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Probe: They fiddled with figures and erased taxation records in well-crafted scheme that saw them pocket hefty amounts of public money PG2



Former KRA boss John Njiraini

Revenue collection trend...

Financial Year	Target (Sh)	Actual (Sh)
2014/15	1.18 trillion	1.1 trillion
2015/16	**1.23 trillion**	**1.06 trillion**
2016/17	1.21 trillion	1.21 trillion
2017/18	**1.43 trillion**	**1.34 trillion**
2018/19	1.58 trillion	1.47 trillion

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Detectives close in on ex-KRA officials in tax evasion ring

Companies associated with top State officials and other influential people said to be beneficiaries of the scandal

by Eric Wainaina
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Former commissioners and top managers of the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) who served between 2014 and 2018 are being investigated for fraud that cost the authority billions of shillings in uncollected tax, *People Daily* can report.

The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) boss, George Kinoti, has assembled a multi-agency team to crack the tax evasion racket.

Companies and people at the heart of investigations include a top hotel in Nairobi and companies associated with high-ranking Jubilee party officials, well-connected individuals and current and former members of the National Assembly.

Sources at the National Treasury told *People Daily* detectives are out to establish whether some of the commissioners and managers who served under the then Commissioner General John Njiraini may have aided some companies in the big taxpayers category to evade taxes running into billions of shillings.

New commissioner

Kinoti, at the weekend, confirmed that the DCI had formed a team to lead the KRA investigation.

"The team is up and running. Those implicated in stealing from the public will face the music," he said.

Without giving details, Kinoti said the scheme involved "who-is-who in the country."

Already, a number of serving managers have recorded statements and it is believed they may have implicated their seniors.

Sources intimated to *People Daily* the evasion scheme was first busted by the new Commissioner General James Mburu, who passed the information to Kinoti, Director of Public Prosecutions Noordin Haji and the National Intelligence Service (NIS) boss Major General Philip Kameru. The information was later shared with President Uhuru Kenyatta.

Sources say Mburu is likely to be treated as a whistle blower and a key prosecution witness.

Companies allegedly linked to Jubilee officials are said to have swindled the government an estimated Sh50 billion in revenue.

The amount swindled is said to be enough to fund the 47 counties for one-and-a-half years, fund free primary education for 10 years and is more than enough to build and equip cancer centres in all counties.

The probe, which is said to have the consent of the President, is undertaken by officers from DCI, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, NIS, Asset Recovery Unit and Attorney General's office.

NLC candidature

The team, which is led by a Senior Superintendent of Police, held its first joint meeting last Friday. During the meeting, officers from NIS and detectives from the DCI's cybercrime unit briefed the team on how the scheme operated.

Sources indicate that Njiraini is among those who have recorded statements with the DCI, while others are expected to visit Mazingira House on Kiambu Road, the nerve centre of the probe.

Ten other former and current KRA managers have been interviewed by the DCI.

Besides Njiraini, other persons of interest are commissioners who previously served in the Customs and Border Control Department, Domestic Taxes Department and Legal Services and Board Coordination Department.

Two weeks ago, Njiraini withdrew his candidature for National Land Commission chairperson on personal reasons. DCI sources, however, claim he may have been forced to withdraw the candidature after learning about the probe.

Kinoti and Haji are reportedly meeting regularly over the probe, with sources indicating that they are leaving nothing to chance to ensure they build a strong case against the suspects.



Times Tower, KRA headquarters in Nairobi. PD/FILE

The investigators are probing KRA officials suspected of erasing records in the tax computer systems as part of a cover-up to defraud the government.

Detectives, according to sources, have recovered the erased data, a development which has helped them track how the racket was executed for the last five years.

Sources said commissioners and managers authorised their juniors to illegally waive taxes of some big companies, and thereafter delete their records from system.

Reached for comment, acting National Treasury Cabinet secretary Ukur Yattani said: "I have heard detectives are trying to establish a racket involving some officials assisting big companies to evade tax. Let's wait for the investigations to be finalised."

KRA has been experiencing difficulties in meeting its revenue targets. For instance, while in the last financial year KRA collected Sh1.44 trillion, which was Sh100 billion more than the previous year, it failed to meet its target. The poor performance has been blamed on tax evasion.

KRA had projected to collect Sh1.605 trillion, a threshold that has been revised downwards from Sh1.69 trillion.

Last week, Mburu disclosed that KRA has watertight cases against individuals who will be prosecuted over tax evasion-related offences, a number that is more than triple those charged last year when 222 individuals were arraigned.

In May this year, more than 80 KRA staff were arrested over tax evasion and money laundering claims.

Out of the officers who were arrested, 62 of them were from the Domestic Taxes Department and 18 were from the Customs and Border Control Department.

Uhuru's pledge

The probe was led by Mburu, who served in the Tax Administration Department, Domestic Tax, Audit and Investigations, before replacing Njiraini.

Detectives have also busted alleged tax evasion scheme by tycoon Humphrey Kariuki. The businessman, the owner of alcoholic beverage company African Spirits, is accused of evading taxes to the tune of Sh41 billion. Police have been looking for him in Europe after he failed to appear in court.

The onslaught on the tax evaders is part of the ongoing probe of plunder of public money by government officials, a war, which Uhuru insists will go on.

So far this resolve has seen, among other top officials, former Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich, Principal secretaries Kamau Thugge and Susan Koech, as well as Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu charged.

The President had warned that he would not spare even his relatives in the fight.

"If you are corrupt we will fight you. You can be my brother or my sister or my closest political ally, but if you are corrupt we will fight you," Uhuru said in March when he met Kenyans living in Namibia.

TAX LOSS

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State to auction billionaire Kariuki's containers of expensive whisky



by Noel Wandera
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The government is planning to auction six containers belonging to billionaire Humphrey Kariuki *(pictured)*, who is embroiled in a Sh41 billion tax evasion case.

The containers, held at the Inland Container Depot, contain pricey whiskys, wines and other alcoholic beverages imported by the billionaire's two companies, Wines of the World (Wow) Beverages and Africa Spirits.

In a gazette notice dated August 16, Rosemary Mureithi, Chief Manager Customs and Border Control Department said Kariuki's cargo includes two 40-foot containers of William Lawson's Finest Blended Whisky; one 40-foot container of assorted whiskys; two 20-foot container of Fine Wine Tilia Malbec all belonging to WoW; and a 20-foot container of non-refillable plastic closure Gold Blue Spirit imported by Africa Spirits

"Notice is given that unless the under-mentioned goods are entered and removed from the Customs Warehouse within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, they will be sold by public auction on 17th September, 2019," said Mureithi.

The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji has ordered the arrest of the tycoon — who is at large — for being in possession of unaccustomed goods, counterfeit excise stamps, tax evasion and fraud, all amounting to more than Sh41 billion.



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Awarding the very opposite of Nobel prizes

The Nobel prize is venerated as the greatest honour in varied fields of human endeavour, science, literature and peace. Then there is the opposite twin, the Ig (Ignorable) Nobel prize such as the ones below



Do cows with names produce more milk?

In 2009, Catherine Douglas and Peter Rowlinson from UK studied 516 dairy farmers to find out whether cows with names produce more milk than unnamed bovines. To the delight of animal lovers everywhere, Bessie, Daisy and Clarabelle indeed produced more milk than Dairy Cows 16 to 18, and by a fairly significant amount, too. Over a dairy cow's annual 10-month lactation period, named cows gave over 68 gallons more than their unnamed cousins.

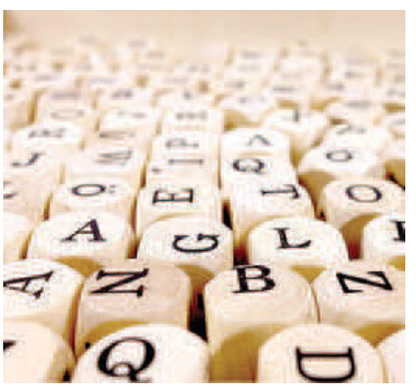
Measuring slipperiness of banana peel

In 2012, a team of Japanese physicists took on a question that has plagued cartoon-viewers for decades: can you actually slip on a banana peel and fall? So, the physicists measured the friction created between a human shoe, a banana peel, and linoleum. They found that, indeed, a banana peel produces less friction between the shoe and the floor. In other words, the banana peel kind of creates a slipping hazard! The research won the 2014 Ig Nobel in Physics.



Study on use of needless words

In a particularly good Ig Nobel year, Daniel Oppenheimer managed to stand out with a fairly reasonable report that basically said using complicated words too much, seems a whole lot like the writer is overcompensating. What made his report a slam dunk for an Ig Nobel was not its content as much as was its title: 'Consequences of Erudite Vernacular Utilised Irrespective of Necessity: Problems with Using Long Words Needlessly.' Yeah, let that sink in for a while.





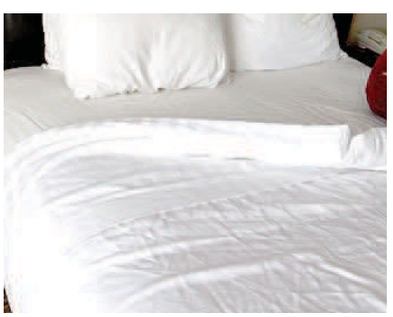
A research material of lies

In 2016, the recipients of the Ig Nobel for Psychology studied the concept of lying by interviewing over 1,000 people aged six and 77. They were particularly interested in the frequency and lying ability and discovered that adolescents tend to lie most and children and elderly people the least. However, there's a minor problem with interviewing a four-digit number of liars and basing your results on their answers. The Ig Nobel committee said the award was given "for asking a thousand liars how often they lie, and for deciding whether to believe those answers."

'Mathematicians' who predicted apocalypse

The 2011 Ig Nobel in Mathematics had six independent recipients who taught "the world to be careful when making mathematical assumptions and calculations." Dorothy Martin (US) Pat Robertson (US), Elizabeth Clare (US), Lee Jang Rim (Korea), Credonia Mwerinde (Uganda) and Harold Camping (US) all predicted a specific date for the world's end. They were wrong so Ig Nobel applauded their (dis) service to the world of mathematical predictions with the award.





The science behind wrinkling of sheets

It seems L Mahadevan of Harvard University and Enricue Cerda Villablanca from Universidad de Santiago in Chile were more than a little bothered with the wrinkling on their bedding. So they set out to study the "mechanical characterisation of thin solid films," which is ... a fancy way to say "we study how sheets wrinkle". Their 2002-2003 papers "Wrinkling of an Elastic Sheet Under Tension" and "Geometry and Physics of Wrinkling" won them the 2007 Ig Nobel for physics.



Dietary benefits of cannibalism lower

In 2018, the Ig Nobel of nutrition went to a dedicated researcher called James Cole, who reaped his reward thanks to his painstaking calculations about the caloric intake of meat diets. And not just any meats, human meats. His study called "Assessing the Calorific Significance of Episodes of Human Cannibalism in the Paleolithic" found out that the caloric intake of a "humanitarian" diet is much lower than those provided by many of the more traditional meat-based diets.

How fast bacteria transfer to food

Do you actually have five seconds to pick up food dropped on the floor before it becomes contaminated with bacteria? The short answer to this is no, as high school student Jilian Clarke found out. It actually took less time for bacteria to latch onto food dropped on ceramic tile surfaces artificially inoculated with E coli. However, he also found that bacteria transfers onto food much slower from rough surfaces.



Natembeya: Michuki student walks in the footsteps of mentor

A lot of hope invested in the recently-appointed regional coordinator to tame insecurity in an area riddled by deadly cattle rustling

by Noah Cheploen
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A few days ago, a video clip of Rift Valley Regional coordinator George Natembeya warning chiefs who have failed to tame the perennial cattle rustling menace in the North Rift to "wake up from slumber or ship out" went viral in the social media.

"*Hakuna siku serikali itachezewa namna hii na majangili na nyinyi mko, itawesekanaje chief unajua mama amepata mimba jana na ujui jangili anatembea na bunduki*? (criminals cannot joke with the government and chiefs must take their jobs seriously or quit," he said.

Natembeya, who until his promotion two months ago to his current regional boss position was the Narok County Commissioner, caused a stir in January when he famously declared that there would be mandatory examination of schoolgirls genitalia to determine if they have been circumcised with dire consequences.

He is the new sheriff in town— a student of former no-nonsense Internal Security minister late John Michuki. "Everything I know (public service) I learned from John Michuki," Natembeya says, barely disguising his admiration for the man he served as personal assistant for four years.

Like his mentor, he does not compromise on discipline adherence and is stickler, perhaps to a fault, for the rule of law. These attributes, he says, are both anchored on, and reinforced by hard work and strident honesty.

They are the traits he says, which have helped him get to where he is. Hard work catapulted him to top his university class and subsequent full scholarship award to pursue a Master's degree in Anthropology. "I think I was the first DO with a Masters degree those days," he adds.

Now tasked with restoring order in the volatile, lawless region, where cattle raids, warlordism have unleashed reign of terror, turning on their heads, social and economic order.

In an interview with *People Daily*, Natembeya, who joined provincial administration as a District Officer after graduating from University of Nairobi in 1996, concedes he has no illusions about the responsibility he has been tasked with. But the over ridding feeling is that Natembeya is cut for the role and is singularly well equipped to navigate the terrain. Here is why: He is a student of Michuki, a long time provincial administrator.

Future prospects

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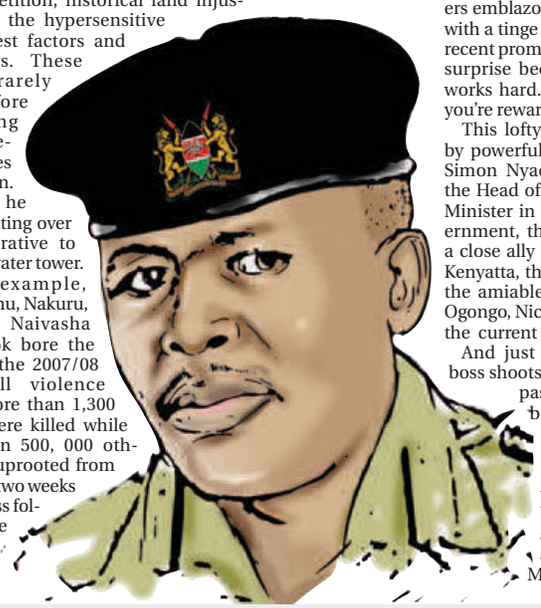
Rift Valley always totters on the edge due to ethnic tensions, fierce political competition, historical land injustices and the hypersensitive Mau Forest factors and co-factors. These scars rarely heal before something or someone ignites them again. On Mau, he is unrelenting over the imperative to save the water tower.

For example, Uasin Gishu, Nakuru, Kericho, Naivasha and Narok bore the brunt of the 2007/08 post poll violence where more than 1,300 people were killed while more than 500, 000 others were uprooted from homes in two weeks of madness following the hotly disputed presidential election.



ABOVE: **Former Internal Security minister John Michuki.** RIGHT: **Rift Valley Regional Coordinator George Natembeya addresses Mau forest settlers at Sierra Leone in Narok South.** PD/FILE





These and others are the emergent issues Natembeya and his team will be grappling with as the country makes less than sure-footed steps towards the 2022 General Election.

As the interview progressed, I pointed to him a list of names of past office bearers emblazoned on the wall behind him; with a tinge of satisfaction, he said of his recent promotion: "It didn't come as a big surprise because I am somebody who works hard. I believe if you work hard, you're rewarded," he said.

This lofty office was previously held by powerful personalities among them Simon Nyachae, who rose to become the Head of Public Service and Finance Minister in retired President Moi's government, the fabled Isaiah Mathenge, a close ally of founding President Jomo Kenyatta, the awesome Hezekiah Oyugi, the amiable Ismael Chelanga, Zachary Ogongo, Nicholas Mberia and Yusuf Haji, the current Senator for Garissa county.

And just like Michuki, the regional boss shoots from the hips. Michuki who passed on in 2012 is, of course, best remembered for introducing reforms (Michuki rules) that instilled discipline in the matatu industry that over decades had been associated with chaos and general lawlessness. He also neutralised the dreaded Mungiki sect. And tellingly, the then serving Murang'a District Commissioner was Natembeya where he had served from 2008.



An operation to destroy items used in brewing chang'aa in Majengo area of Narok. Natembeya (in black T-shirt) led the exercise. PD/ RAPHAEL MUNGE

This is the man in whom hope is invested to sort out the North Rift in particular but the Valley in general. It's a huge swathe of land reputed to have 200,000 illegally held arms by pastoralist communities occupying West Pokot, Turkana, Baringo, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Samburu and Laikipia counties. "If I can make the six

Q&A

Regional Coordinator's strategy to tame insecurity in Rift Valley

Q. In 2015, you were criticised for issuing shoot to kill order in Isiolo where you were the County commissioner...

A. The people who criticised me were the civil society sitting in air-conditioned offices in Nairobi but the message was well received by locals who had suffered in the hands of criminals and bandits.

It is time Kenyans understand that you cannot negotiate with armed criminal and we have lost many officers in line of duty. Why do you think the police are issued with guns? To protect wananchi and also to protect themselves because they are always in line of danger. Most of the time it boils down to who shoots first but we're saying we will not allow criminals to kill our officers again.

Q. How are you going to tackle cattle rustling menace in the North Rift?

A. We have a plan and you'll see in the next few weeks. We are going to wipe out bandits. Those leaders instigating violence in these areas have only two choices: to reform or lose their seats because they will soon end up in jail.

We are going to conduct the biggest disarmament exercise in the country's history. We will give time to innocent villagers to move out of the areas we have mapped out because things are going to be hot there. The atrocities happening in those areas are horrifying; we have seen women and children killed. Expectant mothers have not been spared either because their ideology is to inflict pain that is why we are saying even if it means using bombs, we will use them.

Q. What is your biggest achievement as an administrator?

A. I have left an impact wherever I have worked but I am happy with the fact that I managed to restore order in Murang'a by silencing the outlawed Mungiki sect which was causing havoc in the area. The situation was so bad that people were paying levies to the sect and those who defied the orders had their throats slit. I was also posted to Kamukunji, Nairobi, at time when al Shabaab and other terror groups were gaining a foothold in the city but we managed to drive them out.

Q. Where do you see yourself in the next 10 years?

A. I hope to be in a position where I can give my input terms of policy making because I don't stay too long in one place. If I can manage to bring order in the North Rift, then I will be a very happy man. That is my prayer.



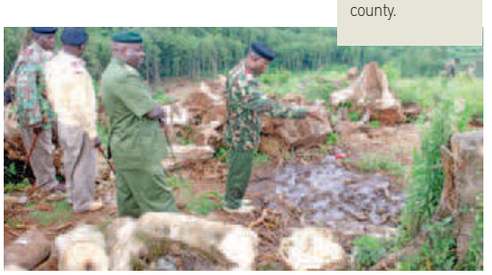


counties in the North Rift to be like other eight (in terms of security) I will be a happy man," he said.

Terrorise Kenyans

"We will not sit and watch a few criminals terrorising innocent Kenyans. And, I am warning them that days for talks are over, we will act, and even if it means using bombs we will use them," he stated categorically, revealing that the government will soon embark on the biggest disarmament exercise ever seen in the history of the country.

"The time has come to rid North Rift of bandits once and for all. It's a shame that other parts of the country are fast moving forward while another part is stuck in the era of Zinjanthropus… and we're warning politicians in these areas that they will not be spared," he said.



Natembeya (right) with the Narok county security team tour a section of the Olpusimoru Forest to assess damage two weeks ago.

AT A GLANCE

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Kiambu Deputy Governor James Nyoro. PD/FILE

Allow me to work, Nyoro tells critics

by Clement Kamau
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Kiambu deputy governor James Nyoro has told his critics to keep off affairs of the county and allow him to work in peace.

He asked his opponents to give him time to redeem the county from regression it had been exposed to by corruption.

Speaking at Karai Ward in Kikuyu, Nyoro regretted that the county had nothing tangible to show in matters development and attributed this to poor and dictatorial leadership.

"We have wasted two years fighting and wrangling over petty issues with governor Ferdinand Waititu running the affairs of the county single-handedly and with an iron fist," he said.

Nyoro said he had started streamlining the functions of the county for transparent and accountable use of the devolved unit's revenue.

He revealed that he had already sacked all reinforcement officers and other workers who were employed irregularly by Waititu.

"The reinforcement officers do nothing but harass investors and traders in the county and it's a time we sent them packing," he said.

Forge unity

Nyoro said he would soon hold a meeting with all elected leaders in the county to forge a united way forward.

Kiambu Woman representative Gathoni Wamuchomba urged both Members of Parliament and ward representatives to accord Nyoro respect and support.

She accused Waititu of arrogance and poor leadership, adding that his downfall was long overdue.

Lawmakers want to control foreign trips

Members say the Parliamentary commission should borrow a leaf from Public Service

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Parliament is now planning to introduce austerity measures aimed at cutting down on foreign trips in the wake of a nationwide condemnation over unnecessary travels that cost the taxpayers millions of shillings.

The planned measures according to our source, include giving clear reasons as to why one is travelling and whether the services being sought abroad can be sourced locally.

Parliamentary committees will be required to ensure they prepare reports immediately after members return.

But contacted yesterday Clerk of the National Assembly Michael Sialai said the two Speakers would be best placed to respond to the matter.



"Such regulations can only be effected by the Speakers and the memberships of the two Houses," he said.

Sialai said the PSC has not pronounced itself on the matter but said committees have been self-regulating their businesses in terms of controlling the number of members making foreign travels.

Committees affected

Committees, which are likely to be affected by the new regulations, are the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and the Trade, Industry and Cooperatives whose members were to travel next month.

Members are of the view the Parliamentary Service Commission (PSC) should borrow a leaf from the Public Service Commission which regulates travels by the public servants.

Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairman Opiyo Wandayi said the country must have control of public expenditures, not only on travels but any other move that will bring sanity in the management of public resources.



Women now lead political wars from the frontline

Two rival political outfits, Inua Mama and Embrace wage wars on each other, previously a preserve of men

by Eric Wainaina
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Women leaders, who in the past lurked in the shadows of major political protagonists and their battles seem to have changed tack and are now waging wars from the frontline.

Previously the voices of reason in politics, the female politicians are going at one another's blouses and weaves with abandon, in a bruising *Tanga Tanga* versus *Kieleweke* supremacy battle where no prisoners are taken.

Through their rival groups¬–Team Embrace and Inua Mama, Jenga Taifa¬–the women are proving that indeed what a man can do, a woman can do better. Complete with contrasting uniforms - Embrace team wear white while their Inua mama rivals don red- they have taken over from their male counterparts and anything goes, including plotting humiliations on rivals.

