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Families clash as Okoth burial opens old wounds

Late MP's parents separated in the 80s but paternal relatives insist customs must be strictly followed

by Alvin Mwangi and Baraka Karama
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Controversy surrounding the final rites of Kibra MP Ken Okoth escalated yesterday after it emerged that both the maternal and paternal families are yet to agree on the kind of send-off the fallen legislator will be accorded.

Differences between the two families played out in public as they gave conflicting information on where Okoth final rites will be performed and how it will happen.

Orange Democratic Movement leader Raila Odinga, who met with the maternal family at a Nairobi hotel, said Okoth's mother and siblings had agreed to have the body taken to their home in Kabondo Kasipul constituency, Homa Bay, on Saturday.

However, Raila did not come clean on whether Okoth was to be buried or cremated as it had earlier been reported.

Do as they wish

"The body will be transported to Kabondo Kasipul on Saturday. There will be a service on Saturday at Guteng Secondary School starting 10am," he said, adding that the body would be given to the family to do as it was done to the late Kenneth Matiba. The late Matiba was cremated.

National Assembly Minority leader John Mbadi, who is part of the burial committee maintained that Okoth would not be taken to his father's place in Kochai village, Rangwe constituency, as his parents Nicholas Obonyo and Angeline Ajwang separated in the 1980s when he was still young.

"We don't know anything to do with Rangwe. Ken has never lived with those people. Our position remains that he will be taken to Kabondo Kasipul," he said.

Today, the body will be taken to Moi Girls High School for public viewing between 10am and 4pm.

On Friday, the civil society will hold a commemoration between 2pm and 6pm at the University of Nairobi.

Meanwhile, Okoth's paternal relatives now say they won't attend his burial ceremony in Kabondo Kasipul.

The MP's uncle Chrispine Aseto said their presence in the ceremony would insinuate that they were in support of their former sister-in-law's decision.

Aseto and his brother Raymond Mbai had on Tuesday appealed to the late MPs mother, Angeline Ajwang to consider burying the deceased in his ancestral home of Kanyachir, Rangwe constituency.

"We will not go because it is very clear that she has decided to disobey us and disregarded what the culture dictates. So let her finish the burial and we will not be party to it at all," he told *People Daily*.

He said according to Luo customs, a son must be buried on his father's ancestral land.

"It's up to the person who prevented this to happen. They should be ready to face consequences of violating the culture of our land," he added.

Council of elders

Luo council of elders chairman Willis Otondi waded into the matter and supported Aseto's sentiments.

"If a bride price was paid and was never returned, then a male child should be buried in his father's land," he said.

In an earlier interview, Okoth's mother said her wish was to bury her son at her parent's home in Kabondo Kasipul.

"I would wish to bury my son where I can wake up every morning and see his grave," she said.

"We have never seen anywhere in our culture where someone is cremated and that is why we insist that we will not attend a ceremony that is against our tradition," Aseto added.



EARLY SEPARATION

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Okoth's parents separated in the 1980s and mother returned to her parent's home in Kabondo Kasipul with her children.

Mother and son would later move to Kibra where Okoth grew up.

Late Kibra MP Ken Okoth's mother Angeline Ajwang (right) with Jayne Kinyua, a family friend, during a memorial service at the Stahehe Boys Centre in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: TABITHA MBATIA

Starehe remembers MP, old-boy in moving fete

by Seth Onyango
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Present and former students of Starehe Boys Centre yesterday gathered to pay their last respects to the late Kibra MP Ken Okoth, eulogised as one of the greatest exports from the school.

In a sombre memorial service, family, relatives and friends of the former legislator reminisced on the fond memories they have had with him before his untimely demise last week.

His widow Monica Okoth said the best times she has spent with anyone, she spent with Ken, as she fondly referred to him.

> *I have led an incredible life with Ken, we have lived all over the world, we have had to work different jobs-Monica*

Intense living

"I have led an incredible life with Ken, we have lived all over the world, we have had to work in different jobs, we have had 12 different houses together, we have been truly privileged and even though he lived 41 years…those 41 years were very intense," she said.

Ken's brother Bobby Okoth issued a veiled attack at his paternal side, insisting that the former Kibra MP was raised by a single mother in the informal settlements of Kibra asserting that no one else will get credit.

"Ken was brought up by a single mother, Angeline Ongere so disregard any other information," he said. Leaders led by Jubilee secretary general Raphael Tuju, former Gatanga MP Peter Kenneth and Taveta MP Naomi Shaaban were present to pay their last respects.

Kenneth, whom together with the late MP belonged to the Old Starehian Society eulogised him as a servant leader who wanted the best for his constituents.

Tuju described the late as one of the most 'tribeless' leaders in the political sphere.

Okoth who was one of the youngest Members of Parliament and a visionary described himself as an educator, humanist and at the age of 40 he added another title to his impressive public life – a cancer warrior.

No rush for swearing-in, Laboso deputy says

by Felix Yegon
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Bomet deputy governor Hillary Barchok yesterday said he is in no hurry to be sworn in as governor following the death of Joyce Laboso.

He said there was no power vacuum warranting urgent swearing-in, saying he is discharging his duties on acting capacity.

"I have effectively been running the county in the absence of the governor in an acting capacity without any problem. I am the acting governor and as you can see there is no vacuum otherwise we would not be here," he said.

There were reports on Monday after the news of Laboso's passing on broke out that her deputy would immediately be sworn-in forcing the County Assembly Speaker Shadrack Rotich to come out and downplay the urgency.

Barchok said they are concentrating on organising befitting send-off for the fallen leader. He further said residents will get an opportunity to view the body of Laboso at the Bomet Green Stadium this evening and tomorrow.

The deputy governor was addressing journalists in the governor's office in Bomet after a meeting with MCAs, Executive and senior county staff.

Meanwhile, Bomet University College will name one of the buildings in the institution after Laboso in her honour, principal Thomas Cheruiyot said.

Cheruiyot said the only way to remember the late Laboso due to her immense contribution towards establishment of the institution was to dedicate one of the facilities in her name.

He, however, said the matter will still be discussed exhaustively by the university council and other stakeholders.

"We appreciate the efforts made by our late governor in ensuring this facility is as it is today…she is one of the great leaders from this county who championed and have it put up here in Bomet," he said.

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Celebrations where insanity is part of the merry-making

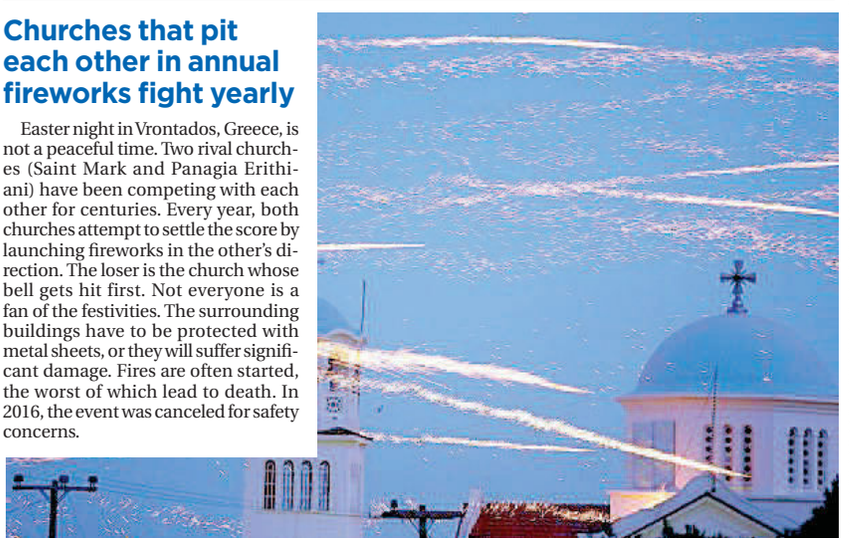
Unconventional festivities where sanity gets temporarily suspended!

August date to hurl rotten tomatoes at each other

Throwing a rotten tomato at someone is never a friendly gesture. However in Bunol in Valencia, that is exactly what the villagers do at the end of each August. This is one of the biggest organised food fights in the world and has been happening since 1945. Thousands of people gather to hurl rotten tomatoes at each other, with participants forced to wear protective gear to avoid injuries in the violent festival. Around 120 metric tons of overripe red tomatoes are tossed on the day.

