins yesterday. Both have had a poor streak lately in a championship that can at times be unforgiving.

Kenya Police utilised their home ground advantage at Karuturi to beat 14th placed Modern Coast 2-0 courtesy of first half goals by Alvin Odoyo and Clinton Kinanga.

The win pushes Charles Omondi's side to only 16th in their bid to escape the relegation red spot. Coast Stima on their part had a torrid start in the beginning of the season but got a second win consecutively with a 2-0 win over Administration Police at Camp Toyoyo.

"We have worked hard over the weeks and I have picked so many positives in this team. It is a building process and we will keep improving. I have faith in the players and each game for us will count," said coach Paul Ogai on his fourth win in nine matches.

Nicholas Aketch of Administration Police (AP) (left) vies for the ball with Clinton Ochieng of Coast Stima during their National Super League (NSL) clash at Camp Toyoyo yesterday. PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA

Kipchoge returns home quietly after registering history

by Amos Abuga
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Athletics Kenya (AK) officials are planning a reception for world marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge, next week at Riadha House.

AK boss Jack Tuwei revealed yesterday morning hours after Kipchoge jetted back into the country aboard a Kenya Airways plane.

Kipchoge made the quiet return three days after his historic feat at the INEOS Challenge in Vienna, Austria where he clocked the historic 1:59.40.

"We are planning something special for Eliud. We could not be able to do it today because Eliud requested he be given some time to rest. He will be here for a proper welcome from us as well an interaction with the media," he said.

Unlike when departing for Vienna last week aboard a private jet hired by James Ratcliffe - the brains behind the time challenge, his return was humble, befitting the athlete's known stature.

"He achieved what many thought was absolutely impossible. His 'no human is limited' slogan will inspire many people for generations to come," Tuwei said.

Meanwhile AK is once again preparing for an athletes seminar in Nairobi month focusing on doping and investments.

Tuwei said just like the last seminar held in the capital city, the federation targets more numbers at whicch event athletes will be reminded to take personal initiatives on investment matters.

"AK will educate athletes on career development, with retired athletes who are now professionals in other fields expected to give talks on planning for life after retirement. We shall not tire on the cancer of doping that has continued to plague the athletes.

"We shall invite professionals to enlighten young athletes on the importance of education and how to handle their careers till retirement.

There are also legal issues affecting athletes especially when entering into contracts with agents," said Tuwei.



World marathon record holder Eliud Kipchoge poses with crew of national carrier, Kenya Airways, on his flight to Nairobi from Vienna, Austria. PD/COURTESY

TBT with JAMES WAINDI



Name: Elly Asieche
Age: 28 Years
Nick Name: Elli
Previous clubs: Bidco, KCB, Kariobangi Sharks
Current Club: Sofapaka
Caps: 0
Position: Midfielder
Hails from: Njiru, Nairobi





It's our time to eat

Former league champions Sofapaka get a better deal as they renew contract with jersey sponsors Betika

by Charles Thuku
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Kenyan Premier League (KPL) outfit Sofapaka has received a shot in the arm in form of renewed sponsorship from Betting company, Betika.

Batoto Ba Mungu can now rest easy in the 2019/2020 KPL season after Betika renewed goodwill towards the club to the tune of Sh 35 million for the next one year.

The package is up from the previous Sh 15 million Sofapaka got from Betika which has apparently upped their game in as far as corporate social responsibility towards sporting disciplines in the country is concerned.

Speaking during the cheque handover at a Nairobi Hotel yesterday, Betika's Head of Commercial John Mbatiah said the company is duty bound to ensure that it gives a platform to Kenyan football clubs to develop in the sport through sponsorship.

"A large number of football teams in the country are going through a financial crisis following the sad epitaph in which most gaming companies which they relied on closed shop due to the high taxes imposed by the government. Betika is still vibrant and has a duty to bail out needy clubs,"said Mbatiah.

This is an improvement to the previous deal between the two parties which was Sh15million with Mbatiah saying it is in line with the company's deliberate policy to support Kenyan sports.

"We are a 100% Kenyan company and we feel obligated to support Kenyan sports and initiatives. Sofapaka have been very good partners and we are glad that they have replicated the support we give them with a sound performance. We are extending this sort of partnerships countrywide through the #BetikaNaCommunity programme," said Mbatiah.

The Betika official also hinted that the programme is also geared towards rehabilitating various stadia across the country and empowering Boba Boda riders trough issuance of reflector jackets ostensibly for road safety.

Sofapaka president Elly Kalekwa acknowledged the support, saying it would go a long way in instilling morale amongst the players in their quest to continue performing well.

"Since Betika came on board as our official sponsors, we have had a results oriented team and it can only get better. The partnership is the best thing that has ever happened to us and I must say we are overly appreciative," said Kalekwa.

Betika have stood with us throughout the tough times when sponsors are exiting Kenyan football and we don't take that for granted. We hope this partnership will continue to flourish and we can produce the next stars in international football from Sofapaka," said Kalekwa.