Team Embrace is under the stewardship of Kirinyaga Governor Ann Waiguru and allied to politicians supporting President Uhuru Kenyatta's handshake with Raila Odinga while the Inua Mama, Jenga Taifa team is led by Kandara legislator, Alice Wahome and support the group backing Deputy President William Ruto's quest to take over the presidency in 2022.

The groupings typically engage in parallel activities and preach contradictory and self-serving messages on the early 2022 campaigns, war on graft and Building Bridges Initiative (BBI). Last weekend, Nairobi County Woman Rep Esther Passaris of Embrace charged that their rivals, contrary to what they declare, do not preach cohesion and empowerment of women.

While speaking in Kakamega, Passaris lashed out at the Inua Mama team, saying they were created to wage war against Embrace and poison their agenda.

She charged that while Embrace was working behind President Uhuru Kenyatta, the Inua Mama, working with his deputy Ruto, had clear instructions to undermine the Head of State.

"When we decided to come together (launched Embrace) what was really sad is to see another team created under the team Tanga Tanga called Inua Mama trying to counter what we are doing...it's one thing (for Ruto) to say he is embracing the President and quite another to create another group (Inua Mama) that is undermining the President at the same time," she said.

Internal wars

During the weekly Punchline interview on our sister TV station K24 last week, Veteran politician and Narc-Kenya party leader Martha Karua, when reacting to a query as to why she is not party to the groupings, described the two teams as "guns for hire" by different functions of Jubilee.

"You forget that I lead Narc-Kenya while the two groups you cite are driven by internal wars in Jubilee Party. Be informed that I am not a gun for hire!" she said.

In what was previously unthinkable, some of the women leaders are not only deliberately taking battles to the doorsteps of vocal rivals but also mobilising backers to heckle and humiliate them even in church functions.

Mid-June, Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege, who had led the Embrace group to a function at Kimorori grounds in her county, shed tears after part of the crowd booed her.

Though Chege said her tears were over President Uhuru's generous offer of goodies to the county, sympathisers of the rival group were alleged to have organised the youth to heckle her and create the impression that Embrace team had ran into hostility in the county.

The Embrace Team has been backing calls by the President against early campaigns and endorsing BBI. Indeed, last week while presenting their views to the same team, they backed the expansion of the Executive, the Uhuru-Raila Odinga unity pact and the anti-graft crusade.

The Inua Mama team, in markedly different strategy, has expressed reservations about the BBI and the Handshake, claiming they are strategies calculated to derail Ruto's 2022 quest while terming the fight against graft as a political witch-hunt targeting the DP and his lieutenants.

Embrace whose colour theme is white comprises governors and legislators, and government officials, notably Youth and Gender Chief Administrative Secretary Rachael Shebesh and National Gender and Equality Commission member Priscilla Nyokabi.

The two, and occasionally Cabinet Secretaries, have been accompanying the team whose members are Woman Reps Gathoni Wa Muchomba (Kiambu), Sabina Chege (Murang'a), Gladys Wanga (Homa Bay), Florence Mutua (Busia), Pamela Odhiambo (Migori), Elsie Muhanda (Kakamega) and Passaris.

Others are Fatuma Gedi (Wajir), Gladwell Cheruiyot (Baringo) Rosa Buyu (Kisumu) and Joyce Kamene (Machakos) and legislators Ruth Mwaniki (Kigumo), Naisula Lesuuda (Samburu West), Mishi Mboko (Likoni) and Nairobi Speaker Beatrice Elachi, among others.

The Embrace group, which was created early this year, seeks to rally the country behind Uhuru-Raila handshake and organise campaigns against femicide. However, they have veered off and their goal has crystallised around attacking Tanga Tanga.

On the other hand, the red-branded Inua Mama team, which was apparently created to counter Embrace, has senators and MPs and though they have set their goal as uplifting the lot of women, they appear to have become closely identified with Tanga Tanga with unmistakable sympathies for the DP.

Prayer rally

They also have been criss-crossing the country, mostly targeting members' backyards, sometimes using helicopters, preaching or echoing the Tanga Tanga blueprint. That the group is part of the DP's camp was confirmed two weeks ago when he accompanied them to a prayer rally in Nanyuki Stadium where they were hosted by Laikipia Woman Rep Cate Waruguru, who together with Alice Wahome have become the group's face of defiance.

The team comprises Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika, Margaret Kamar (Uasin Gishu), Falhadha Iman (nominated), Millicent Omanga (nominated) Woman Reps, Faith Gitau (Nyandarua), Wangui Ngirichi (Kirinyaga), Rahab Mukami (Nyeri), Rehema Jaldesa (Isiolo), Joyce Korir (Bomet) and Gladys Shollei (Uasin Gishu).

It also has Beatrice Nkatha (Tharaka Nithi), MPs Wahome, Mary Waithira (Maragwa), Jane Kihara (Naivasha), Aisha Jumwa (Malindi) and Halima Mucheke (nominated), among others.

While both sides denied fighting the other or even engaging in politics, with each side refusing to discuss the other, interviews with *People Daily* indicated that they were working at cross-purposes on political and national issues.

Said Kandara's Wahome: "There is no supremacy battle between us since we are not operating in the same space." But this even as their talks at the rallies and in media interviews depict a growing political animosity between the two groups.

"We have no supremacy battles with anyone or any outfit. Inua Mama is a women empowerment programme that seeks to build capacity for women in leadership and also support grassroots women economic initiatives and income-generating activities," she said.

When asked why women have abandoned calmness in politics and opted for confrontation and ugly political duels, the MP who has been facing criticism from the president's backers for allegedly betraying him, said: "Even men have refused to be a voice of reason in politics".



Embrace team members led by Homa Bay Woman Rep Gladys Wanga (centre) during a press briefing in Nairobi, last week. PD / BERNARD MALONZA

EMBRACE TEAM

- Under the stewardship of Kirinyaga Governor Ann Waiguru and allied to politicians supporting President Uhuru Kenyatta's handshake with Raila Odinga.
- Backs call by the President against early campaigns and endorses BBI.
- Seeks to rally the country behind Uhuru-Raila handshake and organise campaigns against femicide. However, they have veered off and their goal has crystallised around attacking Tanga Tanga.
- Its colour theme is white comprises governors and legislators, and government officials, notably Youth and Gender Chief Administrative Secretary Rachael Shebesh and National Gender and Equality Commission member Priscilla Nyokabi.

INUA MAMA TEAM

- Led by Kandara legislator, Alice Wahome and support the group backing Deputy President William Ruto's quest to succeed President Uhuru in 2022.
- Expresses reservations about the BBI and the Handshake, claiming they are strategies calculated to derail Ruto's 2022 quest while terming the fight against graft as a political witch-hunt targeting the DP and his lieutenants.
- The red-branded Inua Mama team, which was apparently created to counter Embrace, has senators and MPs and though they have set their goal as uplifting the lot of women, they appear to have become closely identified with Tanga Tanga. and the DP.



Inua Mama Women Reps dance at DEB Primary School in Nyeri Town, yesterday. PD/JOSEPH KING'ORI

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Crisis looms as Kenya blood banks run dry

As American support for Kenya's Blood Programme ends, the country's blood banks will run dry in about a month unless the government acts urgently to forestall the looming crisis. Special Correspondent, **PATRICK MWANGI,** looks at the unfolding crisis.

Kenya could run out of blood in a month unless the government takes urgent measures to address the cash crunch facing the blood transfusion services, stakeholders in the donation and transfusion sector have warned.

The looming crisis also means that by that time, any Kenyan receiving blood transfusion will be at risk of blood transmitted infections such as HIV and Hepatitis B, as the cash crunch could lead to shutdown of the Blood Establishment Computer Software (BECS) system. This is the system that manages blood and blood products in the country.

"Kenya has only two weeks supply of blood bags for collection and transfusion of blood in the stores of the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service (KNBTS)," says Joseph Wangendo, the chairman of the Committee of Blood Donation and Transfusion Stakeholders (CBDTS).

Wangendo, speaking during a media briefing in Nairobi, added that the shutdown of the BECS system might force Kenya to revert to the unreliable manual screening method, with the risk that patients could receive blood that has not been properly screened. He was flanked by the vice chairperson of the Committee, Justice (rtd), Violet Mavisi. KNBTS is the multi-sectoral body mandated to manage blood and blood products in the country.

Mavisi stated that the only way to save the country's blood transfusion services is to enact legislation that will govern the sector and facilitate the necessary investment by the government.

After years of work, a Bill to create a law governing blood management in Kenya is finally before Parliament. Sabina Chege, the chairperson of the Health Parliamentary Committee, will table the Bill, dubbed the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service Legislative Bill, 2019.

"The new law is meant to ensure adequate, equitable and safe supply of blood and blood products countrywide," she said in an interview.

How did the country find itself in such a corner? The answer lies in funding. Information available from multiple sources indicates that KNBTS was established in 2000 after the terrorist attack on the American embassy in Nairobi. For the last 15 years, Kenya's blood safety programme has been funded almost exclusively by the American Government through the US President's Emergency Plan For Aids Relief (PEPFAR), to the tune of $72.5 million (Sh7.5 billion).



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Source: Committee of Blood Donation and Transfusion Stakeholders
Graphic: Michael Mosota

- The safest blood can only be collected from voluntary non-remunerated donors.
- Some of the beneficiaries of your blood might be anaemic people undergoing surgical operations, patients with cancer and leukemia, accident victims and complications during pregnancy.

This money went to establishment of physical infrastructure, vehicles and equipment, policy and guidelines, training and capacity building, blood collection, testing and processing, BECS and appropriate blood utilisation.

However, the US government gave notice that this funding will end in September 2019. Indeed, officials from the KNBTS and PEPFAR met on August 9 in Nairobi to officially close out the funding programme. In other words, this leaves blood transfusion services in Kenya with no funding.

Stakeholders have for several years been advocating for enactment of a law to govern blood transfusion services, according to Wangendo, adding that; "Whatever little money the Government factors in for blood transfusion is spent at the Ministry of Health, as KNBTS operates as a department in the Ministry".

Sources in the know but who do not wish to be identified feel that official reluctance for legislation that will create an independent entity blame officials who they claim feel threatened by a change to the status quo.

Stakeholders determined that only a well-funded, independent, entity running could resolve the perennial blood shortage, a deficit experts at estimate at almost 70 per cent. Kenya's annual blood collection is about 150,000 pints, against a target of 800,000 pints based on recommendations from the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The two officials say that the situation is getting dire by the day, noting that the National Testing Laboratories, which have been screening blood for over 18 sites in the country, have run out of automated screening reagents, and are currently running on a manual platform. This has slowed down the screening process besides being compounded by high error rates.

Only Nairobi and Mombasa, out of the six centres nationally, are currently screening blood.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel in the shape of a bill dubbed the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service Legislative Proposal 2019, which has been submitted as a private members bill to Parliament. The House Health Committee adopted this Bill after being tabled by the chairperson Sabinah Chege.

But even as the bill winds its way through the august House this August, patients will still be requiring blood. And they cannot wait.

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KEY PROPOSALS

1. Protection of Blood Donor and Patient Rights.

2. It will ensure that KNBTS has the legal status required to not only ensure it is autonomous but also well-funded and managed.

3. It will guarantee citizens their constitutionally mandated right to health by ensuring access to equitable, affordable, sufficient safe blood and blood products throughout the country.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Blood is composed of different components. It comprises platelets, red cells and plasma,with each treating different conditions.**
- **A donor's health status is highly confidential, and can only be released to the donor himself/ herself on request and after counselling.**
- **Before you give blood, you will be asked some questions about your medical history, current health and lifestyle. It is very important to be truthful about any reason why blood might not be stable.**
- **After answering the questions you will be given a brief medical examination that may include the checking of your pulse, blood pressure and weight.**
- **A drop of blood will then be taken from your fingertip to check that giving blood will not make you anaemic.**
- **Your health is so important to the blood transfusion service, and blood will not be taken unless you can safely give a donation that day.**

Committee of Blood Donation and Transfusion Stakeholders

1. **Mr Joseph N Wangendo:** Bloodlink Foundation /Chair.
2. **Justice (Retired) Violet K Mavisi:** Lawyer. Co-Chair.
3. **Prof Donald Orinda:** Chair. Regional Society on Blood Transfusion-Kenya.
4. **Dr Daniel Kimani:** CDC-Kenya
5. **Dr Rajab Jamilla:** Nairobi Hospital/ University of Nairobi.
6. **Dr Fatmah Abdallah:** University of Maryland/ University of Nairobi.
7. **Dr Peter Mwamba Maturi:** Kenyatta National Hospital/ University of Nairobi
8. **Ms Sylvia Khamati:** Kenya Red Cross Society.
9. **Dr Robert Bett:** Kenya Red Cross Society.

IN TOMORROW'S PD... PART TWO OF THIS SERIES

Mombasa chef cooks new world record in 75 hours



Maliha Mohammed prepared 400 recipes of local and international cuisines to scoop the prestigious award

by Jasmine Atieno
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Mombasa-based chef Maliha Mohammed has broken the Guinness World Record for the longest time spent cooking.

The 36-year-old set a new record yesterday by cooking for 75 hours non-stop at Kenya Bay Beach Resort in Mombasa.

Speaking to *People Daily*, an elated Mohammed, who works for a local NGO, attributed her achievement to determination and passion for cooking.

"I have always loved cooking. My greatest joy is in coming up with exciting local and international cuisines. I will continue perfecting my cooking skills. I encourage young people with talents to aim for the sky and show the world what they have to offer," she said.

The record was initially held by Rickey Lumpkin II of California, US, who cooked for 68 hours, 30 minutes and 1 second in December 2018. In 2017, Indian chef Vishnu Manohar spent 53 hours cooking, while Benjamin J. Perry did 40 hours in 2014.



Technical University of Mombasa catering students assist Maliha Mohammed during the competition. Pwani Oil Commercial director Rajul Malde (right) joins in celebrating her win.
PD/BONFACE MSANGI

Promoting local talent

In her first trial in May, the mother of two cooked 100 recipes in 36 hours non-stop.

Later in July, Mohammed cooked 200 meals for 54 hours before going for the final competition supervised by officials from the Guinness World Record.

Mohammed prepared a list of 400 recipes of local and international cuisines for the competition.

The food she prepared will be offered to charity homes and orphanages as part of her initiative to raise awareness and to feed the less fortunate in society.

"The journey has not been easy, especially the pain on my feet for standing for so long hours and also enduring sleepless nights," she said.

Mohammed was sponsored by Pwani Oil, a Mombasa-based edible oils, soaps and detergents manufacturer. The company paid her fees to the Guinness World Records, equipment, food and other logistics.

Pwani Oil commercial director Rajul Malde hailed Mohammed for putting Kenya on the world map, adding that the company is keen on promoting local talent.

It is going to take a week before Mohammed officially enters the Guinness Book of Records. The verification process will be done at the Guinness World Records offices in the UK.

Mohammed joins a galaxy of outstanding Kenyan achievers who have featured in the Guinness Book of World Records including athletes Tegla Lorupe, Paul Tergat, Daniel Komen and Samuel Wanjiru.

Another Kenyan who featured on the world list is Joseph Love, who in 1992, milked 30 cows by hand in 24 hours.

REPUBLIC OF KENYA

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
TWELFTH PARLIAMENT – THIRD SESSION

In the matter of consideration by the National Assembly of the Finance Bill, 2019

NOTIFCATION FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

Following the request from members of the public for memoranda relating to the **Finance Bill, 2019**, the following organisations/persons submitted their memoranda to the **Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning** for consideration.

1. Green Bonds Programme Kenya
2. East Africa Venture Capital Association
3. Google Kenya
4. Content Development & Intellectual Property Trust
5. Agrochemicals Association of Kenya
6. African Sahiliya Cargo and Clearing
7. Golden Gate Cargo Services Company Ltd
8. Kenya Association of International Cargo Consolidators
9. Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) & Kenya Association of Stockbrokers & Investment Banks
10. Kenya Professional cleaners Association
11. Association of Women Accountants of Kenya
12. East African Forum for Alternative Investments
13. East African Tax and Governance Network
14. Kenya Bankers Association
15. Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)
16. KPMG
17. Price Water House Coopers (PWC)
18. Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya (ICPAK)
19. Hon. Moses Kuria, M.P
20. Prof. Tom Ojienda
21. Ms. Florence Njeri Oketch
22. Mr. Ernest Muguku
23. Mr. Julius Njiraini

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 118(1)(b) of the Constitution and Standing Order 127(3), the Committee invites the above mentioned organisations and persons for Public Hearings on the **Finance Bill, 2019 on Wednesday, 21st August and Thursday, 22nd August, 2019** at the **Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), Nairobi** as indicated in the schedule below. Any other persons who may wish to orally submit their views on the said Bill are also invited to attend.

	STAKEHOLDER	TIME	DATE
1.	Green Bonds Programme Kenya	9.00 am	**Wednesday, 21st August, 2019**
2.	Google Kenya	9.30 am	
3.	Content Development & Intellectual Property Trust	10.00 am	
4.	Kenya Association of International Cargo Consolidators	10.30 am	
5.	African Sahiliya Cargo and Clearing		
6.	Golden Gate Cargo Services Company Ltd		
7.	Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA)	11.30 am	
8.	East Africa Venture Capital Association	12. 30 pm	
9.	Agrochemicals Association of Kenya	1.30 pm	
10.	• Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) & Kenya • Association of Stockbrokers & Investment Banks	12.30 pm	
11.	East African Forum for Alternative Investments	2.00 pm	
12.	Kenya Professional Cleaners Association	2.30 pm	
13.	East African Tax and Governance Network	3.00 pm	
14.	Kenya Bankers Association	9.00 am	**Thursday, 22nd August, 2019**
15.	Price Water House Coopers (PWC)	9.30 am	
16.	KPMG	10.00 am	
17.	• Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya • Association of Women Accountants of Kenya	10.30 am	
18.	(i) Hon. Moses Kuria , M.P (ii) Prof. Tom Ojienda, SC (iii) Mr. Ernest Muguku (iv) Ms. Florence Njeri Oketch (v) Mr. Julius Njiraini	11.30 am	
19.	**OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**	2.00 – 4.00 pm	

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Outline flagship projects that are aimed at promoting gender-inclusive growth, prevention and response to gender-based violence and the empowerment and education of girls



MITHIKA LINTURI

The Building Bridges Initiative would lead to a referendum but only if Parliament is coerced into owning it. Failure to this, that will be nothing but impunity



JOHN MUTUTHO

This is a very serious issue and because WHO has declared that gaming is a disorder, we need to follow suit and allow agencies mandated to control over-use of gaming and gaming products do their job

Sudan peace deal a vindication for Africa

Eight months of bloodshed and morbidity formally came to an end at the weekend amid scenes not seen in the Sudan for decades. Television images captured Khartoum exploding into raputurous joy and merrymaking as the documents outlining how Sudan will be governed in the next three years under an 11-man transition arrangement comprising military and civilian team were signed.

The signing ceremony watched by several Heads of State, including President Uhuru Kenyatta, marked victory for Africa and showed that the history of this continent need not be written in blood.

After months of depleting confidence in, and exhaustion with Omar Bashir's military dictatorship, Sudanese masses rose to challenge the regime; the trigger points being poverty and high food prices. Typical of dictators perching high on self-entitled pedestal, Bashir would not read the signs and instead proceeded to unleash terror on protesters. But the winds of change had gained irreversible tide.

Today, 30 years after he seized power, Bashir cuts a sorry figure in prison, the millions of dollars stolen from State coffers unlikely to provide any comfort. It's the inglorious fate of his ilk.

The military council that stepped in momentarily thought they could douse the spirit of rebellion and demobilise protestors but all in vain as relentless determination soared.

So as Africa celebrates this landmark deal that will ultimately see power handed back to civilian authorities, it is to be hoped that our leaders would resolve to create environments that allow democratic institutions, accountability and probity to thrive. Leaders must steer the continent away from upheavals that entrench misery.

Nobody should feel they are irreplaceable. Those who think so progressively embrace exclusion, intolerance and become averse to accountability. Inevitably, they expose themselves to peril. Leaders must renew commitment to values that enhance the dignity of the people of Africa.

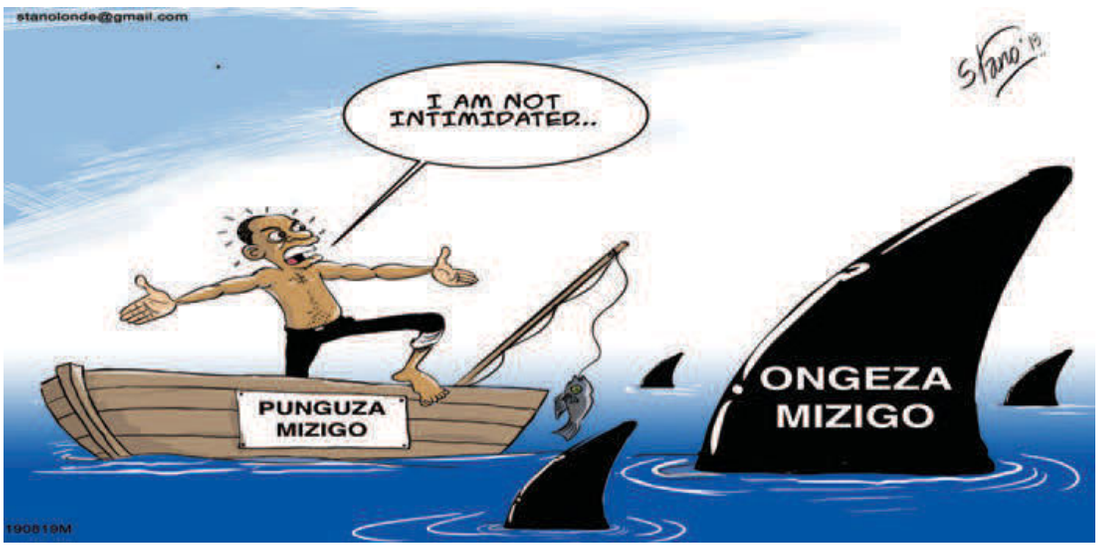
They should embrace the tenets of African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) where Africa does not need external self-righteous indignations and pontification on leadership values.

President Uhuru has chaired the African Union's APRM committee. It's the way to go. We hope the people of Sudan have learned their lesson. But they must first fix the economy, come to peace with Juba and interrogate the influence of Bashir's Gulf sponsors.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

MAHATMA GANDHI

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.