Churches that pit each other in annual fireworks fight yearly

Easter night in Vrontados, Greece, is not a peaceful time. Two rival churches (Saint Mark and Panagia Erithiani) have been competing with each other for centuries. Every year, both churches attempt to settle the score by launching fireworks in the other's direction. The loser is the church whose bell gets hit first. Not everyone is a fan of the festivities. The surrounding buildings have to be protected with metal sheets, or they will suffer significant damage. Fires are often started, the worst of which lead to death. In 2016, the event was canceled for safety concerns.





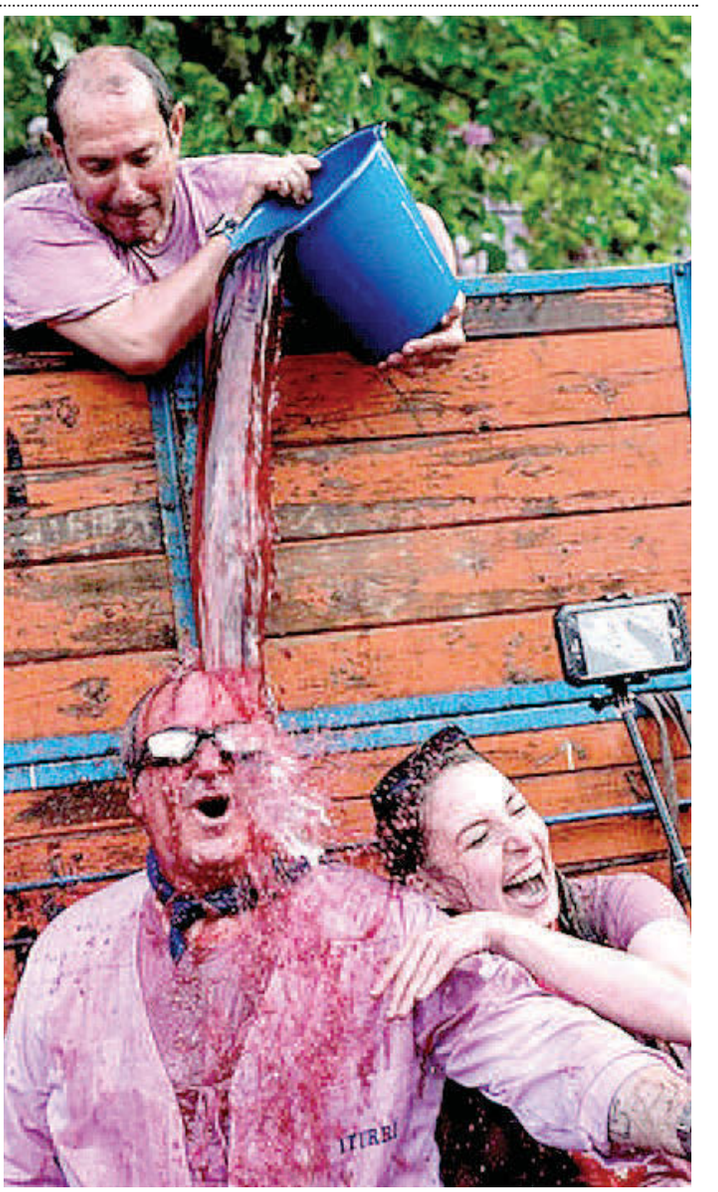
Where people meet to fling cowdung at each other

For most people, being hit by cowdung is not the most flattering gesture. But for one village in the Pradesh region of India, being hit by a flying cow dung is said to bring the utmost good luck. Each April, villagers of Kairuppala hurl cow dung at each other in one of the most bizarre street fight. Apparently being hit by the smelly missiles is said to bring health, prosperity, and rain to anyone fortunate enough to be hit by the smelly missiles.

Peru villagers congregate on Christmas day for a fight

Takanakuy roughly means "when the blood is boiling." It takes place in a province of Peru on Christmas Day. While the rest of the world is busy celebrating the festive season, villagers here gather for one main thing—fighting. Over 3,000 people flock to fight or watch fights among people who have been feuding that year. Feuds that have developed over the year are settled here, and all are welcome to participate. It's not uncommon to see women and children take part, but it's mostly men. Fists are wrapped in cloths, and the contest ends when an opponent is knocked out or the referee intervenes. This is done apparently, so that people start the newyear with clean hearts.





Folks pour 70,000 litres of wine on each other

Residents in the Spanish town of Haro in the La Rioja region, which is known for its wine, have an usual way of showing thanks for the plentiful grape crops. At the festival of Saint Peter in June each year, they don't just drink the region's produce; they throw around 70,000 liters of red wine at each other. Festivalgoers must wear white, with a red sash. Armed with water pistols and buckets, they spend an hour dousing each other in the region's famous wine. The Haro Wine Festival covers two days and thousands of people converge for the famous Batalla del Vino (Wine Battle).

Cabinet to meet amid heightened political tension

Forum will bring together ministers perceived to have differing opinion on recent events in the country

It is the President's prerogative to convene the meeting, and if it will be there, there would be no reason for me not to attend -Munya

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The Cabinet is today expected to meet, close to two months since the last caucus, amid friction within its ranks and heightened political tension within the ruling Jubilee Party.

Though the meeting, which will be chaired by President Uhuru Kenyatta and attended by his deputy William Ruto, is routine, it will bring together some Cabinet secretaries perceived to have differing opinion on recent events in the country.

The last Cabinet meeting was held on the day suspended Treasury Cabinet secretary Henry Rotich read the National Budget on June 13. And although ministers hold regular weekly meetings, Interior Cabinet secretary Fred Matiang'i, who heads the Cabinet Committee on Implementation, chairs the forums. Decisions made by the Matiang'i sessions are expected to be discussed in today's meeting.

Reached for comment, State House spokesperson Kanze Dena was non-committal on whether the meeting shall take place. "If the Cabinet meeting will be there, we shall communicate to you by the end of the day as we have always done," she said.

However, a senior State official confirmed that a full Cabinet meeting would take place at State House. "It will basically ratify decisions made by the implementation committee," the source said, when asked about the agenda.

Some Cabinet members have recently been sucked into public disputes, including the sensational claim that some of them were allegedly involved in secret meetings where a plot to assassinate the Deputy President was discussed.

Today, Ruto is expected to come face-to-face with CSs Sicily Kariuki (Health), Peter Munya (Industry) and Joe Mucheru (ICT) — who attended meetings at Hotel La Mada on Thika Road where the alleged plot was discussed. The ministers have since dismissed the claim and dared the DP to record a statement with the police on his claims.

Ministers summoned

The ministers, who had been summoned to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations offices, said the La Mada meetings had been called to discuss development matters affecting the Mount Kenya region.

A controversial letter that was the source of the assassination claims led to the arrest and prosecution of government communications official Dennis Itumbi, a close Ruto ally. The official is out on bond after denying charges of making and publishing a false document without authority.

Last evening, Munya was non-committal about a Cabinet meeting only stating: "It is the President's prerogative to convene the meeting, and if it will be there, there would be no reason for me not to attend."

Treasury's Rotich will miss the meeting after being charged with fraud involving the construction of the multi-billion-shilling Kimwarer and Arror dams in Elgeyo Marakwet county.

Matiang'i, who was in January appointed chairman of the National Development Implementation and Communication Cabinet Committee in a move widely seen as cutting Ruto's powers in government, is expected to play a key role in today's meeting as he tables the committee's report.

The disgraced Rotich, who until his removal from office last month, wielded much power in Cabinet, was Matiang'i's deputy in the committee, which includes all CSs, Attorney General Paul Kihara as well as the Head of Public Service Joseph Kinyua.

Ruto has also publicly differed with some of his colleagues over the war against corruption, stating that the drive was targeting certain individuals for political purposes.

Today's meeting is also likely to deliberate on whether the country should import maize to bridge a deficit created by a poor harvest by local farmers.

Agriculture Cabinet secretary Mwangi Kiunjuri last month said his ministry was waiting for a nod from the Cabinet to decide whether to import the deficit of 12 million bags of maize from the Comesa region. He had ruled out importing the commodity from Mexico on grounds that it was time barred. "Even if we were to import maize from Mexico, it would take 47-60 days and another 136 days to offload the maize from the ship at the Port of Mombasa," Kiunjuri said.

The ICT Cabinet secretary Mucheru confirmed yesterday that the Matiang'i committee, which has been meeting every Tuesday, had achieved a lot since its formation. "Many people may not know this because the committee has been doing its work behind the scenes as instructed by the President. So far a lot has been achieved," he said.