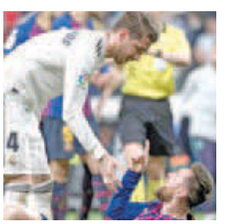
Sofapaka president Elly Kalekwa (right) greets player Jacob Faina as they have snacks after signing the new contract with Betika. BELOW: Kalekwa signs the contract as Betika's Head of Commercial John Mbatia watches. PD/ PHILIP KAMAKYA

BRIEFLY

Kipketer leads Kenya charge in Amsterdam Marathon

ATHLETICS: Kenya's Gideon Kipketer, Laban Korir and Jonathan Korir will lead the hunt for gold at this Sunday's Amsterdam Marathon in the Netherlands. Kipketer, who was fourth in Amsterdam last year, is yet to win a marathon this season. He failed to finish the Tokyo and London Marathons, but hopes his return to the Dutch capital will be another chance to redeem himself. The trio will, however, face stiff competition from Kenyan-born Kaan Ozbilen of Turkey - formerly known as Mike Kipruto Kigen - and Ethiopia's Mule Wasihun. "The forecast is promising, with temperatures between 10 and 15 degrees, not much wind and comfortable humidity levels. A tight regime in terms of mid-course times won't work. We will have to tailor the strategy during the race," said race director Cees Pronk. Last year, Kenya's Lawrence Cherono set a new course record, winning his first Amsterdam Marathon in 2:05:09, also establishing a new personal best time. He has since gone on to win in Boston and last weekend won in Chicago. **-Xinhua**

La Liga wants El Clasico moved to Madrid over Catalan protests



FOOTBALL: The Spanish football league said Wednesday it had asked the country's football federation to move the next 'El Clasico' between Real Madrid and Barcelona to Madrid following violent protests by separatists in Catalonia. "We have requested the competitions committee of the Spanish Football Federation to meet and change the location of El Clasico to Madrid because of exceptional circumstances beyond our control," the league (LFP) said in a statement sent to AFP. According to Spanish media reports Catalan grassroots separatist groups and political parties are preparing a demonstration in Barcelona, the Catalan capital, at 1 pm (1100 GMT) on October 26, the day the La Liga clash is scheduled to take place at Barcelona's Camp Nou stadium. The football federation (RFEF) confirmed it had received the request and said the two clubs had until Monday to submit their opinions before it makes its decision. Protests have erupted across Catalonia after Spain's Supreme Court on Monday issued heavy prison sentences of between nine and 13 years to Catalan separatist leaders convicted of sedition over the 2017 referendum and short-lived declaration of independence. **-AFP**



Bulgaria police hold six over racism after England match

FOOTBALL: Six Bulgarians have been detained over racist abuse at a Euro 2020 qualifier against England that sparked a storm of protest and led to the resignation of the country's football chief, police said Wednesday. Monkey chants and apparent Nazi salutes overshadowed England's 6-0 win in Sofia on Monday, with the match halted twice during the first half due to the abuse. "Six people have been detained and another three are being actively sought," Sofia police chief commissioner Georgy Hadzhiev told journalists. Hadzhiev added that so far 15 people have been singled out via CCTV at the Vasil Levski National Stadium as being suspected of directing abuse against England's black players. Penalties for the offences carry brief detentions, fines and bans from sports events. In total, 15,000 people watched the match at a stadium already partially closed after racist incidents during games against Kosovo and the Czech Republic in June.

England manager Gareth Southgate told reporters after the game that his side had been ready to walk off the pitch if the abusive behaviour continued but players decided to complete the match. **-AFP**

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World marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei is welcomed by Athletics Kenya boss Jack Tuwei at Riadha House, Nairobi, yesterday upon her arrival back home following her victory in Chicago on Sunday. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

Headed for greatness

Kosgei now targets Olympics gold and another world record after Chicago Marathon heroics

by Amos Abuga
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World marathon record holder Brigid Kosgei is warming up to a bright future.

Kosgei, who set a new mark of 1:14:28 to shave off 81 seconds from Paula Radcliffe's 16-year world record in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, says it's her time and hopes to break her own record, while also targeting the Olympics gold in Tokyo, Japan next year.

The mother of twins Faith Chepchumba and Brian Kibet was the guest of honour at Riadha House yesterday where she was received by Athletics Kenya president Jack Tuwei and NEC member Barnaba Korir among other officials upon her return from Chicago. "My motto is go! go! go!. That keeps me going even in training where I run with men. I prefer them to go way ahead of me before I start chasing. With such kind of support, I will lower my time," said the athlete, who also holds the women's half marathon time of 1:04:28 set at the Great North Run in August.

Tuwei said the federation was privileged to welcome a marathon record holder for the first time since 2014, when the then men's bearer Dennis Kimetto had the same honours.

"I want to congratulate Brigid for coming with a world record. As a federation, we take so much pride. As a country, we are privileged to hold both the men's and women's marathon titles," said Tuwei in reference to Kosgei's and Eliud Kipchoge's 2:01:39 mark set in Berlin last year. "Her growth has been steady when you look at her progress. The consistency in her races is admirable," added Tuwei. Kosgei credits her coach Eric Kimaiyo, of Kapsait Athletics Training Camp in Elgeyo Marakwet, and her husband for giving her hope when she seemed to have hit the wall.

"Without my husband Mathew and coach Kimaiyo, I couldn't be here today. People have made sacrifices for me to be here," said Kosgei, who in 2017 and 2018 finished the Chicago Marathon in 2:20:22 and 2:18:35, respectively.

"For my pacemakers for guiding me to this historic fete, I thank you for your sacrifices. Now I want to continue working hard to lower my record," added the 2019 London marathon champion.

Kimaiyo thanked AK for allowing the athlete to skip the World Championships in Doha in favour of the record.

"I didn't want to spoil the party. We had been planning for the record assault. In training, I had a feeling something special was coming. I told Barnaba Korir to expect a world record," said Kimaiyo.

The coach said he takes pride in the manner Kosgei has conducted herself regards complying with the required doping tests.

"She was tested six times before the Chicago marathon. Honestly, I think that is too much. But I am happy she has never declined any test. She is the perfect example of the many athletes who run clean," Kimaiyo said of the marathoner, who is under the Rosa Associati Management.

BRIGID KOSGEI'S 2019 SEASON

April 28:
London Marathon winner
October 13:
Chicago Marathon winner (WR)
October 15:
Nominated for IAAF Female Athlete of the Year Award
NB: WR =World Record

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