Karanja Kabage had passion for police reforms

One month ago today, prominent businessman and lawyer Karanja Kabage was laid to rest at an emotional but colourful ceremony in Nakuru county, attended by President Uhuru Kenyatta, Deputy President William Ruto and Opposition leader Raila Odinga, among other top dignitaries.

Kabage, who died of cardiac arrest was eulogised by the country's top political class and learned friends as an honest and astute businessman, lawyer and politician.

However, unknown to many, K.K, as he often signed off, was a big friend of the Kenya Police and a passionate supporter of initiatives aimed at improving service to local communities. He started off a host of projects in collaboration with the Kenya Police, but as fate would have, it he was unable to push through or witness the results of his sweat.

The renovation of Kilimani Police Station was one such project. Conceived in 2016, Kabage envisaged a dream station that would serve partly as home and recreation centre for police officers and local community, besides dispensing the usual security and law enforcement duties. As OCPD of Kilimani, I was privileged to work with K.K on this project.

The renovation is a Sh500 million project designed to transform what has existed of Kenya's colonial-era police station buildings dating more than a 100 years. In the present perspective, the architect has done a wonderful impression of what is intended to eventually become a modern police station incorporating a children and gender reception desk, new cells, administration offices for the OCS, OCPD, and the DCIO in Phase One while Phase Two focuses on the renovation of the officers' living quarters.



MUCHIRI NYAGA

He was a friend of the Kenya Police and supported projects of initiatives

The finished works would 'revolutionise' how police stations ought to look like, by stopping them from being one dimensional and glum. For instance, there would be a library, a shopping mall, a wellness and counselling centre for officers and their families, worship areas for different faiths, a modern gym and a sporting zone, a welcoming Reports and Enquiry desk and hygienically functional cells and washrooms.

At a media briefing last December during Kilimani Street Festival, he was asked whether his vision was not so limiting and rather 'elitist' since the police station was located at an urban, upmarket area. "Not at all", K.K. responded. "Kilimani Police Station serves a fine mix of the low segments as well as the top and a lot more in-between from the informal settlements of Kibera to State House", he had emphasised. K.K. wished that this idea, if well managed, would snowball and make progressive inroads into the rest of the counties. Already, he stated, Industrial Area and Karen police stations were in his rear view mirror.

The "ownership" of this project mattered a lot to K.K. Individual community members- from the Mama Mboga, the boda boda operator, local centres of worship, the roadside *jua kali* man and a diverse combination of others - all were being brought aboard through a voluntary buy-a-brick model of fundraising, then teaming up with some big and small corporates.

Already, Rose and Carol Lukalo were doing a great job of it through media platforms and publicity while William Kalombo had picked it up on the advertisement and marketing.

To K.K., the "reformation" of the Police Service needed a deliberate and purposeful shot in the arm and this was his practical way of going about it. He was very proud of a Sh3 million, 250-feet deep borehole for the Kilimani police constructed by the community under his watch as a "quick-win' towards the main project.

To K.K., security and safety of a country are so important to be solely left to the government. In his narrative, K.K. was pointing out that already, the idea of Community Policing had been taken at a national level and his idea of improving the working environment of the police lay on the same but more tangible wavelengths.

Eulogised deservedly as a man of integrity, passionate about service to the public, K.K.'s death should hopefully propel this noble project to conclusion as a fitting tribute to him.

The writer is immediate former OCPD, Kilimani.

Local contractors to blame for Chinese stranglehold

GATHU KAARA

The country cannot afford to allow the local construction industry to collapse. When the Chinese leave, then what?

Chinese contractors have become a dominant feature of Kenya's construction sector. They dominate government projects, especially roads and highways, where they have brought new standards.

Whether it is water, dams, bridges, airports, or railway projects, the Chinese construction juggernaut rules.

There is a reason why. Chinese contractors have demonstrated high standards and deliver on time and within budget. Further, Chinese-funded project completion rates are impressive, given their model of supervise, construct, and deliver as turnkey jobs.

Consequently, Chinese contractors have elbowed out local contractors from big projects. Further, it is now not uncommon to find Chinese contractors working on county governments projects.

The Chinese have now "invaded" real estate, and private developers are turning to them for housing projects and commercial buildings.

How did local contractors find themselves in such a bind? Local contractors have long been the bane of Kenya. The most notorious were those doing roads and highrise rental buildings. Poor workmanship, delays, cost overruns and lack of professionalism have been their credo. Local contractors gained so much notoriety that at one time the biggest ones were derisively referred to as "cowboy contractors."

Government officials were regularly bribed to turn a blind eye to the chaos. Public outrage meant nothing to the contractors. Indeed, some local contractors who have amassed huge wealth have poorly constructed and incomplete projects littered across the country. Yet, they are seen as the cream of Kenya's contractors. Something is wrong with this picture.

The situation is no better for private projects, where contractors take forever to finish housing projects, wreaking havoc on the financial projections of developers. Dishonesty and outright theft have been major features of construction sites, with collapsing buildings the signature of the local construction sector. Hundreds of their buildings have been condemned as unfit for habitation.

All this had to finally come to a head. And the government and private sector are voting with their feet.

The big question now is, will local contractors claw back the ground they have lost to the Chinese? A lot of work needs to be done to enable them to regain their footing.

The country cannot afford to allow the local construction industry to collapse. When the Chinese leave, then what? Further, massive resource transfers by Chinese companies is draining Kenya.

Kenya must accept that the local construction sector is in shambles, and requires crucial reforms. Simply crying foul will not wash. The Chinese have got to where they are by sheer hard work, discipline, determination and raising standards.

What steps must Kenya take? One, police standards. Penalise. Prosecute. Proscribe. All regulatory and professional associations are comatose. The Engineers Registration Board, the Institution of Engineers of Kenya, the National Construction Authority, the Roads and Civil Engineering Contractors Association of Kenya, and Kenya Federation of Master Builders, among others have all presided over this decay. It is this apathy that has had devastating effects on local engineering standards.

Two, weed out quacks. Three, the government must pay contractors promptly. Government has played a big role in making local contractors struggle by delaying payments. This pushes them to bribery and cutting corners to survive.

Four, local contractors must shape up. Stop greed. Be professional. Stop taking work you have no capacity to do. Employ professionals. Supervise your work. Complete works in time and within budget.

And finally, the government must create a contractors' fund to lend to local contractors to facilitate them to bid for big projects. Major projects undertaken abroad by foreign contractors are financed by export-import banks from those countries, enabling the contractors to be competitive. Kenya's contractors will not compete against the Chinese without assistance. It's time to think of non-traditional approaches.

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Involve all stakeholders in graft, deforestation war



PSAMSON NZIOKI

Studies have identified corruption as one of the driving forces for forest degradation

Corruption and climate change are arguably the defining challenges the world faces today.

Worse, both are interlinked. One contributes to the other, and to address one, you must consider the other. Studies have identified corruption as one of the driving forces for forest degradation. Interventions to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, therefore, must take into consideration the corruption risks and governance challenges that exist and establish anti-corruption mechanisms that will ensure transparent and accountable implementation.

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+), a mechanism established under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, seeks to address the approximately 12-29 per cent of greenhouse gases emanating from destruction and degradation of forests.

Though the final pieces of the rulebook for implementation of REDD+ in developing countries were completed in 2015, Kenya's work on REDD+ began in 2008. However, little progress has been made in realising the four stages required for its implementation.

As part of the preparatory work, Kenya developed a Readiness Preparation Proposal and developed a policy and legal framework that would usher in the implementation of REDD+. Additionally, a corruption risk assessment for REDD+ in Kenya was conducted. This assessment attempted to diagnose how corruption might impact on REDD+ implementation and further prescribed an array of recommendations for different stakeholders on how to respond to the risks identified.

Conceived as one of the recommendations in the Corruption Risk Assessment for REDD+ in Kenya of 2013, the Taskforce on Anti-corruption for REDD+ was established in 2014 to enhance dialogue among stakeholders on the interface between REDD+ and corruption.

Until recently, corruption and governance have not been the pivot of forest conservation discourses. Consequently, for many stakeholders in Kenya and world over, knowledge of the nexus between corruption and REDD+ was initially a foreign concept, something the taskforce managed to reverse. Through stakeholder consultation, the taskforce was able to address the low levels of awareness on corruption and transparency among REDD+ stakeholders.

Despite not being adequately resourced, the taskforce was capable of achieving significant milestones. Notably, it managed to mainstream the anti-corruption and transparency agenda in the REDD+ processes. The Taskforce brought into it a unique blend of diversified stakeholders. This enabled collaborative and progressive dialogue in addressing corruption and governance challenges in the forestry sector.

The taskforce, however, seems to have left out County governments yet they bear a great responsibility of forest and natural resource governance. Effective engagements call for involvement of all stakeholders.

Beyond the achievements realised by the taskforce, there are significant challenges that were encountered. Resource constraints limited the extent to which the taskforce could effectively achieve its objectives.

Multi-stakeholder approaches have proven to be effective in addressing governance and corruption challenges. Kenya's approach to addressing these challenges in the forest sector is one worth strengthening and replicating while being cognizant of the success factors and challenges therein.

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#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR

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Kenya's Chef Maliha breaks Guinness World Record by cooking for 75 hours non-stop and KOT congratulated her.

@itsroselyne: Congratulations #ChefMaliha on setting a new world record, from Kenya to the world.

@mssheilakimani: #ChefMaliha just broke the world record of cooking non stop!!!! For 75 hours! Y'all this is huge... Congratulations mama @ChefMaliha... The record is finally home!!!

@tintintwiri: Congratulations #ChefMaliha for breaking the record. Phenomenal and tough act walai.

@EdwinCheruh: Congratulations to Chef Maliha on entering the Guinness World Record for cooking 400 Recipes in 75 hours. #ChefMaliha.

@EngnrDan: #ChefMaliha will be officially recognised by @GWR after 5 days upon verification.

STREET TALK

Extortionist governor shortchanges youth

Residents of a Mt Kenya region county are up agaist their governor's alleged extortionist tendencies. Land-buying companies are the most affected by the governor's conduct because he demands a share of the land before allowing projects to be carried out. Recently a group of youth who had saved for years to buy 20 acres of land was forced to surrender two acres after the governor reportedly refused to let them develop the land until he got his share.

Local leaders gagged on Kisumu demolitions

Politicians in Kisumu have been warned by powerful forces not to comment on demolitions in the area. The leaders have been warned they risk the wrath of the party if they comment on the issue on mainstream or social media. Leaders who wish to stand in solidarity with victims have been avoiding supporters who are demanding they protest the demolitions. One politician has termed the issue "a live wire" that no one dares touch.

Aspirant on the run over heckling at Uhuru rally

Police in the Nyanza region are looking for an aspirant for governor seat suspected to have printed T-shirts bearing the name of his opponent and issued them to a group of youth who heckled the sitting governor during a recent visit by President Uhuru Kenyatta. The aspirant, whose portrait was emblazoned on the T-shirts, has distanced himself from the incident, saying his opponents want to create a rift between him and the party leader.

Contractor gets earful for interrupting speech

A contractor who is carrying out a project at a four-star hotel is in trouble after he interrupted a conference at the facility. The contractor risks losing the project after he declined to halt the noisy works and allow main speaker at the conference to conclude her speech. The noise forced the speaker to cut short the speech but after the event, she confronted the hotel management demanding that they take action against the contractor or risk temporary closure.



TRUTH IS: Because God's word is trustworthy, our salvation is secure.



PATRICK WACHIRA

When dead fellows return to attend, chair meetings

Which other people can refuse to die and refuse to stay dead?

Kenyans are a rather stubborn lot. If you ask me, they are more stubborn than mules.

Let me bring you up to speed.

They are the only people I know who vote in deadbeat leaders year in, year out. And then complain that the chaps they voted into office do nothing for them.

But we are getting ahead of ourselves.

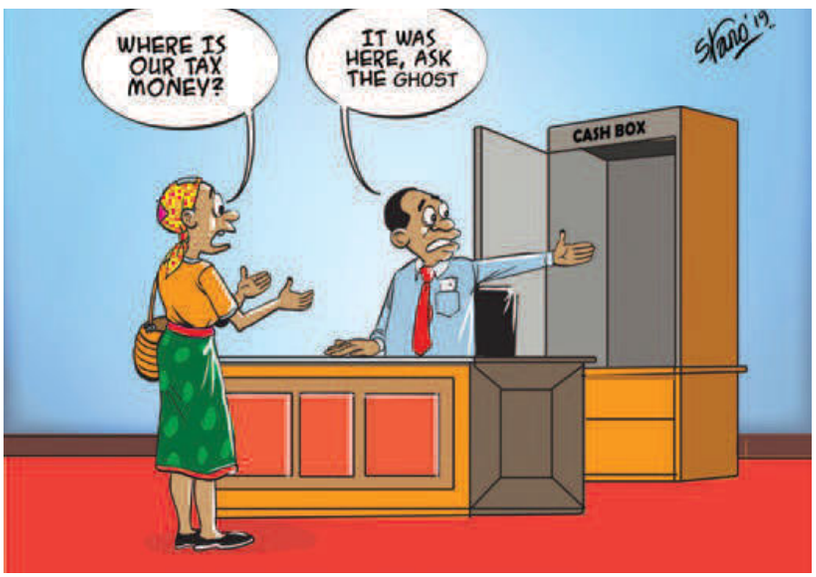
I was telling you how weird Kenyans can be. And we didn't have to wait for Safaricom honcho Michael Joseph to remind us of our peculiar habits.

Kenyans. Which other people can refuse to die and refuse to stay dead?

On that score, we beat the whole wide world. By the way, those blokes who put together the Guinness Book of World Records, where do they live? They should be headquartered here.

You see, out there in Embu, dead men have been attending meetings as board members of health facilities.

In fact, one dead man worked so well that his tenure was renewed last December.



Ghost personnel

Kathanje Health Centre in Mumunji ward was so impressed by the services of the board chair that they continue to pay him years after he gave up the ghost. Actually, he chaired all board meetings.

So, you see. Ordinary folks who just die and get buried along with their "many years of exemplary service" come nowhere near these guys.

At Kiambere ward, the county posted medical workers and supplied medicines to Mutuobare Health Centre, which remains incomplete to date. No patients have been attended to there. Wait a minute, maybe they did. For an area that hosts ghosts, who chair meetings and draw salaries, even patients may appear for treatment as ghosts, to be treated by ghost personnel.

If Embu ghosts work and draw salaries, it then follows that folks who run funeral homes are in for a rude shock. They may as well close shop.

The same fate awaits carpenters: folks who reckon they can make a living serving the dead: coffin makers and the like. They want to try their luck? Not in Embu. They will die poor.

Indeed, this scenario of dead folks continuing to serve the county diligently reminds me of what clever (I did not say intelligent) politicians exhort us ordinary folks to do: co-exist. And Embu is advanced in this respect: the living and the dead do just that.

That means the living work and pay taxes for the dead to "eat", to use common lingo. And the latter are clever folks; they pay no taxes or meet other obligations that you and I are saddled with.

By the way, how do ghosts reproduce?

Do dead blokes also patronise eateries? What do they eat? Do they pay their bills? Maybe they go to bars and drink whiskey. Sorry, spirits. Ha!

Sheer horror

So, if dead guys saunter into meetings and sign for allowances, does Embu have cemeteries?

Local folks are looking at unseen potential. Literally. Or are they?

Alternatively, we could unleash the ghosts on deadbeat fathers as Sonko calls them; politicians, MCAs, MPs, governors, senators et al.

Of course, you have heard of Sonko's new calling, exposing public figures who sow wild oats but keep it a secret.

It is here that our Embu ghosts will be put to good use. Imagine some politician who has been busy with his loins being paid a visit by ghosts, sorry, dead guys. Wah!

The sheer horror would compel many to acknowledge their progeny, spread across our lovely country. Folks have apparently been busy…

As for Sonko and his antics, the sooner someone starts to document them as a comedy series to be released after he leaves office, the better for the burgeoning film industry (Is one Ezekiel Mutua listening?).

Good life

You know how rich folks live: sauna, jacuzzi and steam bath at home, exclusive masseuse and barber, six or seven, top of the range limousines in the garage (yes, you heard right: garage is not your local mechanic's joint); in short, the good life. This could be documented as film, complete with the extended family.

Imagine our millionaires competing to do such films just to outdo each other.

There's money in the film industry, just waiting to be made; loads of it. *Haki*!

Let me think about how to make money now. Perhaps exorcising ghosts…topic for another day.

Have a spirit-filled week, folks!

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Why I shall never trust my Member of Parliament again



MCA GWINSO

We don't have any information about an MCA who was to travel with Mheshimiwa to the US

The mood in our County Assembly that afternoon was foul. Members of the National Assembly were the object of our wrath. By continuing to deny us funds, they were putting our lives at risk. To add salt to injury, they had now gone on recess without solving the Revenue Allocation Bill issue.

"These people must be stopped!" growled MCA Pinto, Leader of Majority. "They can't continue holding us by the whatevers." MCA Chonjo added fuel to the fire: "And now they are flying abroad to enjoy themselves as our people suffer," he said in reference to the MPs tour to the US for the Legislative Conference. Soon everyone had something nasty to say about the MPs, and was saying it aloud, giving the House Speaker a rough time. It took the skills of MCA Pinto to cool down tempers.

"The cure lies in fully supporting the Punguza Mzigo initiative," I declared when at last I got a chance to speak. I went on to explain that we MCAs would be the biggest beneficiaries if the proposed changes were adopted. Most of my colleagues saw sense in what I was saying and agreed to support the referendum.

"I think we should make our stand known publicly," said MCA Chonjo. "Let us call a press conference and tell the whole world that we are all for Punguza Mzigo." His proposal was not received with much enthusiasm.

"Mr Speaker, let those who want to announce just do so. But don't claim to speak on behalf of all of us. Some of us must consult with our parties before taking a stand," said MCA Violata.

After some debate, it was agreed that I call a press conference and announce that the majority of us had agreed to support the initiative, a task I gladly accepted.

That evening, I drafted a statement and shared it with MCA Pinto, known for his 'fat' English. He suggested that I replace 'greedy MPs' with 'avariciously greedy fellows'. Later at home, I read the statement out aloud for Mama Hirohito to hear. "That's excellent," she said. I could hardly wait to deliver the dossier for the world to hear.

The following morning, before I left the house, I received a most unexpected guest: Our MP.

"Bwana Gwinso, I am not staying long," he said after we had exchanged pleasantries. "I just came to find out if you are interested in coming with us to America for the Legislative Conference. There are a few slots for MCAs and I thought of you." I was dumbfounded. I had not seen this coming. For a moment, I was confused.

"Baba Hirohito, you can't miss that opportunity," came Mama Hiro's voice. I didn't even know she had been listening.

"But Mheshimiwa, it will be a betrayal on my part. You see er.." Something stopped me from telling him about the statement I was to read.

"What betrayal?" asked the guest. "Just think of the benefits your people will get when you connect with development partners in the US. What about your allowances?"

"Ok, include me," I murmured. I saw Mama Hiro's face brighten.

"I knew you would not let me down," said the MP. He then assured me he would make necessary arrangements, including preparing my allowances. "Just come to my office on Thursday and pick your money and travel documents."

As I was seeing him off, just before he entered his vehicle, he looked me straight in the eye and said, Brother, I hear you want to make a statement about that *punguza* thing. Forget about it. Let's work together for the good of our people, *sawa*?"

"Sawa."

After he left, I immediately called MCA Pinto and told him I was not able to hold the press conference due to unavoidable circumstances.

On the appointed day, I went to the MPs office to pick my things as we had agreed.

"Sorry, Sir. Mheshimiwa travelled to the US with his colleagues and won't be back till next week and we don't have any information about an MCA who was to travel with them," the receptionist told me.

Well, if you happen to see my MP anywhere, tell him I am waiting for an explanation, or else I will deal with him the way I know best. *Kesi baadaye.*

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Alcohol firm challenges housing plan

by PD Reporter
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London Distillers Kenya Ltd has moved to court to challenge the ongoing construction of the third phase of Great Wall Gardens housing project in Athi River, Machakos county.

On Friday LDK filed a case with Environmental Tribunal seeking to stop the Sh3.2 billion project under the affordable housing a few days after Parliament ordered National Environment Management Authority (Nema) to issue the developer a licence to construct.

Boundary wall

Erdemann Property Ltd managing Director Zeyun Yang has accused London Distillers Kenya's management of using all strategies to frustrate his multi-billion-shilling projects.

Yang said even after Parliament recently directed Nema to grant him a licence to develop its third phase of housing units in Athi River, which he had been given, LDK reportedly still frustrates his efforts.

However, LDK's environmentalist Chris Michy dismissed the claims, saying the discharge was not affluent, but water for irrigation. "We were there in the morning, it is not affluent but water from our kitchen gardens that drained through the boundary wall," he said.



'Kielewekee mbele...?'

A woman, who was among hundreds of youth suspected to be from the Kieleweke faction of the Jubilee divide, was too slow for the arm of the law after an attempt to disrupt an Inua Mama meeting at Nyeri's DEB Primary School on Saturday was thwarted. PD/JOSEPH KING'ORI

Raila disowns 2022 presidency claims as DP says ready for him

by Baraka Karama and Mercy Mwai
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Former Premier Raila Odinga (*pictured*) has denied claims he is keen on making a fifth stab at the presidency in 2022.

Raila instead maintained his focus is to strengthen the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) party ahead of the elections.

The Opposition chief was reacting to a story appearing in local media yesterday, claiming he had declared interest in succeeding President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"Odinga has entered no race and he knows no race as reported in a section of the media and it's way too early to do that," the former PM said in a statement to newsrooms.

Ruto dares Raila

The statement further said the media should instead focus on real, urgent, economic, political and social issues that would be beneficial to the nation.

"Odinga does not believe that three years into an election expected in 2022, who is running, who is ahead, who is behind, who is going to win, what are the odds and who will lose is the priority the press should force Kenyans to occupy themselves with," the former PM said in a media statement.

However, yesterday Deputy President William Ruto said he has no problem facing Raila in an election but wants the former Premier to assure Kenyans he will accept defeat if he loses.

Speaking in Meru, the DP said he is currently busy with other matters including



implementation of the Big Four agenda.

"I have no problem competing with him in future but I want him to assure Kenyans that if he is defeated, he will accept defeat," he said, adding: "For the time being, I am busy, but my homework to him is that he must accept the people's verdict."

Off to Indonesia

Meanwhile, Raila left the country last evening for a one-week visit to Indonesia in his capacity as the African Union High Representative for Infrastructure Development.