Ruto assassination

On the alleged Ruto assassination claims, Mucheru said the matter might not crop up because "everyone knows that they were untrue". Last weekend, Munya who is a persistent critic of Ruto, told the DP's political allies in the Mount Kenya region to leave him alone and give him space to execute his mandate, in what can be viewed as growing animosity between the minister and Ruto's supporters.

When the assassination claims came up, Munya said the meetings had been sanctioned by the President to discuss development issues in Mount Kenya, only for Kiunjuri who is also from the region, to rubbish the forums, saying he was not aware of any such directive.

Also likely to feature in the meeting is a recent circular from by the Head of Public Service directing all State corporations to limit their expenditure as Treasury aligns the 2019/20 budget to the President's Big Four agenda.

According to the circular, all the State corporations and semi-autonomous agencies are instructed not to undertake any new projects and are required to spend an amount equivalent to a quarter of last year's approved recurrent budget.

"This amount should support all priority expenses over the first quarter ending September 30. Further a moratorium is hereby issued placing in abeyance all capital expenditure until otherwise directed" reads the memo.

Kenyatta University political science lecturer Prof Edward Kisiangani yesterday said Kenyans would be waiting to see the outcome of the meeting, and in particular whether it would progress without any of the differences that have been displayed in public, emerging. "Although the Cabinet sits with an agenda and is minuted and no one can introduce a matter that has not been scheduled for discussion to such a meeting, it would be interesting for Kenyans to know how the meeting shall progress after weeks of public spats among some CSs," he said.

CSs DIFFERENCES

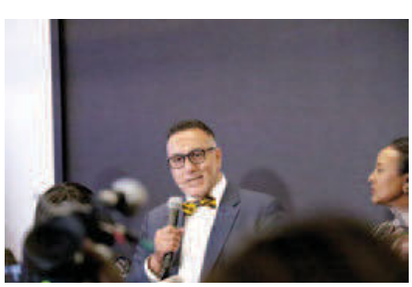
Differences among some Cabinet colleagues have continued to dominate debate, with some elected leaders mostly allied to the President, asking him to sack disloyal CSs from his government.

"His Cabinet is already divided and if I were the President, I would dissolve the entire team and name a new one to allow him to enjoy 100 per cent loyalty," nominated Member of Parliament Maina Kamanda said last month.



President Uhuru Kenyatta chairs a past Cabinet meeting. He is expected to chair a meeting of al Cabinet secretaries at State House, today. PHOTO: FILE

Dusit-D2 hotel re-opens six months after terror attack



Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala during the DusitD2 hotel reopening ceremony in Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: KENNA CLAUDE

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Calls for concerted efforts in the fight against terrorism dominated yesterday's re-opening of the Dusit-D2 Hotel along 14 Riverside Drive in Westlands, Nairobi.

The ceremony was conducted six months after 21 people died in a terrorist attack on the premises.

Three Cabinet secretaries; Najib Balala (Tourism), Raychelle Omamo (Defence) and Amina Mohamed (Sports) graced the occasion alongside Tourism Chief Administrative Secretary Joseph Boinnet.

"In less than 200 days since the incident happened, the hotel is back. Nobody will kill the spirit of Kenyans and foreigners from coming to Dusit-D2," Balala (*pictured*) said while giving a keynote address.

Citizens' bravery

He said although terrorism is a global threat, the government has invested heavily to safeguard the safety of all those living in the country and their properties.

By yesterday evening, the hotel had received five bookings and all the 200 employees who survived the attack have resumed work.

"We acknowledge the bravely of everyone who responded to the incident. I am proud today that unlike the situation we found, we have bounced back within a short time. We cannot be defeated by terrorists. We also recognise and celebrate the officer who was killed during the rescue operation post-humously," Joseph Boinnet, who was the Inspector General of Police at the time said.

At a colourful ceremony, Tourism CS and Thai ambassador to Kenya Cherdkiat Atthakor officially received the flag at the Dusit-D2 before handing it over to Recce Squad officers who hoisted it alongside that of the hotel as Kenya National Anthem was played.

Dusit-D2 general manager Michael Metaxas, middle-distance runner and two times world champion David Rudisha and current 5,000m champion Helen Onsando Obiri received the Dusit-D2 international flag at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport before handing it over to the CS at the complex.

"The hotel will be open to the public tomorrow," Metaxas said.

No freedom yet for Governor Waititu

Bail ruling set for tomorrow as some Kiambu MCAs threaten to begin ouster bid against county chief in 30 days

by Nancy Gitonga
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Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu's woes continued to pile yesterday after the court ruled that he should be confined to Industrial Area Remand Prison until tomorrow.

The court will hear and determine his appeal for bail review tomorrow morning.

Yesterday, Justice John Onyiego of the Anti-Corruption court directed Waititu's lawyers led by Tom Ojienda to appear before him to argue out their appeal for a bail review.

This came as some Members of the Kiambu County Assembly threatened to commence impeachment proceedings against the governor in 30 days.

The MCA for Biashara Ward, Elijah Njoroge asked Waititu to do Kiambu electorate a favour and resign.

"He should go a step further and refund everything he is accused of acquiring illegally," he said, adding that preparations for an impeachment motion against Waititu is underway.

"I am preparing an impeachment motion that is 70 per cent complete and set to be tabled in the next two weeks to kick Waititu out of Kiambu," Njoroge said.

Empower deputy

The MCA said the move seeks to empower his deputy James Nyoro, who is now in charge of the county in the absence of the governor.

"Despite the deputy governor taking over, he is limited by the law and as such, cannot make some decisions thus blocking the county development," Njoroge said.

> *He should go a step further and refund everything he is being accused of acquiring illegally -Njoroge*

The governor on Tuesday evening wrote a letter to the Deputy Registrar of the Anti-Corruption High Court seeking to have his trial file placed before the duty judge following his application seeking to review the Sh15 million cash bail.

Waititu is seeking a review of the orders issued by Chief Magistrate Lawrence Mugambi on Tuesday.

"The bail terms issued are excessive and amount to a constructive denial of bail and bond without compelling reasons," Ojienda said.

He said his client is particularly aggrieved by the terms set by the trial court that he should not access the Kiambu county offices.

GRAFT RULING

In her ruling, Justice Mumbi said that stepping aside of governors would not create a vacuum since the deputy governor can run county affairs.

Justice Mumbi barred Samburu Governor Moses Lenolkulal from office after being charged with a corruption-related offence. The governor has since appealed the decision.



Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu at Milimani Law Courts, yesterday. PHOTO: CHARLES MATHAI

Brred from office

Mugambi made the ruling barring Waititu from office citing a precedent set by Justice Mumbi Ngugi.

He said barring Waititu from going back to the office does not violate the Constitution or amount to his removal but is intended to ensure the integrity and credibility of the trial and safeguard the public interest.

Hours after the directions by Justice Onyiego on Waititu bail review, his wife Susan Wangari was released after paying Sh4 million cash bail and depositing her diplomatic passport with the court as directed by the trial court. Wangari spent Tuesday night at Langata Women's Prison after she was unable to meet conditions of the bond that required her to deposit her passport.

Others charged

Also charged alongside Waititu and his wife are Luka Mwangi, Charles Chege, Beth Wangechi, Zacharia Njenga, Joyce Ngina, Simon Kabocho, Anselem Gachukiaand Samuel Muigai.

Speaking to *People Daily* yesterday about the implications of the court decision on Waititu, a Nairobi lawyer Dunstan Omari said the order by the magistrate does not amount to either suspending or removing the governor from office.

"Does being barred from accessing office mean suspension? There is no provision for suspension of a governor. Being barred from office as it reads is physically being stopped from going to a physical building from his Kiambu county offices," he said.

Omari said according to the interpretation of the law, Waititu still remains the governor and will continue transacting county businesses from any other place other than the Kiambu county offices.





We'll not relent in war on graft, declares Uhuru

President assures that no effort will be spared in ensuring the vice, that has has destroyed the economy, is completely wiped out

■ by PSCU
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President Uhuru Kenyatta reiterated yesterday he will not relent in the war against corruption.

The President emphasised that no effort will be spared in ensuring that the vice that has been choking the country's economy is completely destroyed.

"We will remain focused in the fight against corruption. We hope that every institution will play its part to make this war successful," President Kenyatta said.

Promote development

The President spoke yesterday at State House, Nairobi when he separately bid farewell to outgoing European Union (EU) Delegation Ambassador Stefano Dejak and British High Commissioner Nic Hailey.

The President commended the two envoys for strengthening relations between Kenya and their respective jurisdictions during their tour of duty.

President Kenyatta said Kenya appreciates EU's partnership which has promoted development adding that he looks forward to more collaboration as the country explores the blue economy as an emerging frontier for wealth and employment creation.

Strategic partner

In the meeting with Hailey, Uhuru said the UK remains one of Kenya's biggest trade partners. "We hope to continue with the journey we began on empowering the youth through small and medium enterprises," he said

Dejak and Hailey separately praised Presiden Uhuru for standing firm in the war against corruption saying this will restore Kenya's dignity and entrench its position as a thriving and progressive economy in Africa.

"The war against corruption is restoring investors' confidence. The EU will remain a strategic partner of Kenya not only on the economic front but in the fight against corruption as well," Dejak said.

Hailey commended the President for the commitment he has shown in combating the vice where even senior government officials have not been spared and assured that trade between the two countries will continue to grow whether or not there is a Brexit deal.

Earlier at State House, Nairobi, the President received credentials from incoming Japanese Ambassador to Kenya Ryoichi Horie, who pledged to take the bilateral relations between the tow countries to new levels. Ambassador Horie said during his tour of duty he will work owards enhancing the close ties that have existed between his country and Kenya since 1963.

"I will devote all my energy towards strengthening the existing relationship between Kenya and Japan that is founded on our shared values and goals for the purpose of development," Ambassador Horie told the President.

Mutual benefit

President Uhuru welcomed the new envoy and assured of his administration's commitment to working closely with him to boost the existing cooperation and partnership between Kenya and Japan. "Welcome to Kenya. I look forward to working with you to expand our areas of partnership for the mutual benefit of the people of Kenya and Japan," President Kenyatta said.

President Kenyatta acknowledged Japan as one of Kenya's key development partners whose cooperation has played a big role in the country's development.



President Uhuru Kenyatta (right) with outgoing British High Commissioner to Kenya (left) Nic Hailey at State House, Nairobi, yesterday. PHOTO: PSCU

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

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Outgoing European Union Delegation Ambassador Stefano Dejak commended Uhuru for the graft war.

Kerio Valley locals sign peace deal

■ by DPPS
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Communities living in Kerio Valley yesterday signed a historical peace deal, effectively bringing an end to perennial deadly conflicts among them.

The ceremony, presided over by Deputy President William Ruto *(pictured)* yesterday brought together communities from Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot and Baringo counties.



Ruto appealed to residents in the three counties to embrace peace and give the government a chance to turnaround the region. He said the newly found stability would enable the government to focus on education, healthcare, infrastructure and commerce that had suffered most during the tribal standoffs.

"Today, Kerio Valley has changed from the valley of cattle rustling and death to the valley of hope and peace," said the Deputy President.

He spoke at Chesegon in West Pokot-Elgeyo Marakwet counties border during the peace meeting, where he also opened the local market that had been closed for more than seven years due to insecurity.

MPs send republished revenue bill to Senate for concurrence

■ by Anthony Mwangi and Paul Muhoho
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The controversy surrounding the Division of Revenue Bill 2019 took a new twist yesterday after the National Assembly sent to the Senate a republished version containing the same disputed figure of Sh316 billion.

National Assembly's move came even as the Supreme Court yesterday threw a challenge to the two Houses of Parliament to urgently resolve the impasse over the annual budgets for the sharing of finances between the national and county governments.

The six-judge bench, chaired by Chief Justice David Maraga, said the Speakers of the National Assembly and the Senate were responsible for harmonisation of the legislative process involving the controversial Division of Revenue Bills that have already been separately published.

The MPs move comes a week after the Senate settled on Sh335 billion as the equitable shareable revenue for counties in the 2019/20 financial year.



Budget and Appropriations Committee chairman Kimani Ichung'wa insists that Sh316 billion allocated to counties is sufficient. PHOTO: FILE

Budget and Appropriations Committee chairman Kimani Ichung'wa *(pictured)*, while conveying the message that the Bill had been sent to the Senate for concurrence, said his committee, observed that the Sh316 billion allocated to county governments is sufficient since the Bill considers allocations for national interests and public debt obligations which are also important.

The initial bill, which was drafted by the National Treasury, did not sail through after the two Houses failed to agree on the amount of funds due to counties. The National Treasury allocated Sh310 billion, down from Sh314 billion that counties received in the 2018/19 fiscal year.

More than 50 students busted watching porn

■ by Roy Lumbe
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More than 50 secondary school students were yesterday apprehended at an entertainment joint in Nakuru town smoking bhang and watching pornographic videos.

The students, who were on their way home after closing for the August holiday were rounded up by county law enforcement officers after tenants in the building grew suspicious on the number of students at the area.

According to Nakuru Town East Enforcement Officer James Kinanga, they swiftly moved to the premises and arrested the suspects.

"The public saw large groups of students in uniform getting into the premise," he said.

Seven operators of the PlayStations among them two minors were arrested.

The officers also confiscated laptops that are set for screening. The boys were from schools in Nandi, Londiani, Rongai and Molo among other regions.

Investigations

Most schools closed on Wednesday to allow them to travel to their respective homes. Some were heading to Mombasa, Nairobi, Mau Narok, Thika, Limuru, Kapsabet and Kericho.

Kinanga said investigations have been launched to arraign the operators.



MCA bid to stop case thrown out

■ by Roy Lumbe
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A Nakuru High Court yesterday struck out a suit by Kabazi MCA Peter Mbae *(pictured)* seeking to bar his case on malicious damage to property, incitement to violence and arson before the magistrate court.

Lady Justice Janet Mulwa dismissed the application by the ward rep saying he failed to prove there was a *prima facie* case to persuade the court to grant the conservatory orders sought. She said claims by the MCA that there was a collusion by the DCI and the DPP to fabricate charges against him was not proved adding that the seriousness of the matter warrants the two bodies to conduct investigations.



"I have considered the charges against the petitioner. They are serious crimes and for the DPP to approve, there is credible evidence to sustain a conviction therefore, the DCI and DPP acted lawfully," said Mulwa.



Chief Justice David Maraga. KMJA is challenging his powers to interdict magistrates. PHOTO: FILE

Case on Maraga's interdiction powers moved to Labour court

by Nancy Gitonga
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The High Court has transferred a case by the Kenya Judges and Magistrate Association (KMJA) challenging the powers of Chief Justice David Maraga to interdict magistrates and other judicial officers, to the Employment and Labour Relations Court.

Justice James Makau ordered the matter to be placed before Labour court's presiding judge Maureen Onyango for directions.

"The matter is best suited to be heard at the Labour court. I direct the same to be placed before the presiding judge, Justice Onyango," ordered Makau.

This was after the Attorney General informed the court that it doesn't have jurisdiction to hear the matter since it is between employer and employees.

However, KMJA lawyer Danstan Omari said he was okay with any court hearing the case but sought conservatory orders arguing that his clients were afraid that if the matter proceeded without the orders his clients risked being interdicted or suspended.

"My clients are apprehensive that if the High Court does not issue a conservatory order, there is a risk the Chief Justice will proceed to invoke the impugned provisions to unilaterally reprimand members of the association without regard to constitutional safeguards," said Omari.

But when the parties appeared before Justice Onyango, she declined to issue the orders.

The file was allocated to Justice Stephen Radido who will on August 14 decide whether the matter should be heard by a three-judge bench.

Taxman demands Sh61 billion from betting companies

But gaming firms insist they have complied with law and accuse government of unfairly targeting them

We must separate the morality issue with the taxman issues— Kihika

by Mercy Mwai
@wangumarci

Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is demanding Sh61 billion in taxes from 27 betting firms before they can be allowed to resume operations in Kenya.

Appearing before the Senate's Human Right Committee yesterday, commissioner Elizabeth Meyo said the firms had failed to comply with tax obligations, forcing KRA to invoke its powers.

"There has been non-compliance by the industry with the provisions of the law that requires betting companies to act as withholding agents for KRA and remit the taxes to the government," she said.

She told the senators that out of the 72 registered betting firms, 27 had compliance issues, seven had made payment plans while the rest had complied.

Meyo, however, said KRA has been engaging industry players on a case-to-case basis with the aim of arriving at a payment plan acceptable to both parties.

BETTING TAX ROW

Kenya Revenue Authority says 27 betting companies owe Sh61 billion in taxes and will be allowed to operate in Kenya only when they comply with tax obligations.

SportsPesa Kenya chair Ronald Karauri says the claim that the gaming industry is worth Sh200 billion is being used to pressure firms with unfair tax demands.