He will attend the Indonesia-Africa Infrastructure Dialogue in Bali on August 20-21. It is a follow-up to the Indonesia-Africa Forum held in 2018 and aims to strengthen relations between Indonesia and Africa, with particular focus on infrastructure development and other strategic industries.

Wanga, Shollei differ on value of BBI drive, anti-corruption war

Embrace, Inua Mama divergent views play out as each MP defends her camp

by George Kebaso
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Two MPs in Jubilee's rival women's lobby groups have differed over the main objective of the Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) the war on corruption and the proposed referendum.

The differences between the Embrace Kenya, which supports President Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga and the Inua Mama initiative, which supports Deputy President William Ruto played out during the *K24 Punchline* show.

Uasin Gishu Woman Rep Gladys Shollei, allied to Ruto and Gladys Wanga who is linked to Raila camp, traded barbs, each fiercely defending her camp's position.

Shollei termed the BBI as an illegality, stating that it is largely composed of people who have little knowledge and expertise in Constitution-making process.

"The BBI is not anchored in the law. For instance, who developed the nine-point agenda the BBI has been discussing across the country? Raila and President Uhuru could have held their respective Parliamentary Group meetings and mandated their elected leaders to seek Kenyans' views on what needs to be changed in the Constitution. But coming from two people in the name of the Handshake is an illegality," she said arguing the BBI's outcome is pre-determined.

Wanga defended the BBI saying the issues emanating from the famous handshake through which the initiative was borne, are "very" clear.

She said the context of the Handshake came from the fact that the two people; Uhuru and Raila, held the key to the country's peace and calm. Wanga said this was the reason Embrace Kenya, a women-led initiative was formed to support Raila and Uhuru achieve their goal of inviting Kenyans.

Wanga said the nine points in the BBI were brought to Parliament and conclusively debated by Members of the National Assembly as elected leaders, Shollei being one of them.

"But what is interesting is the fact that those opposed to the BBI go around claiming that it is meant to bar someone from becoming President," she said.

Shollei said the people of the Rift Valley feel betrayed by President Uhuru for abandoning his deputy after several assurances that he was going to endorse and support him for presidency.

SHOLLEI

Who developed the nine-point agenda BBI has been discussing



BRIEFLY

Belgium in Sh2.9b water supply plan

The government of Belgium is funding a massive water project in Athi River, Machakos, at an estimated cost of Sh2.9 billion.

Once completed, the Mavoko Drinking Water Supply Project will provide clean water to residents of Athi River town, Daystar University and environs, Syokimau, Kyumbi and other areas of Mavoko sub-county.

Currently, the area relies on private boreholes, among other sources.

Tanathi Water works Development Agency chief executive Eng Fredrick Tito on Saturday said the project will be completed by August 2020.

He spoke when he led Eastern regional development implementation committee, and Machakos development implementation team officials in a site visit of the project.

– KNA



14 to be arraigned over air pollution

At least 14 people will be arraigned in court this morning after they were arrested on Friday for burning tyres in Nairobi's Donholm interchange area.

The suspects were nabbed in a joint operation, led by the Nairobi County government and National Environment Management Authority (Nema). They were burning worn out tyres to extract metallic remains for resale.

County Environment deputy director Lawrence Mwangi said residents of Donholm and Buruburu estates had raised concern over the issue. "We will ensure residents do not continue to suffer," he said.

Nema Nairobi director Njoki Mukiri said the authority recently gazetted the Air Quality Regulation Act, which prohibits any open burning of waste.

– Mercy Salis

Judges converge for annual summit

More than 150 judges will today converge in Mombasa for their annual conference to discuss judicial accountability and independence, among other issues.

Chief Justice David Maraga will officially open the forum themed "Balancing Judicial Independence and Accountability", at the Sarova Whitesands hotel. The four-day conference will be attended by judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Court, Environment and Land Court as well as the Employment and Labour Relations Court.

Judicial approach on sexual offences and the age of consent will also be discussed. Dr Fred Ojiambo and Prof Albert Mumma are among the expected speakers.

– Wangari Njuguna

Meru leaders vow to back Ruto 2022 State House bid

Lawmakers urge residents to support the DP, citing his commendable track record and commitment to steering development

by Dorcas Mbatia and DPPS
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Deputy President William Ruto (centre) with Igembe South MP John Paul (third left) at the latter's homecoming ceremony at Riaki Primary School in Igembe South, Meru, on Saturday. DPPS

Meru county leader have vowed to rally behind Deputy President William Ruto's presidential bid in 2022.

A battery of lawmakers yesterday assured Ruto they will back his bid for the Presidency in the next General Election, adding that the move will be one of the ways of keeping the Jubilee promise.

Legislators John Paul (Igembe South), Kubai Kiringo (Igembe Central), Gichunge Kabeabea (Tigania East), John Mutunga (Tigania west), Kathuri Murungi (Imenti South), Mugambi Rindikiri (Buuri), nominated MP Halima Mucheke, and Meru Senator Mithika Linturi said they will support Jubilee by campaigning for Ruto in Mt Kenya region.

The leaders, who accompanied the DP in his two-day tour of Meru county, urged residents to back Ruto owing to his commendable track record and commitment to steer development in the country.

Lose focus

"Let us not be deceived by the Handshake. If we are not careful this will split and bring down the Jubilee house ahead of 2022," said Linturi.

Speaking at Ruiri in Buuri sub-county, Linturi called on all Jubilee leaders to walk in one direction and avoid being divided to ensure the party rules in the next term.

"We must have a stand on which direction we are headed. If Jubilee is going to be blinded by the Handshake relationship, I must say we will lose our focus and someone else will benefit out of it," he added.

The senator claimed ODM leader Raila Odinga was cunningly using the Handshake to take his party to power.

Backing the sentiments, Kiringo urged the Meru community to shun leaders who are not Jubilee champions, claiming they don't have the interest of Meru people at heart.

Break friendship

"We promise 100 per cent support for Ruto from Meru people and we will not support anybody who is not from Jubilee because there was an agreement to back Ruto after President Uhuru Kenyatta's tenure expires," said Murungi.

"We need to meet as Jubilee leaders from Mt Kenya region and decide which direction to follow ahead of the elections," he added.

Addressing residents at Timau and Ruiri, the DP urged the Meru community not to break their friendship with Jubilee.

"Meru people are friends of Jubilee and I am asking you to continue being firm and loyal to our friendship to help us archive more goals and development in our county," he said.

Ruto said the government is working hard to fulfil all the pledges they made to Kenyans when they ascended to power.

The lawmakers also said they will not support the proposed referendum if it goes against the Constitution.

Speaking on Saturday in the county, they said the Constitution cannot be amended "through kangaroo routes such as the Building Bridges Initiatives (BBI)".

They said MPs and other leaders would gang up against a referendum that does not increase resources to counties.

However, Ruto asked leaders to focus on discharging their mandate. "It is the wananchi who have the final say on the referendum issue," he said.

RACE TO FULFIL PLEDGES

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Ndolo, six others in the dock today over weekend incident

by Zadock Angira
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A tussle over the control a prime property in Kileleshwa turned nasty on Saturday evening after former Makadara MP Reuben Ndolo (*pictured*) and his accomplices threatened to shoot a businessman.

Ndolo and six other men, who were later arrested by Flying Squad detectives, had stormed Bustani Gardens on Oledume Road in Kilimani where they created disturbance before threatening to kill.

Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) officers identified the other six suspects as Daniel Otieno Juma, George Otieno, Cyrus Nyamboga Gichana, Bernard Ochieng Andai, Dick Otieno Ombaka and Hassan Dima Wario.

DCI said they would be charged today with the offences of threatening to kill and creating disturbance. "All the suspects are helping DCI in further investigations and will be charged on Monday," the DCI said.

Under the Penal Code, a person found guilty of threatening to kill another person risks a jail term of 10 years. Creating disturbance, on the other hand, attracts a jail term of three years upon conviction of six months.

The suspects were not granted police bail and spent their second day at the Kilimani Police Station last night.

On Saturday night, Ndolo reached out on Nairobi Governor Mike Sonko claiming he had a court order to evict the woman who owns the property. The property is said to belong to the Ashish family.

Namwamba calls for peace in South Sudan to spur development

by Hillary Mageka
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Foreign Affairs Chief Administrative Secretary Ababu Namwamba has called for ceasefire among warring parties in South Sudan, saying peace is the only key to a nation's development.

Namwamba, who is a member of the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (Igad) Council of Ministers, said constant conflict in the world's newest country has continued to deny its population fundamental services such as education and health.

"It is unfortunate to see a country that fought for independence for almost 30 years slip back to ethnic conflict; it's not only unfortunate but regrettable," he said at an education forum held at the University of Nairobi yesterday.

He attributed the South Sudan conflict to ethnic tensions, management of oil resources and the power struggle between President Salva Kiir and opposition leader Riek Machar.

Agents of peace

"The world has witnessed conflict and paid the ultimate price," he said.

Namwamba urged teachers and student to be agents of peace

He also called for the introduction of peace education courses in primary and secondary schools curriculum.

The CAS said establishing and implementing such a policy would help future generations.

BRIEFLY



Make graft report public, urges senator

Nyamira Senator Okong'o Omogeni has urged the Director of Criminal Investigations George Kinoti to make public findings of a probe, that was carried out by his officers on alleged corruption in the county. Addressing the press in Nyamira town yesterday, Omogeni (*above*) said residents want to know why action has not been taken against those implicated in graft. **– Evans Nyakundi**



PS: Inspect stalled Nyanza water plans

Water PS Joseph Irungu (*above*) has asked the Water Services Regulatory Board to inspect and give recommendations on the status of stalled multi-billion-shilling water projects in Nyanza. Speaking during the launch of St Elizabeth Uranga and Raduodi water projects in Ugunja on Saturday, he said Kenyans should get the value for their taxes in the projects. **– Eric Juma**



Kenya Power probes illegal power lines

Kenya Power has launched investigations into illegal electricity connections in Karuti village, Kirinyaga county. The firm's county business manager Patrick Ruto said the connections were made using substandard conductors hence endangering the lives of the consumers. He said the illegal lines have been disconnected from Kenya Power's transformers. **– Githinji Mwangi**

Residents vow to boycott census over border row

Residents of Talai location in Tot division, Elgeyo Marakwet, have threatened to boycott the coming national census exercise over a boundary dispute.

Addressing the press at Chebilil trading centre on Saturday, the residents said there were urgent issues that needed to be solved before the start of the exercise on August 24.

Former Endo ward councillor Chadwick Chelumale raised concern that more than 100 Talai residents would be counted under the neighbouring Koibirir location.

Kaptalai Professionals Association



vice chair Julius Chesawach claimed areas such as Tilatil, Kimoi, Musitwa, Kiptabus and Sarachan were wrongly mapped. He said past conflicts on administrative boundaries had seen Talai residents deprived of State services and development. **– KNA**



ASIGE (PUNJANI'S LAWYER)

He cannot flee from his country over allegations that are baseless

Lawyer says tycoon Punjani will return home to clear name

Suspected drug baron expected to surrender to authorities upon arrival at Moi International Airport

by Sophie Njoka
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Suspected drug baron Ali Punjani (*pictured*) is expected to return to the country this morning, days after he was allegedly discharged from an Indian hospital where he was undergoing a heart surgery.

Punjani's lawyer Jeff Asige yesterday said the embattled tycoon will surrender to authorities upon arrival at the Moi International Airport, Mombasa, and thereafter record statements with the police.

The suspected drug lord was reportedly discharged from hospital on Friday.

Asige said his client was ready to cooperate with authorities to clear his name.

"He cannot flee from his country over allegations that are baseless. I am 100 per cent sure travel arrangements are already in place and he wants to prove his innocence by cooperating with police in the ongoing investigations," he said.

The development comes amid a looming transfer of top police bosses in Mombasa and the coastal region, who have reportedly been implicated in the renewed war against drug trafficking.

Mombasa county police commander Johnstone Ipara, who oversaw the raid to recover narcotic drugs from Punjani's Nyali palatial home, is likely to be the first casualty.

Armed guards

Last Tuesday during the raid, Ipara denied media reports that Punjani had been assigned armed police bodyguards.

The looming reshuffle comes barely six days after interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i said during his tour in Mombasa that the war on drugs would be ruthless and painful.

"This time the government is ready to move a step further even if it's looking among us," he said.

LOOMING RESHUFFLE

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Holiday cheer...

Sarova Whitesands Beach Resort and Spa kids club members Mylo Tugi and Samatha Hailey, both aged four, join Chapa Kazi Cultural Group members Mwanajuma Mzee (right) and Zubenda Matunda in playing drums at Sarova Taita Hill Game Lodge in Tsavo West National Park. The tourism and hospitality industry is projecting good returns as the peak season, which traditionally runs between October and December, kicks off. PD/BONFACE MSANGI

MOMBASA

Health workers strike over pay row paralyses services

Health Services at Coast Provincial General Hospital have for the fourth day yesterday remained paralysed after doctors and nurses at the facility downed tools over delayed payment of July salaries.

Kenya National Union of Nurses (Knun) Mombasa secretary general Peter Maroko said workers of all public hospitals in the county had downed tools owing to lack of transport to their workstations.

The 800 health workers, under the union, began their strike last Friday after Mombasa County government failed to honour its earlier promise to pay the delayed salaries by Thursday, last week.

Most patients at the facility were discharged while the critically ill were transferred to private hospitals.

County communications director Richard Chacha said: "The issue will be sorted out, we are looking for other means to sort out our workers, especially the health staff, to ensure delivery of services is not interrupted." **– Sophie Njoka**

SIAYA

MPs differ on BBI, Punguza Mizigo bill

Nine Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) legislators have accused their Rift Valley counterparts of being behind efforts to reduce various elective posts by supporting the Punguza Mizigo initiative.

Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee chair Opiyo Wandayi, Tom Kajwang (Ruaraka), Gideon Ochanda (Bondo), Otiende Amollo (Rarieda) and Elisha Odhiambo (Gem), among others, faulted colleagues from Rift Valley for trying to sabotage Building Bridges Initiative.

They claimed the Rift MPs were being used by senior politicians and traders, who have all along been uncomfortable with BBI.

The MPs were addressing Luong Mogik Church faithful at Nyamonye.

"It's corruption that must be stopped," they said. **– Eric Juma**

BRIEFLY



Protesters flood Hong Kong streets in peaceful march

HONG KONG, SUNDAY: A sea of democracy activists flooded the streets of Hong Kong Sunday in a defiant show to the city's leaders that their movement still pulls wide public support, despite mounting violence and increasingly stark warnings from Beijing.

Tens of thousands of protesters carrying umbrellas poured across the heart of Hong Kong island despite torrential rain, closing key roads and flouting a police order not to march from a park where they had gathered earlier for a rally.

Ten weeks of demonstrations have plunged the financial hub into crisis. Sunday's action, which continued into the night, was billed by organisers as a return to the "peaceful" origins of the leaderless protest movement.

-AFP



British MPs press Johnson to recall parliament over Brexit

LONDON, SUNDAY: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson came under pressure Sunday to immediately recall lawmakers from their summer holiday so parliament can debate Brexit.

Over 100 MPs have written to Johnson to urge him to reconvene and let them sit permanently until October 31—the date Britain is due to leave the European Union.

MPs are not due to return until September 3. "Our country is on the brink of an economic crisis, as we career towards a no-deal Brexit," said the letter, signed by MPs and opposition party leaders who want to halt Britain's departure from the EU.

"We face a national emergency, and parliament must be recalled now."

Johnson insists Britain must leave the EU on October 31, with or without a divorce deal.

Labour main opposition leader Jeremy Corbyn wants to call a vote of no confidence in Johnson's government after parliament returns.

He hopes to take over as a temporary prime minister, seek an extension to Britain's EU departure date to stop a no-deal Brexit, and then call a general election.

- AFP

More than 300 immigrants rescued, says Libyan navy

TRIPOLI, SUNDAY: The Libyan navy said Sunday 335 migrants had been rescued and one body recovered in separate operations off the coast, as they tried to cross the Mediterranean to reach Europe.

Nine children were among 57 migrants in a wooden boat rescued Saturday about 40 nautical miles from the town of Zuwara, west of Tripoli, navy spokesman General Ayoub Kacem said.

He said they were from Ethiopia and Egypt.

It came days after Libyan navy patrols on Tuesday "rescued 278 migrants on board four inflatable boats northwest and northeast of Tripoli", Kacem added.

According to the statement, 128 Sudanese were in the boats, in addition to migrants from Chad, Egypt, Niger, Benin and Eritrea, including 35 women and 11 children.

Libya, which has been wracked by chaos since the 2011 uprising that killed dictator Moamer Kadhafi, has long been a major transit route for migrants, especially from sub-Saharan Africa. **-AFP**



Sudanese celebrate outside the Friendship Hall in Khartoum where generals and protest leaders signed the agreement on Saturday. AFP

Sudan historic power-sharing deal is sealed

Agreement ushers in a new governing council, including both civilians and generals, to pave the way for elections

Khartoum, Sunday

Sudan's ruling military council and civilian opposition alliance have signed a landmark power-sharing deal.

The agreement ushers in a new governing council, including both civilians and generals, to pave the way towards elections and civilian rule.

Mohamed Hamdan "Hemeti" Dagolo, widely regarded as Sudan's most powerful man, has pledged to abide by its terms.

Sudan has seen pro-democracy protests and repression since long-time ruler Omar al-Bashir was ousted in April.

The deal was signed by Hemeti and Lt-Gen Abdel Fattah Abdelrahman Burhan for the military council, and Ahmed al-Rabie for the Alliance for Freedom and Change umbrella group of pro-democracy protesters.

The prime ministers of Ethiopia and Egypt and the South Sudanese president were among regional leaders attending ceremony.

There were scenes of wild celebrations on the streets of the capital, Khartoum, after the ceremony.

Thousands of cheering people gathered around the convention hall where the documents were signed, waving Sudanese flags and flashing peace signs.

Khartoum residents and people from other parts of the country came in on buses and trains for the occasion.

Under the deal, a sovereign council, consisting of six civilians and five generals, will run the country until elections.

The two sides have agreed to rotate the chairmanship of the council for just over three years. A prime minister nominated by civilians is due to be appointed next week.

"We will stick to every single letter we have agreed on," Hemeti said ahead of the ceremony.

"Even without the agreement, we (would) have to work in this direction because it's in the country's interest," he added. "Therefore we have to carry out the agreement, stick to it and support it."

Celebrations in Khartoum

Hemeti is the commander of the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) which grew out of the notorious Janjaweed militia that was accused of carrying out a genocide in the Darfur region of western Sudan.

Many people stood outside the RSF headquarters in central Khartoum, playing revolutionary songs and chanting at soldiers in celebration, Reuters news agency reports.

The RSF have been blamed for recent abuses, including the June 3, massacre during which more than 120 people were reportedly killed, with many of the dead dumped in the River Nile.

RSF leaders have denied planning the killings, which they say were carried out by rogue elements. **- BBC**

HOW CRISIS UNFOLDED

- **The unrest in Sudan can be traced back to December 2018, when the then President Bashir's government imposed emergency austerity measures..**
- **Cuts to bread and fuel subsidies sparked demonstrations in the east over living standards, and the anger spread to the capital.**

Kabul wedding ends in horror as ISIS suicide bomber kills 63

Kabul, Sunday

Joy and celebration turned into horror and carnage when an Islamic State suicide bomber targeted a packed Afghan wedding hall, killing at least 63 people in the deadliest attack to rock Kabul in months, officials and witnesses said Sunday.

The massive blast, which took place late Saturday in west Kabul, came as Washington and the Taliban finalise a deal to reduce the US military presence in Afghanistan and hopefully build a roadmap to a ceasefire.

The groom recalled greeting smiling guests in the afternoon, before seeing their bodies being carried out hours later.

Interior ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said a suicide bomber carried out the attack, with at least 63 people killed and 182 injured.

President Ashraf Ghani called it "barbaric", while Afghanistan's chief executive Abdullah Abdullah described it as a "crime against humanity". US ambassador to Afghanistan John Bass called it an act of "extreme depravity". **- AFP**

Burundian albino teen dismembered

A 15-year-old albino boy has been found dismembered in Burundi a week after going missing, the first such killing in the country in three years, a local albino group said Sunday. The teenager was found dead along the Rusizi river, not far from his home village. "The young albino was killed atrociously... His murderers cut his right leg off at the knee, his right arm and his tongue," said Kassim Kazungu, the head of the local association Albinos Without Borders. **-AFP**

Businesshub

> The shilling is facing pressure from the ongoing trade war between China and US

BRIEFLY

Local entrepreneurs urged to compete for Jack Ma's Sh25.8 b

START-UPS: Kenyan entrepreneurs from across all sectors have been encouraged to apply for the next round of the $10 million (Sh1.04 billion) African Netpreneur Prize Initiative (ANPI), which wrapped up its semi-final round over the weekend in Nairobi.

Twenty ANPI semi-finalists pitched their ideas to seven judges at Nailab, the ICT startup incubator, hoping to be among the 10 finalists in the finals to be held in Accra, Ghana in October.

The winner will get a $250,000 (Sh25.8 million) prize, with the first and second runners-up getting $150,000 (Sh15.5 million) and US$100,000 (Sh10.3 million), respectively.

Financed by the Jack Ma Foundation, through a donation from the billionaire philanthropist, ANPI will be developed into a television show called "Africa's Business Heroes" to run over the 10-year period of the programme. ANPI is funded by the Jack Ma Foundation in partnership with Nailab. **–Peter Okong'o**



Real estate players cry foul over high cost of electricity, inputs

MANUFACTURING: Players in the real estate industry have raised concern over the rising cost of electricity and raw materials which, they say, is slowing down the construction sector.

Speaking during this year's Annual Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK) convention in Mombasa on Friday, the builders said the high cost of production was affecting property developers even as the government, in its Big Four agenda, planned to put up 500,000 houses by 2022.

Trade Cabinet Secretary Peter Munya, however, reiterated that the manufacturers could claim up to 30 per cent of their electricity cost.

"As long as you can prove that you are a manufacturer, you can claim up to 30 per cent of your electricity cost. But you must utilise first before claiming," said Munya.

Munya said the government seeks to achieve 15 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product through local manufacturing. **–Reuben Mwambingu**

Banks exploit policy gap to inflate short-term loan rates

Interest rates on mobile loans, credit cards has doubled as providers cover for bad or doubtful debts

by Peter Okong'o

Higher rates of default by borrowers are pushing up the cost of short-term debts that include credit cards and mobile loans.

A top tier bank has already written to its customers alerting them of an increase in the interest it charges on credit cards.