The commissioner said Sh2.7 billion has so far been paid under the arrangement while total taxes paid for 13 months by betting firms stands at Sh13.2 billion.

She said the companies licences were cancelled by the Betting Control and Licensing Board (BCLB) after KRA informed it of the firms' tax compliance status.

Enforce law

"We did not cancel their licences. We only received a request from Betting Control and Licensing Board asking us to give them the status of how the taxes have been paid. KRA does not licence firms, we only enforce the law," she said.

Members of the committee chaired by Samson Charargei (Nandi) accused the government of using the pretext of enforcing morality to punish the betting firms.



Justice, Legal Affairs and Human Rights Senate committee vice chair Mithika Linturi (centre) with SportsPesa CEO Ronald Karauri (right) and Betin boss William Mugambi when betting firms managers met senators yesterday. PHOTO: SAMUEL KARIUKI

"Is the ministry of Interior trying to legislate morality by closing down some companies and leaving others? We must separate the morality issue with the taxman issues," said Nakuru Senator Susan Kihika.

The senators who included Leader of Minority James Orengo (Siaya), Cleophas Malala (Kakamega), Mithika Linturi (Meru) and Mutula Kilonzo Jr (Makueni) also accused the government of frustrating the companies which they said were the biggest taxpayers.

They summoned Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i and BLCB to appear before the committee today to answer questions on the matter.

SportsPesa Kenya CEO Ronald Karauri said that although his firm had paid taxes amounting to Sh17.6 billion since inception, KRA had slapped it with a bill of more than Sh21 billion.

Gaming industry

He said that despite the company's compliance with the law, BLCB did not inform it about the status of their application and the need to renew its licence.

"The Ministry of Interior's claims that the gaming industry is worth Sh200 billion is wrong information that has been used to pressure and intimidate industry players with inflated tax demands," he said.

Betin said its directors had been barred from the country by the Department of Immigration without giving any reasons.

Yemeni in court over illegal identification documents

by Sophie Njoka
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Anti-Terror Police Unit officers in Mombasa have taken a Yemeni to court for allegedly acquiring a Kenyan identity card illegally to enable him carry out terror activities in the country.

Police claim Wail Al Khadher Ahmed Nasser is an Al Shabaab operative.

Police told Mombasa Resident Magistrate Edgar Kagoni yesterday that the suspect was arrested on Monday at the Mombasa's Immigration offices where he had gone to renew his passport.

False pretense

An affidavit sworn by the investigating officer says the suspect has been in Kenya since 2012 and has been living at Bondeni area.

"The respondent is believed to have obtained national identity card no 36881042 by false pretense contrary to section 320 of the penal code," the affidavit reads.

Police further sought to detain him to allow them investigate how he obtained the ID, his accomplices, his activities and associates in the country.

"The said document recovered is subject to confirmation by the National Registration Bureau in Nairobi. We want to establish his identity and who helped him to obtain the identity card," he said.



NEWS BEAT ROUND-UP



State faulted over special groups legislation delay

The National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC) has taken the government to task over delay in implementation of Article 100 of the Constitution which seeks to empower special groups. Speaking yesterday during a meeting with the Senate Committee on National Cohesion, CEO Betty Nyabuto *(pictured)* said the deadline for the implementation of the Article was 2015. "We are very far from getting there yet other countries have seen the need to empower special groups. It is high time the government implemented this law," said Nyabuto. The chair of the committee Naomi Waqo promised to lobby the Senate to pass the legislation.

—ALVIN MWANGI



Eldoret Woman gets three years for killing husband

A mother of three who pleaded guilty to killing her husband unintentionally has been handed a three-year non-custodial sentence by an Eldoret court. The 33-year-old woman was sentenced to three years in probation by Eldoret High Court Judge Olga Sewe, who said the court took the decision after considering the circumstance of the case. Janet Choge confessed to killing her husband during a feud. She, however, regretted her action, which she said, was not intentional. Choge, who has been battling a murder trial for the last seven years, was elated by the court's decision.

— KIPTANUI CHERONO



DPP suffers blow in attempt to revive Waiganjo's case

The Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday suffered a blow when a Nakuru court dismissed an application seeking to reopen a case against alleged police impostor Joshua Waiganjo *(pictured)* and two former police officers. The DPP, through Daniel Karuri, had filed an application accusing a magistrate's court of prematurely closing their case. But Justice Joel Ngugi struck out the application saying the State had five years to fully prosecute the matter but instead resorted to delaying tactics.

—ROY LUMBE

PhD 'kitu gani'? Magoha questions calibre of graduates

Education CS emphasises the need for a thorough audit of courses being offered at institutions of higher learning

We are churning out people who cannot even write job application letters — Magoha

by Irene Githinji and Mathew Ndung'u
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Education Cabinet secretary Prof George Magoha yesterday questioned the calibre of university graduates local institutions churn out, emphasising the need for a thorough audit of the courses being offered.

He said there is need to go beyond certificates being offered in universities and ensure learners are skilled.

Magoha said it is important to have skills than rushing to obtain a masters or doctorate degree, then complaint that there are no jobs.

"The most important thing we want to do is skill our learners so that certificates they get can add value. We are churning out people who cannot even write job application letters. Everybody wants to be called a PhD graduate... PhD *kitu gani*?" said Magoha.

"It is better to be employed as a cleaner and climb the ladder rather than going up to masters level and then keep saying this government is really bad and I am still looking for a job," said Magoha at Nairobi Primary School during the Nairobi County Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC) quality dialogues.

THE HIGHLIGHTS

Education Cabinet secretary Prof George Magoha says there is need to go beyond certificates being offered in universities and ensure learners are skilled.

This came as Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology sharply differed with reports on suspension of doctorate degrees it has awarded.

The university maintains that all degrees offered are meritoriously earned and no student is allowed to graduate without going through the due process.

Programmes stopped

This came as Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Jkuat) sharply differed with reports on suspension of doctorate degrees it has awarded and stated that not a single degree has been suspended.

This is despite government investigation revealing glaring anomalies in processes that led to graduation of 118 PhDs awarded during the university's 33rd graduation ceremony in June.

The Commission for University Education (CUE) issued a three-month ultimatum to Jkuat's senate to review PhDs after it emerged that the institution allegedly violated the universities' standards and guidelines which came into force in 2014.

Jkuat, was also directed to stop offering PhD programmes in its satellite campuses for lack of capacity.

The audit report found that 58 of the 89 PhDs from the College of Human Resource Development, which constitute 65 per cent, were trained in the eight satellite campuses while the majority of qualified academic staff are based at the main campus.

Overall, of the 308 PhD awarded at Jkuat in the last three years, only 160 were trained at the Juja main campus.

The remaining 148 PhD were from the nine campuses which reportedly have no professors.

In a rejoinder, Jkuat's Vice Chancellor Prof Victoria Ngumi termed the claims as biased and unfounded, adding that they were published without giving proper context to the report submitted by CUE to the ministry.

Meritoriously earned

"None of our awarded doctorate degrees have been suspended," Ngumi said in a press statement issued yesterday.

The university maintained that all degrees offered are meritoriously earned and no student is allowed to graduate without going through the due process.

Ngumi assured Kenyans that the university is committed to the ideals and values underpinning quality, relevance and professionalism in all its academic and research activities.



Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha with Education PS Belio Kipsang and Knec Acting CEO Mercy Karogo at Nairobi Primary School yesterday. PHOTO: TABITHA MBATIA

Warders to be charged over death

by Kirera Mwiti
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Two warders attached to the Naivasha GK prison have been interdicted over the controversial death of an inmate a month ago.

Officer in-charge of the prison Mathew Mutisya has also been recalled to the headquarters after allegations that the inmate, Simon Nduro Gitahi, was tortured to death.



This came as the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) released a report on the death of the inmate and confirmed that Gitahi was tortured.

The 36-year-old inmate, who was serving a life sentence, died on June 15 after he was beaten by a group of warders three days earlier for allegedly failing to line up," reads the report in part.

His family has since demanded justice for their kin.

Plane crash: man wants document

by Bernice Mbugua
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A man who lost his wife in the Ethiopian plane crash in March this year has sued the Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary and the Attorney General for failing to issue him with his wife's death certificate.

Henry Macharia Wairia wants the court to compel the Principle Secretary to furnish him with Julia Mwashi Ingasiana's death certificate within seven days.

Through lawyer Allan Khasabuli, Wairia said he has sued the Boeing Company in the United States over his wife's death but the suit has stalled due to lack of the document.

According to him, the death certificate is with the foreign Affairs PS who has declined to release it for no good reason.

CUE report reveals how Jkuat broke degrees rules

by Irene Githinji
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An inquiry into doctorate degrees offered at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Jkuat) has shown that some of sampled progress reports lacked details of students accomplishment in terms of methodology, literature review and analysis of data collected.

A report by Commission for University Education (CUE) indicates that unqualified remarks like 'well-done, good progress and satisfactory' were prevalent.

The progress report tool also required students to submit a progress report every four months but this was not fully adhered to.

In some other instances, all progress reports were submitted when the student was due to submit the thesis, a situation which defeats the purpose of progress reports and is in violation of Statute No. 10 of Schedule IV (a), which requires a candidate to submit quarterly progress report.

Fair manner

As far as supervision of PhDs was concerned, the commission established that students had been assigned at least two supervisors.

"While the practice of students proposing preferred supervisor was considered by the university to be a good practice, this was found to be in contravention of Statute No. 16 Schedule IV (a) which provides that allocation of students for supervision to academic members of staff be done in a fair and equitable manner taking into consideration the area of specialisation, funding, teaching load and other related research activities," read the report.

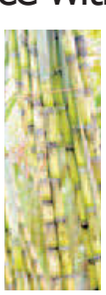
On quality of supervision, CUE observed that many of the supervisors were carrying a supervision load that is beyond the recommended threshold of three PhDs and five masters at any given academic year.

Kisumu court orders Kibos Sugar closed over non-compliance with environmental regulations

by Viola Kosome
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A Kisumu court has ordered the immediate closure of Kibos Sugar Factory after establishing that the company obtained the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report licence illegally.

The court gave a seven-day injunction restraining the distilling factory from continuing with operations without first carrying out EIA studies and submitting the reports to the National Environment Management Authority (Nema)for approval and issuance of a new EIA licence in accordance with the law.



Lawyer Charles Onyango requested for 21 days, claiming that there is no prejudice loss the petitioner will suffer if they are granted an interim of 21 days. He also said the County Government of Kisumu would lose a lot of revenue if the factory is closed.

Kisumu Environment and Lands Court judge Stephen Kibunja, however, declined their request.

Jared Sala, a lawyer representing the county government, argued that more than 2,000 people would be rendered jobless if the factory is shut.

Nyong'o defends Sh137m expenditure

by Hillary Mageka
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Kisumu Governor Anyang' Nyong'o yesterday defended his administration over irregular payment of Sh137 million in legal fees paid to three law firms in the 2017/18 financial year.

This is after the governor was taken to task by the Senate County Public Accounts and Investment committee (CPAIC) to explain why he authorised payment.

In his report for the County Executive of Kisumu for the year ending June 30, 2018, Auditor General Edward Ouko had queried why Nyong'o's administration incurred Sh137 million as legal expenditure without documentary evidence.

"We did what was within our means to obey the court order though we know it could have not been the best," Nyong'o told the committee chaired by Senator Moses Kajwang' (Homa Bay).

We did what was within our means — Nyong'o

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 KShs'000	2017 KShs'000
Revenue	4,247,258	5,659,260
Cost of sales	(3,364,961)	(5,018,062)
Gross profit	**882,297**	**641,198**
Other income	435,424	52,883
Operating expenses	(2,217,154)	(1,915,543)
Loss before depreciation, impairment, contract liability expense and finance costs	**(899,433)**	**(1,221,462)**
Contract liability expense	-	(1,512,163)
Impairment losses	(599,938)	(272,663)
Depreciation and amortisation	(601,897)	(636,940)
Operating loss	**(2,101,268)**	**(3,643,228)**
Exchange losses	(358,095)	(11,418)
Interest expenses	(1,198,772)	(1,067,012)
Net finance costs	**(1,556,867)**	**(1,078,430)**
Loss before income tax	**(3,658,135)**	**(4,721,658)**
Income tax credit/(expense)	155,512	390,376
Loss for the year	**(3,502,623)**	**(4,331,282)**
Other comprehensive income		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		
Equity instruments at FVOCI – net change in fair value	(27,426)	-
Revaluation of property, plant and equipment and prepaid operating lease rental	571,169	720,645
Related tax	(166,435)	(216,776)
	377,308	**503,869**
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	(21,626)
Re-measurement gain on retirement benefit plan	1,903	-
Deferred Tax effect	(571)	-
Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries	156,290	(60,574)
	157,622	**(82,200)**
Total other comprehensive income net of income tax	534,930	421,669
Total comprehensive income for the year	**(2,967,693)**	**(3,909,613)**
Loss after tax is attributable to:		
Equity holders of the company	(2,982,676)	(3,598,187)
Non-controlling interest (NCI)	(519,947)	(733,095)
Loss for the year	**(3,502,623)**	**(4,331,282)**
Total comprehensive income for the year is attributable to:		
Equity holders of the company	(2,579,821)	(3,269,877)
Non-controlling interest	(387,872)	(639,736)
Total comprehensive income for the year	**(2,967,693)**	**(3,909,613)**
BASIC AND DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE (KShs)	**(7.95)**	**(10.23)**

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

ASSETS	2018 KShs'000	2017 KShs'000
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	6,198,145	7,629,624
Investment property	400,245	-
Prepaid operating lease rentals	2,468,946	1,398,446
Intangible assets	2,839,961	2,865,469
Quoted investments	199	175
Unquoted investments	313,342	340,608
Deferred tax asset	666,640	702,138
	12,887,478	12,936,460
Current assets		
Inventories	1,026,307	1,159,177
Trade and other receivables	2,050,620	3,358,131
Tax recoverable	419,169	382,619
Assets held for sale	28,628	639,704
Cash and cash equivalents	255,979	264,873
	3,780,703	5,804,504
TOTAL ASSETS	**16,668,181**	**18,740,964**
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Share capital	187,601	187,601
Share premium	1,873,089	1,873,089
Revenue reserves	(8,695,074)	(5,132,661)
Translation reserve	448,953	(105,583)
Fair value reserve	93,251	120,677
Revaluation reserve	2,411,631	2,112,296
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the company	**(3,680,549)**	**(944,581)**
Non-controlling interest	375,963	832,548
Total equity	**(3,304,586)**	**(112,033)**
LIABILITIES		
Non-current liabilities		
Deferred tax liability	546,433	654,681
Liability for staff gratuity	45,023	41,127
Preference shares	909,056	723,861
Bond – non-current portion	672,184	553,117
Long term loan – Non current portion	2,859,585	2,543,182
	5,032,281	4,515,968
Current liabilities		
Bank overdraft	87,549	300,315
Long term loan – current portion	5,668,156	5,385,479
Shareholder loan	699,021	388,011
Trade and other payables	7,276,258	6,770,970
Bond – current portion	1,196,692	1,465,830
Tax payable	11,858	25,472
Unclaimed dividends	952	952
	14,940,486	14,337,029
Total liabilities	**19,972,767**	**18,852,997**
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	**16,668,181**	**18,740,964**

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 July 2019 and were signed on its behalf by:

Shaka Kariuki — *Chairman*

Nganga Njiinu — *Managing Director*

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018 KShs'000	2017 KShs'000
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	**(409,051)**	**(1,529,873)**
Income tax paid	(42,737)	(28,676)
Gratuity paid	(2,086)	(5,392)
Dividends returned	-	708
Net cash flows (used) in/from operating activities	**(453,874)**	**(1,563,233)**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(94,085)	(129,411)
Purchase of intangible assets	(2,042)	(299)
Proceeds from disposal of current assets held for sale	60,329	46,221
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	37,474	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities	**1,676**	**(83,489)**
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from loans and borrowing	1,371,617	2,631,303
Repayment of loans and borrowing	(772,537)	(1,018,255)
Interest paid on convertible bond	-	(40,634)
Shareholder loans	311,010	388,011
Partial settlement of convertible bond	(253,226)	(153,030)
Net cash flows from financing activities	**656,864**	**1,807,395**
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	204,666	160,673
IFRS 9 day 1 adjustment in cash and bank Balances	(794)	-
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	(35,442)	(196,115)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	**168,430**	**(35,442)**

SUMMARY DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT

During the year, TransCentury PLC paid KShs 51.1 million (2017 – KShs 43.5 million) as directors emoluments.