"Due to the increase in cost of credit, we would like to inform you of the change in the monthly interest rate for your credit card from 1.08 per cent per month to 3.5 per cent effective July 19, 2019," the bank said in a June correspondence to customers.

This means customers will have to part with 42 per cent interest per year if they use their credit card every month.

Default rates

"The increases are due to the high risk-profile of these services. Banks are seeing increased default rates on these products and so are being forced to raise the interest to cover for the write-offs," said Antone Wambura, the executive director of Lake National Sacco.

According to Wambura, a former bank manager, most Kenyans are forced into default due to the high cost of living and a tough economic environment that has made life difficult.

Similar sentiments were expressed by a senior bank manager who asked not to be named as he is not authorised to speak to the media.

"Simply put, things are tough. People are struggling and banks know this so they are taking measures to cover any write-offs," said the manager.

Similarly affected is the cost of mobile loans. Another top tier bank has warned its customers that they would have to shell out more cash as interest for its mobile loans.

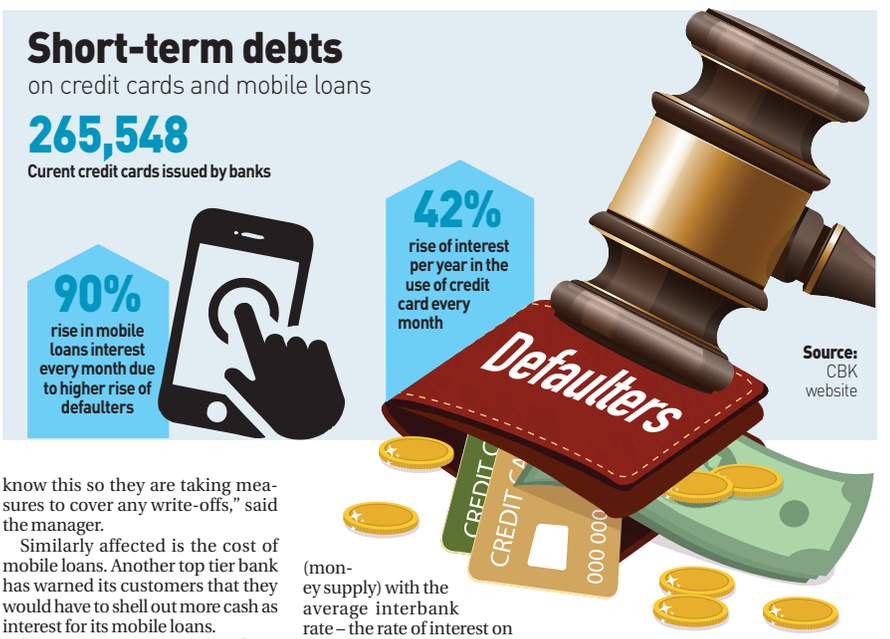
"Dear customer, your next loan will be charged at 7.5 per cent of the borrowed amount to be repaid after 30 days," read the SMS sent to customers.

Yearly, the bank's customers will pay 90 per cent interest if they take up a mobile loan every month.

Commercial banks are required to get approval from the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), the sector regulator, before implementing adjustments to their credit card fees or informing their customers of the same.

Currently, a total of 265,548 credit cards have been issued by banks according to data from the CBK website.

Hiking of interest rates comes against a tightening of liquidity (money supply) with the average interbank rate – the rate of interest on short-term loans between banks – growing from 2.4 per cent in July to 3.5 per cent even as CBK sold more dollars to banks as the local currency came under pressure from a stronger US dollar and weaker Chinese currency, the yuan.



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> Banks are being forced to raise interest to cover for the write-offs

The interbank rate is generally regarded as a reliable indicator of liquidity levels in the banking sector. The phrase "increase in cost of credit" used by banks to hike interest rates of short-term loans is a pointer to tighter liquidity in the interbank market.

While CBK has received praise for restoring discipline in the money market and keeping the local currency stable, the shilling is facing pressure from the ongoing trade war between China and US, with US President Donald Trump labelling China a "currency manipulator" for allowing the yuan to drop, thereby making China's exports cheaper.

More Kenyans shift to mobile savings accounts



MONEY: More Kenyans are saving cash in mobile money accounts compared to traditional bank accounts, a FinAcess study released recently shows.

FinAcess 2019 report reveals that 79 per cent of adults save money using mobile money accounts, 25 per cent prefer to use mobile banks, 30 per cent use the traditional bank accounts, 26 per cent national hospital insurance account, while eight per cent use digital money.

Interestingly, while the number of adults, who save in mobile money accounts is rising, that of those who save in the traditional bank accounts, Saccos and Microfinance Intermediaries (MFIs) accounts is decreasing. "There has been an eight per cent increase in the share of adults saving through mobile money and digital apps since 2016 in contrast to a two per cent decline in users of traditional services," the report says.

Kestrel Capital researcher Eugene Gikonyo says the loan component has greatly contributed to the high number of adults saving in mobile money.

"Mobile device are easily accessible, convenient, timely and cost saving," says Gikonyo.

He said although products introduced through mobile money have not replaced traditional banking, the number of transactions a day has increased. **–Zachary Ochuodho**



HEALTH FOR ALL: First Lady Margaret Kenyatta visits the stand of one of the Nyandarua clinics during the fourth Beyond Zero Medical Safari at Engineer Stadium in Nyandarua County. With her is Health Cabinet Secretary Sicily Kariuki. PD/COURTESY



BRAND NEW RIDE: Toyota Kenya managing director Arvinder Reel (left) and Hino Division general manager Omar Osogo (right) hand over a dummy Hino key to United Millers Ltd director Kamal Shah in Kisumu. PD/JOHN OCHIENG



HERE IS TO COLLABORATION: Devolution CS Eugene Wamalwa (centre) exchanges pleasantries with Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Richard Ngatia. With them is the regional director for Africa and Middle East Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) Daniel Lam during an investment forum between the chamber and HKTDC in Nairobi. PD/COURTESY



SMILING ALL THE WAY TO THE BANK: From right: KCB Group chief finance officer Lawrence Kimathi, chief executive Joshua Oigara, chairman Andrew Kairu and chief operating officer Samuel Makome review the 2019 half-year results during an investor briefing in Nairobi. The bank recorded a Sh12.7 billion net profit as at June 30, 2019. PD/ALICE MBURU



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER: Makueni Governor Kivutha Kibwana (right) and Ahadi Kenya Trust chief executive Stanley Kamau congratulate each other on receiving the outstanding African Governor Award 2019 and the African Community Service Award 2019, respectively, during The Voice Achievers Award Kenya 2019 at the National Museum in Nairobi on Friday. PD/COURTESY



FOR A JOB WELL DONE: Bamburi Cement commercial director Geoffrey Ndugwa (left) presents an award to Harish Patel (centre) and Natu Patel (right), both of Bininco Enterprises, during the Zawadi challenge award ceremony. The biannual event aims at rewarding loyalty and building relationships with dealers and retailers.PD/ALICE MBURU

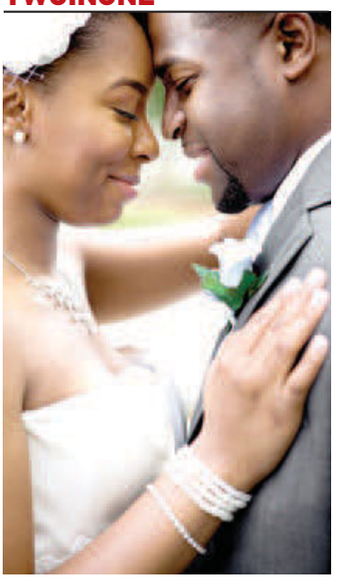


GIVING BACK TO MOTHER NATURE: Victoria Courts employees display an assortment of some of the 2,000 tree seedlings they planted at the Nairobi National Park to mark 50 years of the firm's existence. They were led by Shillan Zakharia, head of sales and marketing, retail. PD/COURTESY



TRAVELLING IN STYLE: Mercedes Benz senior sales representative Richard Bulifa hands over keys of a new Mercedes bus to M-Pesa Foundation Academy director for teaching and learning Dr M. Walker after the institution acquired the bus for ferrying its students. PD/COURTESY

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Remarrying after the death of a spouse

When Coast-based actor-cum-businessman Dan Kinyanjui aka Dan Sonko announced on his social media platforms that there's a new woman in his life, he caused a major stir. This is because he lost his wife almost two years ago and people felt that it was too soon for him to move on.

The big question often asked when one loses a spouse is how long should they wait before getting married again. Now while this may vary from person to person depending on several factors, it is normally a difficult decision for the widower or widow to make because of what others might say. There are those who would say "it is so soon", while others might start spreading rumours that the relationship existed even before the loss of a spouse. There are also those who might feel betrayed by such a move, especially friends and relatives of the late.

So, how long should one wait before remarrying? That is not an easy question to answer. I have known those who have vowed never to remarry after the death of their spouse because they are still so attached to their late spouse and feel that no other person can take good care of their children. This is informed by the horrid stories about mama wakambo (stepmothers). Legally and from a Christian point of view, there's nothing wrong with one remarrying after their spouse has died because the vows say "till death do us part". The only thing one should consider is that they have sufficiently mourned their departed spouse and have properly gone through the grieving period.

If they feel ready psychologically and have prepared the children well, (if they had kids), then there's absolutely nothing wrong with moving on into another relationship. They should not allow themselves to be held hostage by public opinion, or feel that they are betraying the deceased. It is, of course, important to consider the children if you had any, because so often we make decisions without taking them into consideration. If possible go through therapy together both during the grieving period and when you are considering remarrying. Don't just rush into it unprepared.

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I'm caught up in a secret world of emotional affair



Hi Achokis. I have been happily married for the last 15 years. The problem is, there is this man from the church where we fellowship, who I've developed an attraction to. I didn't mean to and I've tried not to entertain those feelings. This man has never made a move at me, or anything. But my husband thinks he talks to me a little too much, though he doesn't suspect anything. I find myself looking forward to seeing him and dressing up for church. It makes me hate myself. I hate the fact that I may be having an emotional affair. What do I do ?

OUR TAKE...



THE ACHOKIS

Many people think that when everything is going on well in their marriage or if they are religious, then they can't get attracted to someone else. We believe that attraction can only happen if we are unhappy, or lacking something in our marriage. But that's not the case.

It's normal

First, realise there's nothing wrong with you being attracted to this man. It can happen to anybody, even those who are happily married. This happens, especially if you meet someone who pushes all the right buttons. Being attracted to someone other than your spouse is normal — what you do with that attraction is what matters. So, you cannot blame yourself for being tempted, neither is there something wrong with your marriage. When we are attracted to someone else, the worst thing we can do is to then assume that we are unhappy with our marriage. That makes us start doubting our marriage even more, or even look for things that are wrong with our marriage.

So what do you do? Stop fantasising or dreaming about this guy. The battle will be won in your mind; watch your thoughts. We choose what to think about, we have control over our thoughts and as much as you might be enjoying those thoughts since infatuation can be fun, fight them. Focus instead on your husband. What excites you about your hubby? Dwell on those thoughts. Flirt with him and fantasise him.

Resist

Don't convince yourself this man can be an awesome husband. What you are seeing now are only his good points, but you really don't know him. What if he is not what he appears to be? Don't text him for whatever reasons and resist the temptation to go where he is or be around him. Worst case scenario may mean convincing your husband to another church. If you have a good trusted female friend who will not judge you, confide in her and let her hold you accountable.

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TIP OF THE WEEK:

"Love isn't something you feel at the beginning of your relationship that goes away after the honeymoon phase. Love is a decision that you make when you wake up everyday and look at that person that you made a commitment to.

–Kimanzi Constable



CITYMAMACITA WITH CATHERINE NJIRU

Census? We shall prepare indeed... the Kenyan way

There are public holidays and then there are public holidays in Kenya. We have a second one this month. In about a week's time. And I know plans for the day are already set. Ooh scratch that. Plans for the eve of the public holiday. On the eve by 3pm, minds shift. They're *hukoooo dundain*. Someone would say, *"Budaa si we call it a day and check in huko Whiskey..."* And the *paree* kicks as early as 3pm, we deal with Mututho later. *Ka nyamchom* here and there. Everyone makes sure food has sat heavy in their stomachs. Time for the main course, *'drinx na ma yengs'*. Only the 7'Oclock light will remind them it's home time.

Si people have slept in the morning, then they wake up to *toa lock*, which ends in another drinking spree? So, I ask what's this holiday for? (No I wasn't one of those *kimbelees* who went to remind teachers in the staffroom that they were late for class). But I don't think my country people would prepare for anyone's census. *Ati* they just chill indoors and prepare to be counted like Egyptians or were they Israelites? Hmm. By the time that census guy knocks on the door, one guy is sleeping and hugging the toilet in that order. The next didn't make it to bed, he's on the floor, snoring a good one. Another is still at the bar unleashing bottle tops evidence against the scandal that is the barmaid. *"Ukifunua na weka, hizi ndio nilikunywa."* Busted! Still he will only check the total as long as he confirms 15 bottle tops he had in his pocket. But the barmaid ain't letting it go easy. Not without a fight. She goes to the kitchen and cooks those figures, spicy hot. Two plus two is 10 kind of math.

Everyone wins. Except the census guy. *Si* they say humans tell the truth when drunk. Secrets kick those closet doors wide open. Sonko style. And deadbeats declare their offspring. *"Wawili wako hapa. Wanne nje. 'No wait, sita nje."* Then wife throws some threatening look his way. *"Aaah, namaanisha ng'ombe sita."* Do these guys carry erasers with them? I foresee a chaotic one. Oh my bad, we are digital now.

For those who will actually sit in and prepare for the census, God bless your soul. The country owes you. You shall be heftily rewarded. If githeri man got a presidential award, who are you not to?

But is someone seriously expecting Kenyans to prepare for this? Unless we are talking about the *counters*. But for us *countees*, see you at *dundaa*. Don't get anyone wrong. We stand to be counted, they can send some guys over you'll find us all there preparing, the best way we know how...*volume iko sawa*?

Ten ▸ **Top** shelf **facts**

Top players who are proving unsellable

With a new campaign under way, the majority of eyes are falling upon the 'big six' clubs and their talent-laden squads. Outside of this bubble, however, a plethora of gems are waiting to stamp their authority upon the English Premier League and achieve great things this season. Here are the very best.



1

WILFRIED ZAHA
(CRYSTAL PALACE)

The obvious choice, and the prime candidate for many fans as the league's best player outside of the top six. The mercurial Crystal Palace forward may not be outside the cream of the Premier League sides for much longer after requesting a move but, after the Arsenal connections faded, Zaha remains an Eagle... for now. If he does leave, however, Everton looks his most likely destination. Now, perhaps eager to impress more so than ever before, the 2019-20 campaign could be the Ivory Coast international's biggest to date.



2

YOURI TIELEMANS
(LEICESTER)

After his breakthrough period in English football, Leicester were wise enough to follow up on their loan of the powerful Belgian midfielder and turn it into a permanent £40 million (Sh5 billion) deal. Manchester United were sniffing around regarding a potential deal, but Leicester got the switch completed and will build their midfield around the versatile star this season.



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DECLAN RICE (WEST HAM)

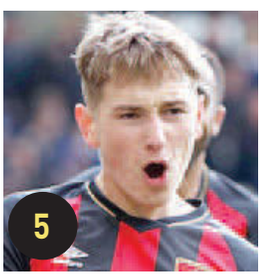
The previous campaign saw everything click into place for Rice, who seized the role of defensive-midfield anchor at West Ham for his own. After declaring his international allegiance, Rice was immediately picked up by Gareth Southgate and integrated into the senior England ranks. Another year of promise beckons for 20-year-old Rice, who will no doubt be attracting the attention of Europe's elite should he continue to patrol midfield with the same degree of poise and power.



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RUBEN NEVES (WOLVES)

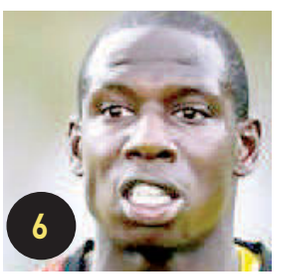
Was it all hyperbole surrounding the precociously gifted Neves? That was the question on many lips when Wolves made the jump up into the Premier League. The Portugal international answered those questions immediately, and was both a calming and artful presence in the midfield at Molineux as Nuno Espirito Santo's side powered all the way into Europe in their first season. A repeat performance, particularly on the Europa League stage, could see Neves star as a huge-money purchase next summer.



5

DAVID BROOKS
(BOURNEMOUTH)

The Welshman was unfortunate last season as injuries began to niggle, but the time he spent on the pitch was a joy to behold. Playing with a confidence and maturity beyond his years, Brooks' influential performances for Bournemouth immediately showed him to be Premier League level. Links with both Manchester clubs surfaced, but the Cherries have managed to keep hold of their gem. Another top-flight campaign under the guidance of the meticulous Eddie Howe should work wonders for his progression.



6

ABDOULAYE DOUCOURE (WATFORD)

The Frenchman was a relatively unsung hero last season, as he featured as the metronome of the Watford midfield and showcased his impressive athletic abilities. Doucoure, on his day, has a lovely contrasting blend of aggression and subtlety, along with a graceful style on the ball which almost appears out of kilter with his gangly frame. Not short of links to top teams, Doucoure's name has been heavily mentioned during the transfer window but he has remained at Vicarage Road. Watford, should they harbour ambitions to go bigger and better this season, must ensure things stay that way.



7

BEN CHILWELL
(LEICESTER)

Another Leicester star who made huge strides last season, Chilwell appears nailed-on to become an England regular and pin down one of the full-back positions as his own. His aggressive forward play is offset with a solid understanding of the game, along with a high degree of defensive competency which appears to be growing all the time. Chilwell was earmarked as a hugely important piece in the jigsaw by manager Brendan Rodgers when he arrived from Celtic, and the Northern Irishman fully plans to cultivate the 22-year-old into the real deal under his guidance.



8

JACK GREALISH
(ASTON VILLA)

Newly-promoted with his boyhood club Aston Villa, Jack Grealish needs no introduction. The hard-working playmaker, 23, was comfortably the best player in the Championship last season, and took on the captain's armband with passion and dignity. Grealish said it was a 'dream come true,' and he certainly meant it. Helping Villa regain their status as part of the English top tier, Grealish has a huge task ahead of him this season. Gareth Southgate, more than anyone else, will be keeping a close watch on him in the coming months.



9

RICHARLISON
(EVERTON)

Questions were asked when Marco Silva paid big money to bring Richarlison to Goodison and link back up with the Brazilian from their Watford spell. Those questions, however, were soon brushed aside. Richarlison offers the Toffees a dynamism in the final third which has been lacking for many a season, and has many strings to his bow. One moment he may come across as a passionate streetfighter, the next a nimble creator exuding flair in abundance. It's exactly the kind of mix desired in a Premier League forward, particularly in one who has proven he can handle the rigours of the division.

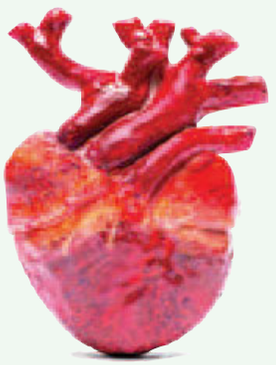


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CALLUM WILSON
(BOURNEMOUTH)

It was no coincidence that Chelsea had England international Wilson as a prime candidate to fill the void left by Alvaro Morata, only to be scuppered by a transfer ban. The 27-year-old is arguably one of the best finishers in the division, with the movement and work-rate to match. Wilson is key to the ambitions of Bournemouth this year, who are looking to better their 14th-placed finish from last season. Whether Wilson can spend as little time as possible outside of the treatment room will be the pivotal issue.

BRIEFLY



Researchers a step closer to 3D printing the heart

A team of researchers from Carnegie Mellon University has published a paper in Science that details a new technique allowing anyone to 3D bioprint tissue scaffolds out of collagen, the major structural protein in the human body.

This first-of-its-kind method brings the field of tissue engineering one step closer to being able to 3D print a full-sized, adult human heart.

The technique, known as Freeform Reversible Embedding of Suspended Hydrogels (FRESH), has allowed researchers to overcome challenges associated with existing 3D bioprinting methods, and to achieve unprecedented resolution and fidelity using soft and living materials.

Each organ in the human body, such as the heart, is built from specialised cells that are held together by a biological scaffold called the extracellular matrix (ECM). This network of ECM proteins provides the structure and biochemical signals that cells need to carry out their normal function. However, until now it has not been possible to rebuild this complex architecture using traditional biofabrication.

"What we've shown is that we can print pieces of the heart out of cells and collagen into parts that truly function, like a heart valve or a small beating ventricle. By using MRI data of a human heart, we were able to accurately reproduce patient-specific anatomical structure and 3D bioprint collagen and human heart cells," says Adam Feinberg, a professor of biomedical engineering and materials science & engineering at Carnegie Mellon, whose lab performed this work.

The FRESH 3D bioprinting method allows collagen to be deposited layer-by-layer within a support bath of gel, giving the collagen a chance to solidify in place before it is removed from the support bath. With it, the support gel can be easily melted away by heating the gel from room temperature to body temperature after the print is complete. This way, the researchers can remove the support gel without damaging the printed structure.

This method is truly exciting for the field of 3D bioprinting because it allows collagen scaffolds to be printed at the large-scale of human organs.

-Science Daily

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Rare blood disorder that plagues my life

After getting recurring nosebleeds since she was four, **MOLLINE OTIENO** was shocked to discover she suffers from von Willebrand Disease

by Milliam Murigi
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When Molline Atieno started nosebleeding at Kenyatta National Hospital in 2010 when visiting her convalescing brother, it was not such a big issue for she was used to nosebleeds.

She had had them nearly everyday since she was four years old, an annoying occurrence her parents repeatedly dismissed as insignificant. However, this particular incident prompted a more detailed test on her and other family members. It was established that the family had a bleeding disorder known as von Willebrand Disease (vWD).

"My parents used to think that it was not a disease, but a family condition because our grandmother used to have recurrent bleedings and she didn't get to go to the hospital," she adds.

Fatigue and nausea

VWD happens when clotting protein known as the von Willebrand factor (vWF) is missing or is defective. VWF helps platelets mesh to form a clot to stop bleeding. However, in people with vWD, it takes longer for blood to clot and for bleeding to stop.

It comes in four types: vWD type one, which is common and has mild symptoms such as nosebleeds and bruising. Type two has mild to moderate symptoms and is broken down into 2A, 2B, 2M and 2N, depending on quality and quantity of the vWF. Type three has severe symptoms including spontaneous bleeding episodes into joints and muscles. Acquired vWD occurs in adults, especially after diagnosis of autoimmune conditions such as lupus and after taking certain medication.