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty First Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at Kenyatta International Conference Centre (KICC), Nairobi on Tuesday, 27 August 2019 at 11.00 a.m. to conduct the following business:

AGENDA

A. ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. To read the notice convening the meeting and determine if a quorum is present;
2. To receive and adopt, the Chairman's statement, reports of the Directors and Auditors and audited financial statements for year ended 31 December 2018;
3. To note that the directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2018;
4. To elect directors in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association;
   (i) Mr. Wale Adeosun who was appointed as a director of the Company with effect from 28 March 2017, retires in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
   (ii) Mr. Kamal Pallan who was appointed as a director of the Company with effect from 28 March 2017, retires in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association and being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
5. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 769 of the Companies Act 2015, Mr. Ephraim Kariithi Njogu and Mr. Kamal Pallan being Members of the Board Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee be re-elected to continue to serve as Members of the said Committee;
6. To approve the Directors' remuneration for the year ended 31 December 2018;
7. To approve the re-appointment of KPMG Kenya as the auditors in accordance with section 723 (b) of the Companies' Act, 2015 and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration;
8. To transact any other business which may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting.

B. SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. To approve the Amendments of Articles of Association;

By Order of the Board
Company Secretary
P.O. Box 42334-00100
NAIROBI
Date: 31 July 2019

NOTE:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his/her behalf and such a proxy need not be a member of the Company. A form of proxy is enclosed and should be returned to the secretary, P.O. Box 42334-00100 Nairobi, to arrive not later than 48 hours before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
2. In accordance with Article 158 of the Company's Articles of Association, a copy of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 may be viewed and/or downloaded from the Company's website: www.transcentury.co.ke
3. A copy of the proposed amended Articles of Association may be viewed and/or downloaded from the Company's website: www.transcentury.co.ke

OVERVIEW OF FY2018 PERFORMANCE

TransCentury Plc ("TC") announces its financial results for the year ended 31 December 2018. The Group recorded a 19% improvement in the bottom line compared to 2017 despite reduction in revenue as we successfully focused on high margin business. Gross margins improved from 11% to 21%, significantly mitigating the impact of reduction in revenues which was attributed to slowed execution of our order book due to working capital challenges. In 2018 and post year end, we achieved some key successes in our earlier communicated four-step turnaround plan which we are happy to note will have material positive impact on the Group's capital structure and debt service. Key among these included:

- KShs 4.8 billion restructured to between 7 and 10 years with a reduction of KShs 1.56 billion post-year end
- Reduced debt service cash requirement which going forward allows the businesses to redirect more of the operating cash to fund working capital.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

Outlook

While the 2018 financial results do not fully reflect the significant progress made in key areas highlighted above, the scorecard is already positive, and the benefits will start to come through in 2019. The post-year end transaction mentioned above will result in a KShs 1.56 billion write-back in our income statement for 2019.

The markets we operate in remain positive and supportive of our Ahidi 2018 - 2022 Strategy with our success so far in optimizing our capital structure allowing us to put more focus going forward on commercial and strategic initiatives to support growth.

The Board and Management of TransCentury are committed to the turnaround plan to deliver long term growth, safeguard value and deliver attractive returns to all stakeholders.

By Order of the Board
Virginia Ndunge,
Company Secretary
31 July 2019

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

2018:	Share capital KShs '000	Share premium KShs '000	Revaluation reserves KShs '000	Translation reserve KShs '000	Available for sale reserve KShs '000	Revenue reserves KShs '000	Total KShs'000	Non-controlling interest KShs '000	Total equity KShs'000
Balance at 1 January 2018	187,601	1,873,089	2,112,296	(105,583)	120,677	(5,132,661)	(944,581)	832,548	(112,033)
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 9 (Note 3(b)(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	(222,640)	(222,640)	(97,825)	(320,465)
Deferred tax (Note 3(b)(i)	-	-	-	-	-	66,493	66,493	29,112	95,605
Adjusted balance at 1 January 2018	**187,601**	**1,873,089**	**2,112,296**	**(105,583)**	**120,677**	**(5,288,808)**	**(1,100,728)**	**763,835**	**(336,893)**
Total comprehensive income for the year net of tax									
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(2,982,676)	(2,982,676)	(519,947)	(3,502,623)
Other comprehensive income									
Remeasurement of defined benefit plan	-	-	-	-	-	293	293	1,610	1,903
Defered tax on remeasurement	-	-	-	-	-	(87)	(87)	(484)	(571)
Revaluation of leases, property, plant and equipment	-	-	414,679	-	-	-	414,679	156,490	571,169
Deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	(121,651)	-	-	-	(121,651)	(44,784)	(166,435)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	137,047	-	-	137,047	19,243	156,290
Net change in fair value of Equity instruments at FVOCI	-	-	-	-	(27,426)	-	(27,426)	-	(27,426)
Transfer from translation reserves	-	-	-	423,796	-	(423,796)	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	**-**	**-**	**293,028**	**560,843**	**(27,426)**	**(423,590)**	**402,855**	**132,075**	**534,930**
Total comprehensive income	**-**	**-**	**293,028**	**560,843**	**(27,426)**	**(3,406,266)**	**(2,579,821)**	**(387,872)**	**(2,967,693)**
Transactions with owners of the Company									
Transfer from revaluation	-	-	6,307	(6,307)	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners of the company	**-**	**-**	**6,307**	**(6,307)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Balance at 31 December 2018	**187,601**	**1,873,089**	**2,411,631**	**448,953**	**93,251**	**(8,695,074)**	**(3,680,549)**	**375,963**	**(3,304,586)**
2017:									
Balance at 1 January 2017	140,713	621,177	1,698,847	(77,341)	142,303	(1,499,203)	1,026,496	1,472,284	2,498,780
Total comprehensive income for the year net of tax									
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(3,598,187)	(3,598,187)	(733,095)	(4,331,282)
Other comprehensive income									
Revaluation of leases, property, plant and equipment	-	-	582,172	-	-	-	582,172	138,473	720,645
Deferred tax on revaluation	-	-	(178,048)	-	-	-	(178,048)	(38,728)	(216,776)
Exchange differences	-	-	-	(54,188)	-	-	(54,188)	(6,386)	(60,574)
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-	-	(21,626)	-	(21,626)	-	(21,626)
Transfer from translation reserves	-	-	-	35,536	-	(35,536)	-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income	**-**	**-**	**404,124**	**(18,652)**	**(21,626)**	**(35,536)**	**328,310**	**93,359**	**421,669**
Total comprehensive income	**-**	**-**	**404,124**	**(18,652)**	**(21,626)**	**(3,633,723)**	**(3,269,877)**	**(639,736)**	**(3,909,613)**
Transactions with owners of the Company									
Issue of additional shares	46,888	-	-	-	-	-	46,888	-	46,888
Share premium from issue of shares	-	1,251,912	-	-	-	-	1,251,912	-	1,251,912
Transfer from revaluation	-	-	9,325	(9,590)	-	265	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners of the company	**46,888**	**1,251,912**	**9,325**	**(9,590)**	**-**	**265**	**1,298,800**	**-**	**1,298,800**
Balance at 31 December 2017	**187,601**	**1,873,089**	**2,112,296**	**(105,583)**	**120,677**	**(5,132,661)**	**(944,581)**	**832,548**	**(112,033)**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUMMARY DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF TRANSCENTURY PLC

Opinion

The summary consolidated financial statements, which comprise the summary consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the summary consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended and the summary of the directors' remuneration report, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements and the audited auditable part of the directors' remuneration report of TransCentury PLC for the year ended 31 December 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary consolidated financial statements and summary directors' remuneration report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements and directors' remuneration report respectively, in accordance with the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015.

Summary consolidated financial statements and summary directors' remuneration report

The summary consolidated financial statements and summary directors' remuneration report do not contain all the disclosures required by the IFRS and in the manner required by the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015. Reading the summary consolidated financial statements, the summary directors' remuneration report and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited consolidated financial statements, directors' remuneration report and the auditor's report thereon.

The audited consolidated financial statements, directors' remuneration report and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified (unqualified) audit opinion on the audited consolidated financial statements in our report dated 31 July 2019 and based on our audit, reported that the auditable part of the directors' remuneration report was prepared in accordance with the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015. That report also includes:

a) A Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern section that draws attention to Note 2(f) in the audited consolidated financial statements. Note 2(f) of the consolidated financial statements indicates that TransCentury Plc incurred a loss of KShs 3.5 billion during the year ended 31 December 2018, and as of that date, TransCentury Plc's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by KShs 11.2 billion. These events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 2(f) of the audited consolidated financial statements, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on TransCentury Plc's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) The communication of other key audit matters i.e. other than Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern. Key audit matters are those matters that in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements for the current period.