Research has shown the disease, also known as angiohaemophilia, runs in families and mostly affects people with blood group O. Symptoms may delay in girls until their first period.

Though, they were taught how to prevent and manage the bleeding, Atieno never took it as a major problem until her first period at 16. Her periods were prolonged and could even last for a week or more, leading to fatigue and nausea due to loss of iron.

"I had signs and symptoms since I was four years old, now I am 34 and it was never really looked into," she says. After going through the same problem repeatedly, she decided to find out how to manage her condition.



Molline Atieno explains her struggle with the vWD, a rare blood disorder. PD/MILLIAM MURIGI

No statistics

During her online research, she met Laurie Kelley, who runs an educational forum for individuals and families dealing with haemophilia, another bleeding disorder related to vWD, in the United States. She was invited to the US, and after listening to Kelley's story on how she managed to bring up her three children, one of whom lived with the condition, Atieno realised the condition was manageable.

"At first I was afraid that someone with a bleeding disorder could not give birth, but after seeing how such women are raising their families, I was encouraged," she adds.

Upon her return to Kenya, Atieno joined a support group to increase awareness of vWD. Currently, she is a member of the Kenya Haemophilia Association and Jose Memorial Haemophilia Society of Kenya, which educates, creates awareness, and provides treatment and support research on haemophilia and other blood disorders. They also provide factor concentrate on persons with haemophilia to prevent and manage bleeding.

Atieno is a mother to a baby boy. Because of the vWD complications, a specialist doctor monitored her throughout the pregnancy. It was a difficult time for her as she used to bleed frequently, leading to a premature delivery at just seven months. Her baby is a constant reminder of how blessed she is.

Haematologist, Dr Kibet Shikuku, says pregnant women with vWD need close monitoring by a multi-sectoral team that includes obstetricians/gynaecologists and blood specialists.

These specialists should also draw up a delivery plan to ensure the patient does not bleed out as well as check the child to determine if they have vWD.

Whereas it is estimated that up to one per cent of the world's population suffers from vWD, Dr Kibet says the number of people with vWD in Kenya is unknown due to lack of awareness. The lack of a central repository and specialised centres to effectively manage the condition also contributes to this lack of statistics. "The treatment involves giving clotting factor concentrates to prevent bleeding and bleeding-related complications in people with vWD but each case is handled on its own to allow a proper analysis of how the condition presents," he adds.

Kibet also notes that vWD can be passed down from parent to child of either sex. However, in some cases, a spontaneous change in the vWD gene before the baby is born can cause it.

AT A GLANCE

- **Von Willebrand Disease (vWD) is a hereditary blood clotting disorder in humans.**
- **It is caused by a missing or defective protein called the von Willebrand Factor, a key clotting protein that binds platelets to cause clotting.**
- **It is named after Finnish physician Erik Adolf Von Willebrand, who first described it in 1926.**
- **Also known as angiohaemophilia, it runs in families and mostly affects people with blood group O.**
- **While global prevalence of vWD is one per cent, the statistics in Kenya is unknown.**



Dr Kibet Shikuku, haematologist.

BRIEFLY

Central Knut officials root for Sossion fast removal

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The giant Kenya National Union of Teachers (Knut) is headed for turbulent waters following spirited efforts by 10 of its branches in Central Kenya region to oust its national secretary general Wilson Sossion.

They are accusing Sossion of ineptitude in running the union and engaging the government in personal vendetta instead of spearheading the welfare of teachers. "His exit following a Teachers Service Commission (TSC) move to deregister him is the sure way to rejuvenate the union which is losing confidence among its members," said the leaders.

Union officials led by National Executive Committee (Nec) member John karanu and Nyeri branch executive secretary, Mathenge Wanjau said the union boss has failed to consult Nec —the union's top decion making body— in decision making, in contradiction of the its constitution. The situation has led to sour relationships with the TSC, the teachers employer, which inturn has hit back by failing to involve Knut in crucial matters.

The officials talked to *Scholar* after holding a three-hour meeting at a Nyeri hotel. "Tutors from this region are aggrieved by Sossion's lone-ranger tactics while dealing with serious education matters, exposing us to exploitation by TSC which is better organised," said Karanu.

He decried Sossion's move to demonise the new Competency-Based Curriculum, which he trashed and even incited teachers to block its implementation without consultations. "No wonder tutors defied him and went on with training," he said.

Wanjau said the secretary general has on many occasions openly clashed with TSC, on matters which could be sorted out in boardrooms. "He has put the union's branches into financial woes after TSC stopped deducting the union's monthly contributions from teachers," he lamented.

However, analysts say Central Kenya Knut officials have an axe to grind with Sossion whom they accuse of segregating the region. No official from the region holds a key post at the Knut national level despite it being founded in a garage in Ruiru.



Knut branch officials from Central Kenya region brief the media after a meeting at a Nyeri hotel last week. PD/ JOSEPH KING'ORI

Scholar ▶ Education Pays



FROM RIGHT: Education Cabinet Secretary Prof George Magoha, his PS Dr Belio Kipsang and nominated senator Agnes Zani address the media during a Members of Parliament workshop on the new Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) held in Naivasha in July. PD/KIRERA MWITI

Time running out for curriculum reforms, universities warned

Experts call for research, understanding and capacity building for lecturers ahead of new syllabus in 2028

by Irene Githinji
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University scholars have been urged to take the lead in driving the ongoing education reforms, which will have a direct impact on universities.

Graduates of basic education system under the new Competency-Based Curriculum (CBC) are expected to join universities in 2029. They will be joining through three routes: Talents covering arts and sports, social sciences and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (Stem) courses.

Education Cabinet secretary Prof George Magoha says though the reforms towards CBC have been focused on basic education level and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Tvet) subsectors as directed by Sessional Paper No. 14 of 2012, it does not mean universities remain static.

Magoha said the Sessional Paper called for enhanced collaborations between industry, professional bodies and academic institutions in determining competencies required of the graduates.

Rollout

He noted that universities are expected to produce graduates with relevant competencies, which can only be achieved through the realignment of the curricula after consultations with industry and professionals on the expected competencies.

"We are rolling out CBC envisaging that the roll-out will continue systematically so as to encapsulate the entire basic education sector by 2028 when the current Grade 3 learners will reach Grade 12 graduate from where they will transit to tertiary education," Magoha said.

He was addressing a forum at Kenyatta University on the positioning of universities in the new syllabus last week. He said the institutions must undertake reforms towards positioning themselves to meet the needs of graduates.

Magoha said universities need to revise their curricula grounded on relevance, even as questions are raised on whether it is meeting labour market needs. "A survey on skills mismatch by the Federation of Kenya Employers in 2018 revealed that most university graduates do not have competencies to perform their jobs; industries had to retrain them for three to six months," he said.

He urged Commission for University Education (CUE) to provide a framework for guiding universities in aligning their curricula to CBC.

Education and Development Consultant, Prof Kabiru Kinyanjui said there is need to orientate universities to new modes of learning and interacting with students.

Secondary specialisations

Kinyanjui said there is need to prepare lecturers to teach students who will have gone through CBC as they join universities in 2028. "This also calls for the need to reform university programmes and degrees in line with the knowledge requirements of a three-year degree," he said.

Kinyanjui said there is need to understand how senior secondary specialisations and pathways for Grades 10-12 will prepare students for university education degrees in social sciences, Stem and sports.

"There is the changing structure for university education from four to three years, which calls for capacity building of lecturers to teach and guide learning for students who form the CBC system," he said.

The professor said there is also a need to identify and nurture university experts as champions of CBC reforms to link up basic education changes to university education. "The champions will be vital communication links between Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD), Teachers Service Commission (TSC), CUE, the Ministry and universities, to create a culture of change in universities for the anticipated changes," he said.

The champions are expected to work with senates, faculty heads, lecturers and other university players to formulate Terms of References for detailed curriculum reviews and changes required in various degree programmes.

Other key partnerships, Kinyanjui said, should be in training of assessment professionals in formative and summative methodologies in schools of education, in consultation with Kenya National Examinations Council (Knec).

"Reforms are critical to revitalising universities in service to education systems and the society. They should prepare for implementation of CBC at their level, and supporting its implementation at lower levels of the education system," he said.

IN BRIEF WITH WINSTONE CHISEREMI @Wchiseremi

Varsity bars 500 from graduation

The graduation of more than 3,000 students of Moi University in Uasin Gishu county slated for August 22 hangs in the balance after aggrieved learners threatened to move to the Court to block the ceremony.

More than 500 disgruntled students vowed to file a court petition ahead of the ceremony to protest the institution's action to lock them out of graduation fete. "The institution is using the excuse of missing marks and fees balance to deny us our rights to graduate," said Janet Otieno.

A Bachelor of Arts degree in Education student, Otieno joined the university in 2012, but is yet to graduate on account of missing marks. "My efforts to have the alleged missing marks in some units recorded has failed for four yeas. There is no way a student can sit for final exams without paying fees in full. Most of us fulfilled all requirements to graduate," cried the now married woman.

Christine Wambulwa said the deans and top university managements have refused to give them an audience. She attributed rampant cases of nepotism, tribalism and favourism in the award of marks for the crisis they are facing.

The students, who have been at the institution for weeks, claim some of the lecturers have refused to release their marks to push for their pay and allowances. The most affected is the School of Business and Economics. "

The university management has defended its decision to lock the aggrieved students from the graduation list slated for Thursday.

The institution's Public Relation Officer, Patricia Cherambos, said the aggrieved learners must clear their fees first and others sort out the missing marks before being allowed to graduate. "Most students crying foul have huge fee balances while others have missing marks," she said.



Moi University student leader Felix Odiwor (centre) speaks to the press over the missing marks saga. PD/JIMMY GITAKA

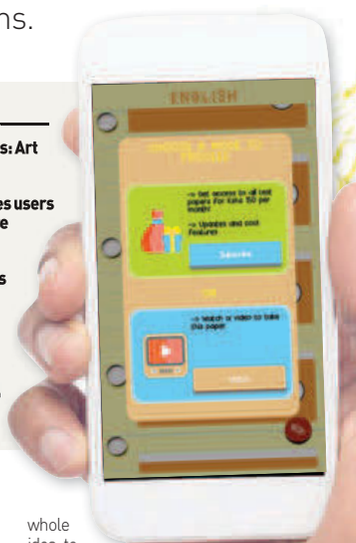
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On mission to make learning visual

With the Kalamu App, **BRIAN OURO** hopes to make revision easier for candidates gearing up for KCPE examaminations.

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Brian Ouro is bent on helping primary school pupils learn better with a visual revision app. TOP: A screenshot of the KCPE Kalamu app. PD/COURTESY

AT A GLANCE

- **At just 25, Brian Ouro has created two apps: Art of Flags and KCPE Kalamu.**
- **Art of Flags is a colouring app that provides users with information of flags and their respective countries.**
- **KCPE Kalamu is a revision app that targets primary school pupils**
- **Ouro was inspired by his comprehension challenge in school to create the apps.**
- **He is also co-founder of Wapple Systems, an IT consulting company.**

Having gone through the 8-4-4 system and experiencing his fair share of challenges, Brian Ouro, 25, sought to make learning easier for others like him. He found it difficult to concentrate on reading books and listening to teachers, especially if the content was only in text.

"When I was in school, I had a tough time getting by and paying attention in class. Even retaining what I learnt was not a walk in the park, but when it came to subjects that had a lot of visuals, I was able to grasp the content and eventually passed in those exams," he says.

Ouro preferred learning things visually and interactively, as is the case when playing a game. However, at the time, he was forced to learn in the traditional way since he did not find any alternative. His comprehension challenges went on even in high school.

"It was not that I was stupid, but I had a really tough four years trying to wrap my mind around subjects. All I know is that I understood things a lot faster if they were visual," he explains.

First app

After high school, Ouro joined Shang Tao Media Arts, where he studied animation. "My stay at the school helped me a great deal . I honed my skill to create visuals and illustrations to not only tell stories but also solve problems," he says.

He worked on his first educational game, Art of flags, which provides users with information of different flags as they colour them. The app has 3,650 downloads to date. The app did not do well financially, but made him interested in online games and interactivity. It also spurred him to create a primary school-based game with online capabilities.

He crossed paths with eMobilis, a mobile technology institute that equips students with skills on how to create software, apps and content for mobile handsets.

"While there, I remembered my challenge in the classroom and decided to make learning easier as my project. Eventually, I designed my application, KCPE Kalamu App," Ouro adds. KCPE stands for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education and Kalamu is the Kiswahili word for pen. The personnel at eMobilis were impressed with Ouro's work.

The revision application, which can be found on Google PlayStore, has a very user-friendly interface. "Once you download it, get through the simple and guided sign-up process, you can access revision papers for all subjects going as far back as the year 2000," he says.

The app's home screen looks like an exercise book, which goes a long way in making a user feel like they are perusing a book. That is Ouro's whole idea; to make revision fun and interactive.

Activated and interested

Upon successfully login, the exam papers are on display and to access the questions, a user pays a fee of Sh150 monthly subscription, after enjoying a month on free trial. "That amount helps host it on the store and also pays me," Ouro adds.

Getting to this point was not easy for the tech head. "Coding is not easy and it takes long hours. And after coding, I needed to market the app, and that was not easy. No one tells you actualising a project is hard, but, by and by, people get wind of what I am doing and endorse the application for their children," he reveals.

Even tougher was how he could get the average primary pupil to use his application instead of gaming apps. "I had to ensure they would be intrigued and that they retain and use it," he explains.

Some features the app comes with include a graphical representation of performances for each subject, ability to share the performance scores with other pupils and friends as well as daily challenges to keep the student engaged and activated.

The positive feedback and reviews keep Ouro going. "I look forward to engineering more applications that will make life better, but for now, I am bent on changing the primary education system, one download at a time," he concludes.

GADGET REVIEW WITH IRENE MWAMBURA

Bluetooth ear buds with charging pod

These Bluetooth in-ear headphones from Tao Tronics offer more than three hours of playtime on a single charge. The included carrying case also doubles as a 3,500mAh power bank that can recharge the earphones up to 40 times before needing to be juiced up itself. Users can easily remove the ear buds from the charging pod to auto turn on and connect to the last device. Returning the buds to the charging pod disconnects them. Using the Bluetooth 5. 0, users are assured of no signal loss or music dropouts within 10m operational range. It costs just Sh4, 600.



Ultraportable, mini power bank

Power banks give your portable tech a power boost without having to hunt around for the nearest outlet or USB port. With the mini Rav Power Luster, you will not have to worry about how low your charge goes and how fast it needs to charge. The device comes with the iSmart technology that automatically detects the proper voltage for your device to deliver faster charging on the go. Despite its size, the 3,350mAh battery is sufficient for a full or near-full charge for most smartphones. It will cost you Sh1,100.



Saviour for poor phone camera

If you love to take pictures with your phone but your camera is letting you down, clip-on camera lenses are the best for you. One of them is the Amir clip-on camera lens pack, which comes with a 180-degree fisheye lens, a 0.4x super wide-angle lens, and a 10x macro zoom lens for detailed close-up shots. Designed with a metal housing, they are water- and dust-resistant, making them ideal for the adventurous. The clip is universal, meaning that the lenses can work most popular brands of phones. The Amir smartphone camera lenses come in at just sh1,400.



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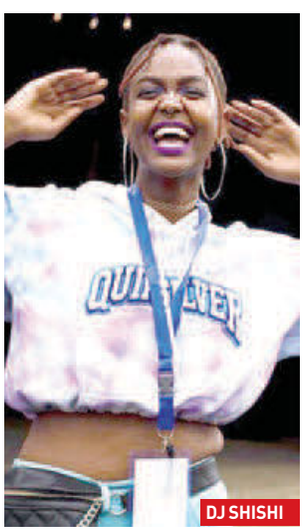
Kenya's creative industry is a Rome being built off different cliques to support the growing sector in order to put food on the table for creatives who recognise arts as a valid means to earn profits, writes **ALFAYO ONYANGO**



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DO IT YOURSELF!

JINKU


DJ SHISHI

The quest to decipher the irony that comes with Kenyan acts having one of the most advanced and forward-thinking societies in Africa, but yet to be tapped fully economically, is stifling. From all corners of the country, a myriad diverse artistic talent exist, but making ends meet, especially for the youth despite their vibrant ideas, is proving a complex puzzle.

However, this is not the end of the road, as an array of mini-conglomerates take the bull by the horns. This is in the spheres of music, visual arts, media, fine arts and social events to see ideas come to life and for the artistes to earn sustainable livelihood.

"I think being experimental in Nairobi is hard. Ninety per cent of all our press and revenue is generated from outside Kenya. And it really sucks," says Nairobi-based producer and creative, Jacob Solomon aka Jinku.

Jinku has been an influencer in Nairobi's arts and cultural scene, working alongside buzzing crew EA Wave. Together, the crew has been organising events since 2015, centred on alternative music, fashion and more youth-oriented crowd activities.

This has helped them gain the attention of foreign media as well as investors who have been able to offer a hand in promoting their non-conformist style.

"I am playing a long game here. So far, with my friends at EA Wave, we have managed to shine a light on the alternative scenes and featured on Boiler Room (a global online music broadcasting platform commissioning and streaming live music sessions around the world), Fader (a New York City-based magazine that covers music, style and culture and the first print publication to be released on iTunes) and *DJmag* —a British monthly magazine dedicated to electronic dance music and deejays. As interest in East Africa grows so does our name. For that to happen you need to cultivate opportunities here," Jinku tells *Spice*.

The music

Musically speaking, a plethora of genres exist in Kenya. From urban music's gengetone, kapuka, Afro house, hip-hop, to the indigenous tribal delinquencies such as benga and *mugithi*, there is much to be celebrated by the masses here at home.

Regardless of a rich roster of musicians, the anonymity of the corporate world (private sector) and government limits the optimal realisation of existing opportunities.

"As a creative in Kenya, there has never been rules to success. We have to activate our entrepreneurial sense, stop centralising Nairobi too much and get the other cities and towns such as Nakuru and Kisumu involved. Let's realise arts is vocational and create opportunities across the board," says Jaaz Odongo, founder of audiovisual production solutions company, Motion Image and Sound Limited.

Jaaz is a son of Jack Odongo, a legendary Kenyan musician with African Heritage Band that rocked the airwaves in the 70s and 80s. He recalls how international music companies such as EMI Music Publishing and PolyGram were influential in creating handsome revenue streams for artistes before the industry was engulfed in rampaging piracy in the late 80s.

He is currently doing his best through a company he co-founded with Ndohho Wohoro to offer artiste management, production, music mixing and mastering, event production and songwriting services. They have worked with music stars such as Fena, Karun and Charles Righa aka Rigga.

"I encourage artistes to diversify. Try not to put all your seeds in one basket; grow skill sets and do not be reliant on one thing. In Nairobi, you can't depend on one thing, situation, person or a job. So, spread your risks across. For instance, a show can be on the cards, but gets cancelled on the last minute, leaving you stranded. It's healthy to be mentally prepared for such scenarios," music entrepreneur Taio tells *Spice*.

The events

One way creatives get to share their work and interact intimately with supporters is through events. Collectives such as The Kenyan Renaissance (TKR) —a group of young Nairobi-based artsy individuals— have taken responsibility in pooling resources to help with the growth of a vibrant domestic artistic scene.

They do so by organising gigs around the city and giving platforms to up-and-coming artistes through online channels such as Apple Music and Soundcloud, while changing the narrative about Kenyan music.

"TKR was formed by a group of music and art enthusiasts from Nairobi who had a passion for changing the perception of Kenyan music. This morphed into so much more because many people were attracted to it and we ended up forming an art collective of six individuals. Because of all the attention, our endeavours have gathered pace with a mandate to showcase, document and in essence, immortalise this new age art movement currently going on in the city.

Our goal is to grow the industry and show people that we can build our own table instead of asking for a seat at someone else's table," says TKR creative director Luke Ochieng.

Alongside other acts such as AD-Family through event Shrapnite, EA Wave with various gigs at Alchemist and collectives such as Boombox.KE run by Kenya's DJ Kace and Passport Experience by DJ Fully Focus held at Alchemist, are some of the budding showcases in the capital growing in numbers seeking to involve the Kenyan audience week in, week out to grow the art society.

The media

Slowly but surely, even creatives in the media scope are setting up shop with the hope of making it count some day. From digital magazines, podcasts, online video content and online radio shows, among others, there are no limits to what the current generation of future leaders are up to in regard to cultivating platforms and avenues for art consumption.

"The public is supportive. We have since collaborated with many organisations and people like Bukachi Akatsa of FTC plunged us into the podcast world and Brian Obonyo of *The Ubunifu Space*, *Tangaza Magazine* team, Bow James of the art collective called OnDifferentDimensions and soon we'll have collaborations with *Mviringo Magazine*," adds Ochieng.

The plea from creatives is to build the industrious art sector to salvage Kenya's legacy in the art and culture domain.

"Going forward, I would really like to see more Kenyans appreciate artistes and music more allow themselves to experience new things and open themselves up to new experiences, especially in the events and nightlife culture. Kenya is not just about one form of art. That's the only way we can grow as a

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



CMC Motors brand manager for Mazda, Robert Gichuki takes Sarah Nyambura, a guest, through the features of the new CX5.



Researcher Timothy Kinoti with Foreign Affairs programme officer Joan Karanja.



Riverwood Communications director Charity Katago-Kamau with Radisson Blu marketing manage Mary Wanjohi.



CMC Motors sales and marketing director Patrick Amenya.

Driving the agenda

by Chebet Korir

Leading car dealer CMC Motors Group recently launched three new Mazda car models in the market. They include Sports Utility Vehicles (SUVs) CX-9 and CX-5 and a truck BT-50. The company's brand manager Robert Gichuki said the three Mazda models were designed to ensure the consumers get value for money. "The BT-50 truck's design has combined luxury and on and off-road prowess while the SUVs have focused on luxury, use of advanced technology and superior interior design," he said.

PD/EUSTACE MAINA



Juma Tutu and his Swahili Jazz Band entertain guests.



Radio presenter Maqbull Mohammed engages guest Harrison Mwangi on the features of the new cars.



Brand models Cynthia Mideva and Komen Penny.

THE COCKTAIL ART

by John Ochieng

With the growing culture of fine drinking and dining in Nairobi, Artcaffe Kenya in partnership with Diageo's portfolio of reserve brands recently launched a new cocktail menu for flagship drinks Ketel One, Don Julio and Singleton. The launch, at the Artcaffe-The Oval in Parklands, Nairobi, set out to give the best of cocktails crafted by highly trained Diageo World Class bartenders. Present were Diageo head of spirits Grace Nshemeire and EABL reserve brands head of sales Nicholas Mutinda.

PD/JOHN OCHIENG



Guest Jody Ike, Diageo head of spirits Grace Nshemeire and EABL head of sales-reserve brands Nicholas Mutinda.



Cocktail for the beautiful ones: Gaka M, Carol Njiru and Amy Ndunge.



Wankyo Marando and Victoria Mbugua.



Guests Marion Munga and Anne Marie savour the new cocktails.



Let's sip: Waitherero Githu, Douglas Duncanson and Victor Adada.

Take Off ▶ **Building** Capacity

Standing up for SGBV survivors

NONI MBUGUSS knows too well the healing process and challenges it come with. She now wants to help others through the same journey



by Jasmine Atieno
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According to the National Crime Research Centre, the prevalence of gender-based violence in Mombasa is 2.1 per cent compared to a national average of 8.3 per cent, something Noni Mbuggus wants to address.

Mbuguss, a survivor of sexual gender based violence (SGBV), has set up a project to rescue other survivors by providing them with a safe house and helping them through the healing process. She also uses the platform to give them opportunities to build a career for a better future.

"It is not easy being a survivor. It took me a long time to come back to life. I had to leave Nairobi for Watamu to get a safe space to begin my healing. My marriage broke because of this and I did not have the courage to talk to my family about the things I went through that fateful night. It's now 17 years and finally I have enough courage to open up. I want to be that pillar and shoulder a victim would need to start the healing process," says Mbuguss.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) defines sexual violence as any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, unwanted sexual comments or advances, or acts to traffic, or otherwise directed against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting. It encompasses rape, sexual abuse, sexual enslavement, forced prostitution and sexual abuse.

The impact of SGBV ranges from physical injuries, unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections to emotional trauma and loss of employment and livelihoods. In the long term, it can reduce or end income and productivity due to immediate and long-term medical expense or injuries. It could also lead to stigma and ostracisation from the community.

As a tourist destination, Mombasa and Watamu are seen as areas prone to SGBV due to high levels of poverty and ignorance.

"The girls see white visitors as a source of income, who sleep with them for about Sh2,000 or less. The tourists take advantage of their poverty and neediness. The saddest thing is that some parents even sell out their kids to get such money from them. It is not all tourists though; there are young women defiled by closest members of their families such as their fathers, brothers and uncles," says Priscar Mghendi, a rescue volunteer and teacher, Baraka Chembe Mixed high school.



TOP: **Models set to take part in the Miss Diva contest.** ABOVE: **Priscar Mghendi, a rescue volunteer and teacher.**

Against this background, Mbuguss and Mghendi have been working hand in hand since 2011 to rescue victims in Mombasa and Watamu, taking them to a rescue centre.

"It is hard to start the healing process when you remain in the same place you got defiled. You will die in silence because the episode lives in your memory forever. It took leaving that space for me to start healing. So I want the other survivors to get this space, as I try to push cases in court for them to get the justice they deserve. Most defilers are just walking free like its they did nothing," adds Mbuguss.

A vital part of Mbuguss's project is Miss Diva, an initiative through which she works with models, who are survivors of SGBV, to help them reintegrate into the community and earn life skills. The survivors are currently attending an educational boot camp at the Lily Palm Resort, Watamu, ahead of 'Miss Diva' beauty contest set for August 30.

Phenny Eronde, an SGBV survivor and one of the models taking part in the contest, hopes Miss Diva will create awareness about the gravity of SGBV and show survivors that they can get help.

"I am not really ready to talk about what happened to me but I am very excited to stand against SGBV. Such violence is always happening and sometimes, people don't even understand how much it eats up someone. All I can do is encourage the survivors to come out and talk to someone. Don't die in silence. I hope we can help create a safe haven for the other victims. All they need to know is that it was never their fault that these things happened, they are not weak for feeling the pain over years and that they deserve better and that they are perfectly beautiful too," she says.

Despite the gravity of SGBV in the county, Mbuguss and Mghendi mention they receive little help from the government, including the women representative who they have reached out to but in vain. They also face little or no co-operation from the survivors' families who ought to be part of the healing journey.



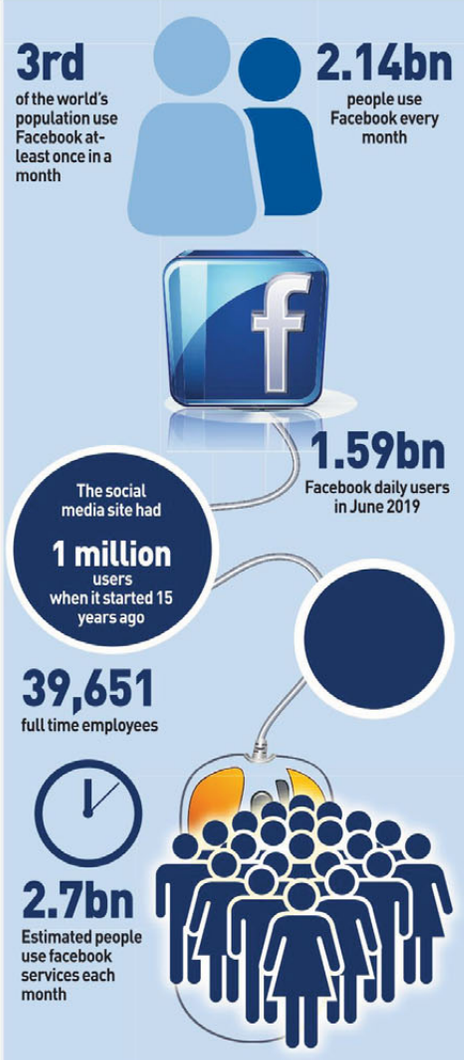
Noni Mbuggus wants to rescue sgbv victims. PD/BONFACE MSANGI

RANDOM SENSE
WITH EVELYN MAKENA

Facebook now averages over 2bn monthly users

Almost a third of the world's population use Facebook at-least once in a month, new data from the social media giant has shown. Facebook also recorded an average of over one billion daily users as of June 2019. Since its launch in 2004, the company has experienced a sustained growth in the number of its monthly active users. Users on other relatively new services within the Facebook family like WhatsApp, Instagram and Messenger further balloon the numbers with an estimated 2.1 people using at-least one of them every day. The company, started by the then Havard University students, Mark Zuckerberg and three co-founders, has grown to have offices over 70 offices around the world.

INQUICKFIGURES



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4.00 Mbiu ya KTN
4:10 The Emperor's new school
4.30 Teenage Mutant; Ninja Turtles
5.00 Baseline - Music Show
6.00 Beautiful Strangers
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7.30 Mshamba
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10.00 Documentary
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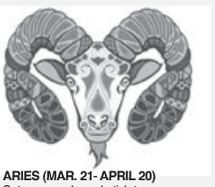
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2:00 IAAF Recorded
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8:00 Shark Tank
9:00 NTV Tonight
10:00 Road to Russia
11:00 The Beat
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01:00 CNN

HOROSCOPES



ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
Set your goals and stick to your guns. Don't let siblings put pressure on you. You can prosper if you invest in property or mutual funds.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
You will be extremely sensual; take precautions and don't take any risks. You can bet officials will be waiting for you when you do.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
Do not let your mate annoy you; patience will be the key. You'll feel much better when your slate is clean again.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Avoid confrontations with coworkers who aren't pulling their weight. Things may not be as harmonious as you would like with colleagues or employers today.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Try to deal with it quickly; don't dwell on past regrets. You can have a great time if you go out with the one you love.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool. Pleasure trips will be a form of healing for your emotional state of mind.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
Others may want to steal your thunder when they realize your ideas are pretty solid.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Your lover may disappoint you in such a way that estrangement will follow.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)
Plan to visit friends or relatives. Changes in your domestic situation will prove to be favorable in the long run.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22.- JAN. 20)
Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. Use your quick wit to win points with friends.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)
Don't use emotional blackmail on someone you love. Don't use the interstate as a racetrack. You are best to back away from commitment.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
Be careful when dealing with superiors. Don't let your partner get away with spending too much of your money. You are best to avoid confrontations.

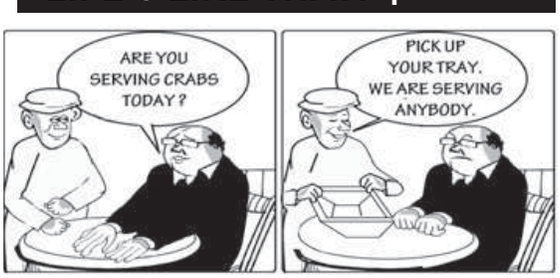
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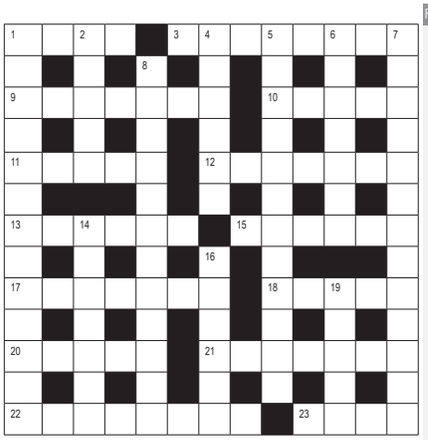
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FRIDAY'S SOLUTION



ACROSS
7. Doubtful
8. Warn
9. Wait
10. Overpass
11. Mascots
12. Pause
15. Label
17. Selling
20. Raccoons
22. Goat
23 Cuba
24. Squirted

DOWN
1. Sonata
2. Obstacle
3. Efforts
4. Flues
5. Swap
6. Wrists
13. Allegory
14. Celsius
16. Abacus
18. Neared
19. Hoist
21. Cram

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3. Dweller (8)
9. Marmoset (8)
10. Belief in a god or gods (5)
11. Facial protuberances (5)
12. Persevere with (7)
13. Spiritual meeting (6)
15. Play boisterously (6)
17. Not ethically right (7)
18. Plant spike (5)
20. Variety or kind 95)
21. Wine merchant (7)
22. Boating (8)
23. Loud cry (4)

DOWN
1. Amazingly (13)
2. Domesticates (5)
4. Appetiser (6)
5. Insuring (12)
6. Existing at the beginning (7)
7. Device for changing TV channel (6,7)
8. Stretch of turbulent water (12)
14. Yearbook (7)
16. Number in a cricket team (6)
19. Unit of weight (5)

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FOOTBALL

Former Kenya international Nyapada has little trust in Kimanzi, Zico- Pg31



RUGBY

Rugby player dies in hotel hours after making debut

FRANCE: Budding rugby league player Archie Bruce has been found dead in his hotel room, his club has confirmed. The 20-year-old had made his debut for Batley Bulldogs during a match at Toulouse on Saturday night. Club chairman Kevin Nicholas said in a statement: "Batley Bulldogs are greatly saddened to announce the passing of their player Archie Bruce who was found in his hotel bedroom early this morning having made his debut against Toulouse the previous evening." Nicholas added: "Archie's immediate family have been informed." **- AFP**

FOOTBALL

Three die, several injured in Honduras stadium riots

HONDURAS: At least three people died and seven were injured in riots Saturday night between rival soccer fans ahead of a national championship game in Honduras, a hospital treating the victims said. Supporters of Olimpia and Motagua teams — bitter local rivals — rioted outside National Stadium in the capital Tegucigalpa. Julieth Chavarría, a spokesman for Hospital Escuela, told AFP that "seven people were admitted, three of them died and four are still being treated in the emergency room." The riot is believed to have started when a bus carrying Motagua players was attacked, leaving three players injured, club president Pedro Atala said on social media. Emilio Izaguirre, Jonathan Rougier, and Roberto Moreira were briefly treated in hospital. **- AFP**

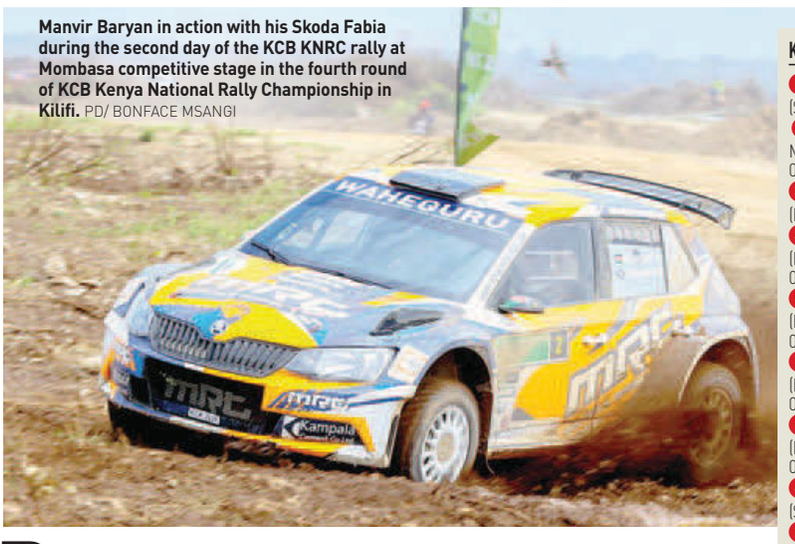
RALLY

CRS boards Silverstone with sponsorship deal for Chanas



NAIROBI: Silverstone Air Services Limited has come on board as the official travel partners of CRS Motorsport. The Wilson Airport-based air services firm has committed to support and fly Premier Class crew of Jasmeet Chana and his brother Ravi Chana for the rest of the 2019 KCB Kenya National Rally Championship season. The Chanas who savour a longstanding association with WRC Safari works teams competes in the KNRC under the CRS Motorsport/Identisys banner. CRS Motorsport Team Principal Raju Chana lauded Silverstone Air's goodwill gestures in sport and reiterated: "the influx of new sponsors is always a positive sign for KNRC, more so with current harsh economic times.

- Charles Thuku



Manvir Baryan in action with his Skoda Fabia during the second day of the KCB KNRC rally at Mombasa competitive stage in the fourth round of KCB Kenya National Rally Championship in Kilifi. PD/ BONFACE MSANGI

Baryan sets eyes on debut KNRC title

Second career victory at Kilifi Rally leaves winner with high chances of scooping inaugural national championship

by Charles Thuku
@PeopleSport11

Reigning three times African champions Manvir Baryan and Drew Sturrock will be pushing harder for their maiden Kenya National Rally Championship (KNRC) title this season following their second career win at the KCB Kilifi Rally over the weekend.

The duo are convinced of Skoda's potential after leading the Mombasa Motor Club (MMC) organised round from gun to tape.

Manvir in his Skoda Fabia R5 better known as the rat swept the ground with all it's opponents including the much- fancied Onkar Rai's VW Polo which made its debut on Kenyan soil.

Manvir's British navigator Sturrock said MRT Racing are not relenting in their quest for KNRC poinrs.

"We have never won the KNRC title so this year we want to achieve a big dream. Of course we want to achieve victory in every round that we do and at the end of the season take the main trophy, " said Sturrock.

Manvir's second victory in the Mombasa Motor Club (MMC) round saw him and British his partner move to second position on the KNRC log.

They dislodged the Top Fry team of Carl "Flash" Tundo and Tim Jessop from the second position on the KNRC log.

Tundo and Jessop skipped Kilifi tour due to pressing commitments.

After four rounds of brilliant displays, Chager became the first driver to rack up the three-figure mark and like Manvir promised to keep on pushing.

Chager consolidated his lead on the log with 102 points as Manvir moved to second on 73, two better than Tundo.

Consolidate lead

Chager said he is hoping to consolidate his lead on KCB Nanyuki Rally, which will take place at Batian and Loldaiga in-bred weeks.

"Like every rally we want to do our best and gain maximum points. So in Nanyuki that's our plan. It was a very tough rally but very enjoyable stages. There was traffic, but well controlled. We tried to push and keep up with the Skoda so we beat Manvir on CS3 and he beat us again on CS4 with three seconds. In the long 46km stage at Bamba we were pushing extra hard then went off and got stuck for several minutes," said Chager.

It was a bitter pill for Onkar to swallow on the repeat run of the 21km night stage, which ran in the morning.

"The Polo is running really well with no teething problems just that we ran out of fuel in the early morning repeat run and had to kiss the event goodbye, " Onkar said of his excruciating exit.

KCB KILIFI RALLY RESULTS

1. Manvir Baryan/Drew Sturrock (Skoda Fabia) 01.50.50.60
2. Baldev Chager/Ravi Soni Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 01.57.57.00
3. Izhar Mirza/Kavit Dave (Mitsubishi Evolution) 01:58.27.90
4. Tejveer Rai/Gavin Lawrence (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 01:59.22.70
5. Ammar Haq/Victor Okundi (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 02:05.35.70
6. Paras Pandya/Falgun Bhojak (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 02:05.53.70
7. Jasmeet Chana/Ravi Chana (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 02:08.37.60
8. Sohanjeet Puee/Adnan Din (Subaru Impreza) 02:08.57.90
9. Issa Amwari/Job Njiru (Mitsubishi Evolution 10) 02:12.48.80
10. Amit Vaja/Willy Kibata (Subaru Impreza) 02:23.10.20

KNRC STANDINGS

1. Baldev Chager (KABRAS SUGAR RACING) 102 points
2. Manvir Baryan (MRT) 73
3. Flash Tundo (TOP FRY) 71
4. Tejveer Rai (KABRAS SUGAR RACING) 51
5. Izhar Mirza (COAST PEKEE) 33

Beach volleyball team romps into semi-finals

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSport11

Kenya Beach Volleyball team reached the semi-finals of the African Games after a 2-1 (22-20, 19-22, 17-15) win over Nigeria on Sunday afternoon in Rabat, Morocco.

The duo of Naomi Too and Gaudencia Makokha have so far won their three matches in the Games that got underway on Friday. They will now meet winner between Mozambique and Morocco in the semi-finals.

Too and Makokha having played together for long is reason coach Patrick Owino is optimistic of good results.

It was the second time Kenya beat Nigeria with an identical 2-1 victory on Friday in a Pool B match. The other one was a 2-0 (21-14, 21-1) win over Benin.

Despite dropping a set yesterday, Owino is confident the duo will surpass the bronze medal won by the team of Margaret Indakala and Dorcas Ndasaba in Maputo, Mozambique in 2011.

"The girls are aware we missed the podium in 2015 in Congo, Brazzaville. They are working to win gold," Owino.

Proper training at the beach in Mombasa prior to their departure is one of the reasons the coach is more assured of good results. Also winning a bronze medal at the inaugural Africa Beach Games held in Sal, Cape Verde in June is yet another good indicator of the teams aspirations.



Kenyan duo of Gaudencia Makokha and Naomi Too at the ongoing African Games. PD/BONFACE MSANGI

Battered Lionesses spread World Cup slot hunt to repechage



by Alex Njue
@PeopleSport11

Wounded Kenya 15s women's national rugby team shift focus to the first 2020 World Cup repechage.

The top-seven-placed teams from WRWC 2017 secured automatic qualification and have been joined by South Africa leaving four slots up for grabs.

The remaining four slots will complete the 12-team competition fixtures for the ninth women's world cup edition to be hosted by defending champions, New Zealand.

Samoa, Hong Kong and Fiji will battle it out for the November-bound Oceania championships-cum-world cup qualifier, the Europe region will hold the qualifiers on September 2020 while Asia Rugby Women's Championship 2020 will act as their WRWC 2021 qualifier. Europe region will fight for the last regional qualifiers through their 2020 championships.

The Lady Bokkes shocked Lionesses in the opening 30 minutes of the game, charged hard for the try line to cross over four times and converted twice for a 24-0 vital half-time lead.

Lionesses put in a hard fight after settling late in the first half to deny the hosts any scoring opportunities but neither did Kenya capitalise on crucial opportunities for a comeback attempt throughout the match.



Collins Injera (holding the trophy) leads his team-mates in celebration after beating Homeboyz in the final of this year's Prinsloo Sevens at Nakuru Athletic Club yesterday. PD/RAPHAEL MUNGE

Mwamba leave it late for Prinsloo leg triumph

'Kulabu' thank tournament MVP Okello after conquest at Nakuru Athletic Club

by Alex Njue
@PeopleSport11

Mwamba required sudden death for a decisive try from tournament Most Valuable Player (MVP) Michael Okello to dethrone Homeboyz off a 14-7 win to lift the Prinsloo Sevens Rugby leg at the Nakuru Athletic Club

'Kulabu's' win now takes their title tally to two after four rounds of the series having won the first at home tournament Kinoru Stadium, Meru County.

Speaking at the back of their flawless Prinsloo campaign for their second title win, Mwamba captain Collins Injera disclosed how they went through a hard work phase in preparation for the event and is glad their effort paid off despite a nervy clash.

"Last season we lost to Homeboyz in the finals (19-12) so coming here, we knew we needed perfect preparation and we worked so hard for it and we are very happy for the second title as we are now left with two legs to decide this year's overall winner," said Injera.

First score

In the fifth minute of action, winger Jeremy Chimwani was denied a corner try for stepping out of the field, the resulting line-out led to a scrum down where Homeboyz failed to defend Injera hard run in their five-yard for the first score of the match. Halfback Tony Omondi slotted in the conversion to break with a 7-0 lead at half time.

On resumption, the Deejays gave Stanbic Mwamba a run for their money when Kenya international Alvin Otieno on a counterattack from their red zone, played in fellow international Augustine Lugonzo who raced all the way for a centre post try and converted own try to tie 7-7.

The two sides kept it all level until full time where the Deejays made a haunting decision to go for a penalty in the last play awarded by the centre referee off a sin bin punished tackle infringement by Mwamba winger Jeremy Chimwani.

Sudden death

Homeboyz flyhalf Mohammed Omollo missed the decisive penalty attempt to take their case to the sudden death where the Deejays failed to defend another shot by Kulabu, Michael Okello punched hard at the Deejays for a similar try to their opener for a full time 12-7 score.

Commenting on their second cup final appearance this season, the overall defending champs gave Mwamba credit for a good fighting spirit and competitiveness in this year's circuit.

"Mwamba play good rugby and I must give them credit for how they handled the pressure. The loss is disappointing for us but the show is encouraging and we want to go back and improve on our game then return back stronger and win," said Homeboyz head coach Jason Hector.

PRINSLOO SEVENS

Individual awards
Most valuable player
Michael Okello – Mwamba

Top try scorer(s)
Joel Inzuga-Mwamba
Derrick Ashiundu – Western Bulls
Paul Abuto

Stanbic 7s Log after Prinsloo 7s
1. KCB -72 points
2. Stanbic Mwamba -69points
3. Top Fry Nakuru -64 points
4. Homeboyz Rugby -64 points
5. Menengai Oilers -61 points

Results

Cup final
Mwamba 12-7 Homeboyz

Bronze medal
Nakuru 26-5 Menengai Oilers

5th Place
Kabras Sugar 10-17 KCB

Challenge Trophy
Harlequin 15-24 Nondies
Western Bulls 22-7 Egerton



Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony receives a trophy from Deputy President William Ruto at the Kericho Green Stadium on Friday. PD/PHILIP YEGON

Nairobi keep overall Kicosca title

by Philip Yegon
@PeopleSport11

Nairobi County retained the overall title in the Seventh edition of the Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association (Kicosca) Games that ended on Saturday in Kericho County.

Nairobi collected 29 points to emerge the overall winners while Uasin Gishu who also retained their second slot garnered 14 points. Kisumu were ranked third after amassing 12 points.

In last years' Kicosca games that were held in Kisii County Nairobi led with 32 points, followed by Uasin Gishu with 13 points and the then hosts Kisii collected 10 points to be ranked in third position.

In this year's Athletics and field events, Uasin Gishu scooped the top position after collecting 186 points while their neighbours Nandi County came second with 113 points as Narok clinched the third slot with 95 points.

Governor Paul Chepkwony was declared the best overall darts player in the 2019 Kicosca games.

Chepkwony said the players and all participants had exhibited high level of discipline and commitment in the games. He said the games were of high standards and congratulated counties that sent their participants to the national event.

On Friday Deputy President William Ruto visited Kericho to check on the progress of the games and said the government would complete construction of stadia across the country in one year. He said sports academies will be established in each county in line with identifying and developing sports talents in a bid to take sports to the next level.

BRIEFLY

Kimeli, Ayiabei reign supreme in Iten race

ATHLETICS: New York 10km winner Mathew Kimeli and Beijing Marathon Valary Aiyabei won Safaricom Iten 10km road race yesterday. The former Kass marathon winner Aiyabei retained her title in women's category as she won it back-to-back. Iten-based runner Aiyabei clocked 32.29.60 ahead of Edith Chelimo timed 32.34.50 followed by Dorcas Jepchirchir clocking 32.50.70 to close the top three. In the men's category Kimeli won the race timing 28.57.00 , followed in second by Edwin Kiprop clocking 29.17.20 while Emmanuel Bor was third clocking 29.21.20. **- Emmanuel Masinde**



Ingwe in mourning after official dies

FOOTBALL: AFC Leopards leadership, former players as well as fans are mourning the tragic death of former vice-chairman Felix Shitsama who perished in grisly road accident on Friday night in Timboroa area on his way to Malava. Leopards chairman Dan Shikanda said Shitsama had sacrificed and supported the team in a big way. He said the team will work closely with the family to ensure Shitsama is given a decent send-off. Former striker Tony Lidonde also condoled with the family. –Fred Likuyani



Tae Kwondo body turns to youth

TAE KWONDO: The Kenya Tae Kwondo Federation has embarked on an ambitious plan to recruit juniors into the national team. The federation has been organising tournaments in various counties to attract the best talents. Murang'a branch chairman Ndung'u Ng'ang'a, says they aim to go to primary and secondary schools to popularise the sport. "We shall be seeking collaboration with the schools so that we can train the kids and from here we shall be able to identify and nurture their talent," he said. **- Wangari Njuguna**

SPORT BRIEFS



RALLY PAGE 28

Manvir Baryan hopes to seal maiden KNRC after Kilifi win



RUGBY PAGE 29

Mwamba claim Prinsloo title after beating Deejays

Premier Legue Result

SHEFFIELD UNITED Lundstram '47 **1-0** CRYSTAL PALACE



BOOMING BUSINESS

Food vendors making a kill at school games venues

HAPPY TIMES: The few businesses, especially food vendors, that have been allowed at the East Africa Secondary School games venues here in Arusha are making a kill out of the big numbers witnessed. With most of the disciplines happening at Tanzania Gametrack and Safari grounds (TGT) which is 15 km away from the CBD, food is not readily available and one can only get a meal from the TGT club or one other vendor who has been allowed into the grounds. A plate of chips and a piece of chicken is going for Sh250 (Tsh5,000) with the small servings forcing many to go for two plates. Transport to the venues St Constantine, TGT and International School Moshi (ISM) located along the Arusha-Singida road has also been exploited as a money making avenue for local taxis and bodaboda operators.

-Lynette Matheka

ROAD RAGE

Low parking fees leads to congested streets

CROWDED STREETS: The central business district (CBD) in Arusha could be mistaken for a street in downtown Gikomba market as cars are allowed to park along the roads, leaving little space for pedestrians and other drivers to operate. One has to be careful while walking in some parts of Arusha town as you could easily get knocked off by a speeding motorbike, popularly known as Toyo. Double parking and lorries offloading goods while completely blocking one side of the road are familiar sights in Arusha. While such drivers would be hooted off the road in Kenya, nobody bothers in Arusha. The parking fees charged could have a hand in this as a driver parts with only TSh700 (Sh 35) a day for parking.

-Lynette Matheka

MONEY MATTERS

No more 'small-scale' forex bureaus in Arusha



MONEY EXCHANGE: Kenyans and other visitors at the ongoing East Africa Secondary School games in Arusha were shocked upon arrival as they could not exchange their respective countries' currency to Tanzania's on the "streets" as has been the norm. Those who arrived in Arusha at night without Tanzanian currency had to look for accommodation in hotels that could accept other currencies or agree to settle the bills at a later time as one can only get exchange services at the banks. Getting meals late in the evening after arrival became even tougher as such arrangements with an eatery proved almost impossible. The country has since closed down "small-scale" bureaus, some that used to operate on roadsides without proper offices. **-Lynette Matheka**



Dennis Mwaka of Nduluni Secondary School in full flight during a past secondary school games tie. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

EAST AFRICA SEC SCHOOL GAMES

Selected Day Three Results

- **VOLLEYBALL GIRLS**
  Kwanthanze (KEN) 3-0 St Alloys (RWA)
  (25-14, 25-14, 25-17)
- **VOLLEYBALL BOYS**
  Milambo(TZ) 0- 3 Mogonga (KEN)
  (18 -25, 17- 25, 18 -25)
- **FOOTBALL BOYS**
  Dagoretti 1-1 Ruwuiko (TZ)
  Alliance (TZ) 1- 1 Itigo (KEN)
- **RUGBY 15S**
  Dagoretti (KEN) 32- 5 Kangaru (KEN)
  Namilyango (UG) 62-0 Okeeswa(TZ)
  Bare (UG) 31-3 Kisubi (UG)
- **HAND BALL BOYS**
  Kimilili (KE) 33-12 Vwawa (TZ)
- **HANDBALL GIRLS**
  Kamusinga (KE) 21-15 Kizoguro (RWA)
- **HOCKEY BOYS**
  St Antony's (KEN) 1-0 Meru School (KEN)
- **HOCKEY GIRLS**
  Namagunga (UG) 0-3 Kakungulu (UG)
  St John's Kaloleni (KEN) 5- 0 Juhudi (TZ)

Kenyan sides in fine form

Kamusinga eye elusive title as Dagoretti fight for maiden crown in Arusha games

by Lynette Matheka in Arusha
@PeopleSport11

After losing to holders Kirandich in the Kenya Secondary School Sports Association (KSSSA) final, former handball champions Kamusinga Girls are keen to clinch the elusive Federation of East Africa Secondary Schools Sports Associate (FEASSSA) at the ongoing games in Arusha, Tanzania.

The 2016 East African champions started their competition by beating ES Kiziguro of Rwanda 21-15. They take on the defending champions Kibuli of Uganda in their next match as they seek to avenge their loss in the last two finals.

"Our opponents used crosses to attack and it took some time for my players to learn their tricks. There will be a huge difference in attack and defence in the next match," said Kamusinga coach Godfrey Simuyu.

The two-time East Africa champions will be up against holders Kibuli today, a must-win for Simuyu's charges.

"We lost in the 2017 and 2018 finals to the same team by an identical margin of a single goal. We have since learned their game and if they don't have a different game plan, we will win that match. However, we are not focusing on Kibuli but taking it one match at a time as we fight for the title we last won in 2016 at home in Eldoret," added Simuyu.

In the boys' category, national holders Kimilili shook off their opening loss of 29-28 to Kigoma of Rwanda to beat Tanzania's Vwawa 33-12.

Owing to the late start of the handball programme on Saturday, Kimilili were forced to play the second half of the first match yesterday morning. Most of their key players had been suspended for two minutes in the first half and they found themselves playing catch-up.

Meanwhile, three tries and a conversion from Dagoretti captain Benson Salem and a try each for Kimani Njenga, Gravine George and Gilbert Odhiambo handed the side their second win, at 32-5 against Kangaru School.

Dagoretti had picked their first win, a 60-0 against Ntaare in the seven-team round robin rugby 15s competition. They face, what could be their toughest match this morning, when they take on national champions Kakamega, who overpowered Kangaru 46-0, in a all Kenyan affair.

In football, Kenyan sides Itigo Girls, who are making a comeback to the regional stage since 2006, and boys' debutants Dagoretti played their first matches of the championship sharing the spoils in 1-1 against Tanzania's Alliance and Ruwuiko respectively.

Aisha Hamisi opened the scoring in the 15th minute with Eunice Jepleting equalising for Itigo in the 24th minute while in the boys' contest, Dagoretti's Paul Odhiambo gave his side the lead in the eighth minute but the hosts levelled through Neva Kaboma in the 75th minute.

Kwanthanze off to winning start in Arusha

by Lynette Matheka in Arusha
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Kenya and East Africa Secondary Schools girls' volleyball defending champions Kwanthanze started their title campaign on a winning note at the regional games in Arusha, Tanzania.

Justin Kigwari's side took on last year's finalists St Alloys of Rwanda in what was expected to be a tough match but the Kenyans picked an easy 3-0 (25-14,25-14, 25-17) win.

The two sides have met at the final of the last two East Africa editions with Kwanthanze carrying the day.

"We started the match slowly with poor reception and service. The players were jittery since we expected a stronger opposition but they settled in fast for the win," said Kigwari.

The Eastern region representatives are fighting for their third title in a row and their fifth overall at the regional level. They face Tanzania's Mkalapa today before finishing their group stage matches on Wednesday against Kinawa from Uganda.

Meanwhile, national boys' runners-up Lelmokwo had a bad start as they fell 3-2 (23-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-19,14-16) to Tanzania's Twangoma in their opener played on Saturday.

The side played a better match yesterday against Don Bosco Gatenga (DBG) but still lost 3-1 (25-20, 15-25, 25-15, 25-21), leaving them with a slim chance of qualifying for the semi-final.



Kwanthanze players miss the ball as they try to block Sega's spike during a past secondary school games match. PD/LYNETTE MATHEKA

Gor make title statement

K'Ogalo win first silverware as they down Bandari to claim Super Cup

by James Magayi
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Ten-man Gor Mahia trounced bogey opponents Bandari by a solitary goal to bag the first silverware of the season. K'Ogalo made hard work of the feisty fixture and reclaimed the Super Cup to launch the era of Steven Polack as head coach.

With both teams facing daunting fixtures on the continental front this week, heavy touches and scores of displaced passes in midfield quantified the difficult work pending for Polack and Bernard Mwalala before these teams attain the levels requisite to make a mark in either CAF Confederation Cup or Champions League.

Finally, it boiled down to one flash of brilliance when midfielder Lawrence Juma met a spilt ball from Nicholas Kipkirui before unleashing a furious low shot which took a slight deflection off Brian Otieno before trickling into Mike Wanyika's far post.

Up until then, Gor Mahia's 18th signing of the season Clifton Miheso had been the sharpest player on the pitch, running Fred Nkata and Atariza Meja rugged but with the crucial final ball lacking in K'Ogalo's play.

Gor were the better side as they hogged possession and staged more attacks than Bandari save for the final 10 minutes when the SportPesa Shield winners pitched camp in K'Ogalo's half. The victory, however, left a lot to be desired of the Kenyan champions.

1-0
Final score as Gor Mahia beat Bandari in season's curtain raiser Super Cup

Chances were scattered in the opening half with Bandari happy to sit back and try to hit Gor on counter attacks but did not work out as plenty of stray passes in midfield killed promising chances.

Bandari midfield of Shaban Kenga, Danson Chetambe, Collins Agade and Kevin Kingatua failed to click, letting K'Ogalo off the hook each time Tobias Otieno or Kenneth Muguna cheaply gave away the ball in dangerous zones.

Otieno, impressive on the ball but terrible while in chase earned an early booking following a clumsy tackle on William Wadri. The youngster, signed from Sony Sugar, then got his marching orders in the second half from PhD holder centre referee Peter Waweru, to leave Gor Mahia a man short and their back foot.

Polack, staring at his first trophy in his first home match opted to pack his defence by resting substitute Kennedy 'Agogo' Otieno in preference to Joachim Oluoch.



Gor Mahia players savour the moment after beating Bandari to win the season's curtain raiser KPL Super Cup at Kenyatta Stadium in Machakos yesterday. PD/DAVID NDOLO

NSL

'Odijo' hopes to teach Ushuru new tricks as NSL sides tune up for season

by Amos Abuga and Barry Silah
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From being sacked via a text message and subsequently forced off a team bus, being dragged to church at ungodly hours for some rituals, to receiving Sh30 as a winning bonus, James 'Odijo' Omondi has seen it all in local football.

As he embarks on his new role as head coach of Ushuru FC, his target is to free his players from mental torture that is believed to have been instilled by former boss Ken Kenyatta, who he served under as assistant last season.

Ushuru have been struggling to return to the Kenyan Premier League since they were relegated in 2016 given in each of the last three seasons, they have started well only to fizzle out later, leading to the sacking of Kenyatta.

That leaves Odijo with the hard task of changing that mindset and he believes they are on the right track especially having guided them to wins over Tusker, Mathare United and Wazito FC, a draw with Sofapaka and a disappointing 2-1 defeat to former cub KCB.

"I cried after the defeat to KCB because football is a job and passion. I want the players to know what they do on the pitch affects so many people either directly or indirectly," he added.



Ushuru coach James Omondi popularly known as Odijo. AGENCIES

With two weeks remaining before the National Super League kicks off on September 1, a number of teams have intensified their preparations with Nairobi Stima and Vihiga United joining Ushuru in sharpening their claws.

"We have had five build-up matches. We drew two and lost one. Despite losing key players, I am hopeful my experience in the top flight and good organisation will see us through," said Vihiga coach Sammy Okoth.

BAN

Guinea ban Ex-Harambee Stars coach Put for life

Conakry, Sunday
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The Guinea Football Federation (Feguifoot) has placed a life ban on former Guinea coach Paul Put and a seven-year suspension on the federation's vice president, Amadou Diaby.

Feguifoot's ethics commission ruled that both Put and Diaby had allegedly breached the institution's code of ethics and its code of discipline.

Sixty three-year-old Put was in charge of Guinea at the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations where the Syli Nationale exited the tournament in the round of 16.

Feguifoot's ethics commission confirmed both men have also been handed hefty fines following an investigation, with Paul Put ordered to pay 100,000 euros (Sh11 million) while Amadou Diaby has been fined 25,000 euros (Sh2.7 million) .



Former Harambee Stars coach Paul Put who has been banned for life by the Guinea Football Federation. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

Belgian tactician Paul Put was sacked by Guinea last month amidst an "atmosphere of mistrust," according to the Guinea Federation.

Put has not responded publicly as yet to Feguifoot's decision to ban him from all football-related activity in Guinea for life.

Amadou Diaby has denied any wrong-doing through his lawyer, Malick Ibrahim.

FOOTBALL

Ex-Kenyan international faults FKF for settling on Kimanzi

by Baraka Karama
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"The team will go nowhere with a local coach. They have tried it before and failed."

That is the verdict of 87-year-old Ambrose Nyapada, a former Kenyan international, on Football Kenya Federation's (FKF) decision to hand the Harambee Stars job to Francis Kimanzi.

Kimanzi, who will officially be unveiled tomorrow with KCB coach Zedekiah 'Zico' Otieno as his assistant, has signed a two-year deal to take over from the much-maligned Frenchman Sebastien Migne but Nyapada, who scored twice as Kenya beat Uganda in the 1958 Gossage Cup in Nairobi, has little faith in the duo.

"Since independence, Kenya has never performed well with a local coach and I don't think that will change. Under Migne, the boys qualified for the Africa Cup of Nations after a long time. The federation made a mistake to let him go and I am sure they will regret it," said the ex-left winger at his house in Kisumu's Mosque estate.

He added: "When we played the Gossage Cup, we had a coach from England whose name I can only remember as Evans. He had experience, having been a footballer and understood what it entails. You saw what the late Reinhard Fabisch did for the national team. Can you compare it with Jacob Mulee? The difference is clear."

Nyapada is now the only surviving member of the triumphant 1958 team after the demise of Joe Kadenge last month. His other team-mates were Peter Oronge (captain), Paul Owiti, Levy Ayadi, Minalo Opicho, Isaack Ligenyo, Ben Okoth, Elijah Lidonde, and Suleiman Ngoloko.

The octogenarian, developed interest in football in 1941 while at Maranda Primary School in Siaya County and later Tambach Boys in Elgeyo-Marakwet County.

His talent was fully discovered while at a Ugandan College in 1955 and he never looked back.



Kenyan football legend Ambrose Nyapada at his home in Mosque estate Kisumu last month. PD/DANIEL OGENDO



Who will it be?

Kahata, Ochieng and Onyango in contention for Sh1m Player of The Year Award

by James Magayi
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Three of the most dominant names in the constricted 2018/19 SportPesa Premier League season Francis Kahata, Enos Ochieng and Joash Onyango are in a tight-looking race to land the Most Valuable Player gong in tonight's LG/SJAK Football Awards Gala.

At stake for the most valuable player in the event set to take place at the Nairobi National Museum is Sh1 million and a 55-inch LG Smart television set in addition to personalised trophy and 12 months of bragging rights.

Golden boot

Kahata is also in the running for the midfielder of the year gong while Onyango is gunning for best defender award. While the Gor duo are uncertain of topping their categories, Ochieng, who plays for Ulinzi Stars, is already assured of the Golden Boot, having scored 20 goals to top the charts last season.

Each category winner will pocket Sh250,000 while second and third-placed finishers take home Sh150,000 and Sh100,000 respectively in addition to a fridge and microwave from the South Korean electronics manufacturing giants.

In total, Sh4 million will be shared among the finalists in the various categories.

"There is a lot of potential in local sports and partnering with SJAK has been part of our CSR initiative aimed at rewarding sporting talent in Kenya. I would love to urge other corporates locally to come on board and promote the youth not only in football but in various sports in the country," said Maureen Kemunto of LG Electronics.

Newly-signed Bandari goalkeeper Justin Ndikumana will battle for the golden glove award with ex-Bandari custodian Faruk Shikalo, who has since decamped to Yanga of Tanzania. Also shortlisted in the category is Samuel Odhiambo of Western Stima.

The golden glove is awarded to player with the most clean sheets but Ndikumana and Shikalo are tied on 13 while Abawa as Odhiambo is fondly referred to, kept 10.

Battling Onyango for defender of the year gong are Bandari's Brian Otieno and Sony Sugar's Kelvin Wesonga. Onyango was vastly outstanding in a Gor Mahia defence that conceded just 25 goals in 34 games while.

Former Gor Mahia tactician Hassan Oktay leads in the chase for Coach of The Year award alongside Bernard Mwalala of Bandari and John Baraza of Sofapaka.

Enosh Ochieng

SJAK FOOTBALL AWARDS GALA

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Francis Kahata (Gor Mahia)
  - Joash Onyango (Gor Mahia)
  - Enosh Ochieng (Ulinzi Stars)
- **Golden Glove Award**
  - Faruk Shikhalo (Bandari)
  - Justin Ndikumana (Sofapaka)
  - Samuel Odhiambo (Western Stima)
- **Defender of The Year**
  - Joash Onyango (Gor Mahia)
  - Brian Otieno (Bandari)
  - Kelvin Wesonga (Sony Sugar)
- **Midfielder of The Year**
  - Abdalla Hassan (Bandari)
  - Cliff Nyakeya (Mathare United)
  - Francis Kahata (Gor Mahia)
- **New Young Player**
  - David Majak (Tusker)
  - Jackson Dwang (Nzoia Sugar)
  - Daniel Sakari (KK Homeboyz)
- **Coach of The Year**
  - Hassan Oktay (Gor Mahia)
  - Bernard Mwalala (Bandari)
  - John Baraza (Sofapaka)
- **Golden Boot Award**
  - Enosh Ochieng (Ulinzi Stars)
  - Allan Wanga (KK Homeboyz)
  - Umaru Kasumba (Sofapaka)

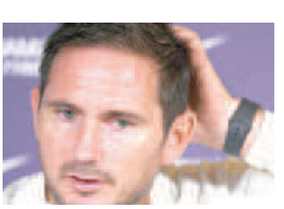
VAR hides gulf in class between City and Spurs



MANCHESTER: "I am in love with VAR," joked Tottenham manager Mauricio Pochettino after his side escaped with a 2-2 draw at Manchester City thanks to Gabriel Jesus's late winner for the Premier League champions being ruled out on review. Yet, the scoreline masked the fact that Spurs, despite reaching the Champions League final last season and breaking the club's transfer record for French midfielder Tanguy Ndombele, still look well-off potential challengers to City's throne as champions. Mauricio Pochettino's men finished 27 points behind City last season, on Saturday 27 was the difference in the shot count as Tottenham mustered three to the hosts' 30. City will bemoan their luck and lacklustre defending that allowed Erik Lamela and Lucas Moura to cancel out goals from Raheem Sterling and Sergio Aguero with Spurs' only two efforts on target. **-AFP**

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Ndidi's header denies Lampard first win



LONDON: Chelsea were unable to close out their first win of the Frank Lampard era as Leicester City's Wilfred Ndidi enjoyed a redemption tale in Sunday's 1-1 Premier League draw at Stamford Bridge.

Mason Mount embarrassed Ndidi to score his first Chelsea goal in the seventh minute as the hosts started superbly.

The 20-year-old scored after dispossessing Foxes midfielder Ndidi on the edge of the box before slotting past Kasper Schmeichel, despite Ndidi's desperate attempts to rectify his error.

It was a welcome sight for the Chelsea faithful, after Blues lost their opening game of the season 4-0 to Manchester United at Old Trafford. **-Goal**

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