Directors' responsibility for the summary consolidated financial statements and summary directors' remuneration report

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary consolidated financial statements and the summary directors' remuneration report in the manner required by the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary consolidated financial statements and summary directors' remuneration report are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited consolidated financial statements and directors' remuneration report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements* and in the manner required by the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015. We are also required to report whether the summary directors' remuneration report is consistent with the auditable part of the directors' remuneration report in accordance with the Kenyan Companies Act, 2015.

The Signing Partner responsible for the audit resulting in the independent auditors' report is FCPA Eric Aholi – Practicing Number P/1471.

KPMG Kenya
Certified Public Accountants
P.O Box 40612 – 00100, Nairobi
Date: 31 July 2019.

A full copy of the Group financial statements including explanatory notes will be available from our website ***www.transcentury.co.ke*** *from 9 August 2019.*

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QUOTED TODAY


Magoha

"We are churning out people who cannot even write job application letters. Everybody wants to be called a PhD graduate... PhD for what?" **Education Cabinet Secretary George Magoha on degree certificates.**


Margaret

"Kenya will continue with its campaign against the reopening of markets for animal trophies especially ivory," **First Lady Margaret Kenyatta during the launch of CITES CoP18 Campaign.**


Balala

"Majority of businesses at the complex are back in operation. I want to assure the world Kenya is stronger than these evil forces," T**ourism CS Najib Balala during the reopening of Dusit-D2 Complex.**

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Editorial

Follow law in push for a referendum

The Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) taskforce is off to a stuttering start of the process to decide if and when the 2010 Constitution should be reviewed.

At conception, it was loosely mandated to seek the views of Kenyans on the issues they found most contentious, which have since emerged to include the lowering of the wage bill, one of the most discussed topics in recent years. To throw a spanner in the works, the Ekuru Aukot-led Thirdway Alliance started its own parallel process, known as Punguza Mizigo, to collect a million signatures, which it did, to start a journey to a possible plebiscite.

Predictably, one of the main agenda is to lower the national wage bill, fuelled largely by a multi-layered leadership representation structure that eats away at the nation's coffers with rare abandon.

Key in its objectives is the proposal to lower the number of MPs to just over 140, which in itself will translate into huge savings, along with a reduction of the number of nominated senators and MCAs. Ostensibly, this is a good thing. What has started to sound like alarm bells for the Punguza Mizigo initiative is the ganging up of the political class to throw cold water on the endeavour by the Thirdway Alliance to lead the country to a plebiscite.

Arguments have been bandied about, largely led by the major political players and parties that the Punguza Mizigo initiative is premature and ought to give way to the BBI, already on the ground collecting and collating views of Kenyans on the way forward. Though the latter enjoys government support, it does not lay claim to have legal backing, nor were any known prescribed procedures followed in birthing it.

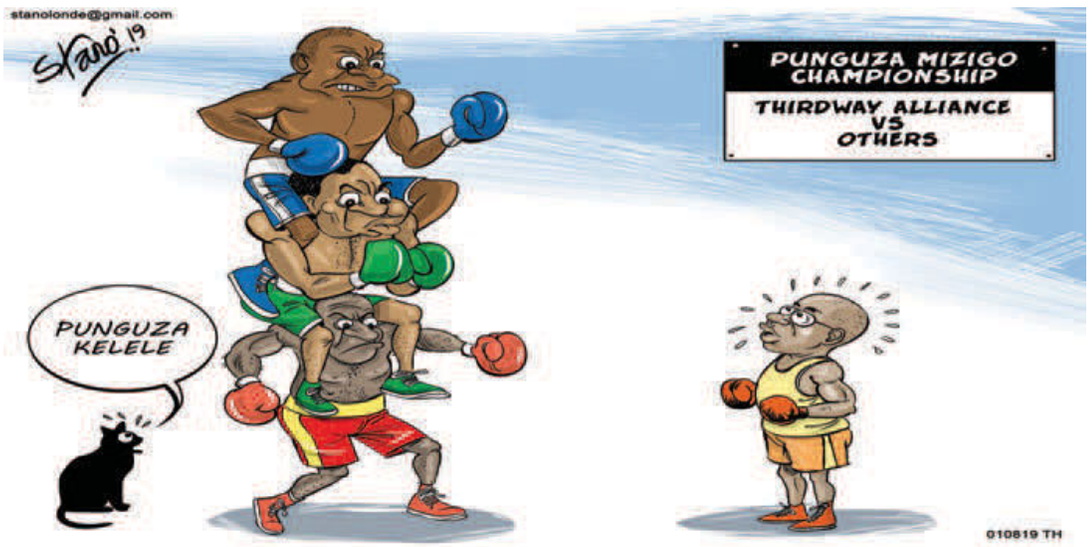
On the contrary, the Punguza Mizigo team has, as far as anyone can tell, followed the law and clearly has a right to be heard. It, therefore, appears to be leading the pack in the race to woo Kenyans on the journey to the proposed plebiscite.

It is crucial that the political class makes every effort to eschew controversy and mindless hubris even as it seeks to discredit the gains made by the Aukot team.

That it took the trouble to collect some 1.2 million signatures from Kenyans to kick start the process underlies the quest to comply with the law. That is a good thing too. The rug has been pulled from under their feet and political bigwigs should go back to the drawing board to craft a new road map to the proposed referendum. Everything else is hot air.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies
— Nelson Mandela





Stephen Ndegwa

Cancer spike blamed on lifestyle, environment

Currently, a media survey shows that compared to other regions, Central is hardest hit by the scourge

Today, we are facing a health crisis of monumental proportions, as cancer devours the very fabric of our society. There seems to be no respite in managing cancer. No one is exempt from its claws, apparently.

In a span of one week, we have lost two VIPs to cancer. Condolences to the families, friends and constituents of the late Kibra MP Ken Okoth, and former Bomet Governor Joyce Laboso.

More so, let us think seriously of the countless people perishing without the decency of a spirited medical fight. There are many types of cancer from different causes. According to data from the National Cancer Control Strategy 2017-2022, leading cancers in men include prostate, karposi sarcoma and cancer of the oesophagus.

The report notes that women suffer more from cancers of the breast, cervix and oesophagus.

Current statistics from the International Agency for Research on Cancer of the World Health Organisation indicate that we are losing more than 30,000 lives annually from cancer, placing the scourge as the third leading cause of death in the country, next to infectious and cardiovascular diseases.

The first step in curbing a cancer-driven health disaster is to map out the types with the highest rates, and then identify the specific elements or factors leading to the condition.

On top of the list is diet, which could explain the high rate of cancers affecting the stomach and colon.

The excessive consumption of artificial sugars, particularly in fizzy drinks, and transient fats in animal products and deep fried foods, is a major culprit.

It is claimed that cancer cells thrive best in environments rich in concentrated sugar and processed foods.

Thank goodness that, at last, the Kenya government has banned the use of plastics. People have been warned against heating food in microwave ovens using plastic containers.

An emerging school of thought claims that consuming hot foodstuffs and liquids in heated plastics could cause cancer of the stomach and the digestive system.

Could we also be consuming toxic foods? Some medical experts observe that years of poisoning our soils with the now banned DDT and other highly toxic chemicals could be contributing to the sudden spike in cancers found predominantly in agricultural zones.

There is also ongoing research about the relation between radiation from mobile phones and, for instance, brain tumours.

Barring other triggers, I find that I usually get a headache if I sleep with my phone near my head.

Research is also ongoing on prevalence of cancer by region. Currently, a media survey shows that compared to other regions, Central is hardest hit by the scourge.

This could be caused by loss of cultural practices which acted as crucial safeguards against environmental vagaries.

We may not go back to consuming yams and arrow roots exclusively as staple diets, but we should drastically reduce junk food consumption, and be more creative with traditional cuisine. As they say, we should eat food as medicine.

Also, let us stop the stereotypical condemnation of tobacco and alcohol, while conveniently ignoring the massive air, water and land pollution among us.

We need to look to the East, and find out how the correlation between their overall good health and longevity on one hand, and minimal medication on the other.

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Alex Rienye

Courts must always let public interest prevail

Protecting public interest requires a balancing act involving competing public interests

One pillar of democratic system of government is the concept of public interest. It demands that the interests of the wider society be taken into account in decision-making. As such, the public interest usually supersedes private or sectional interests in decision-making processes.

Public interest can be loosely described as the welfare and good of the general public. But the courts and legal experts have been reluctant to prescribe a definition for the term "public interest". Instead, they approach it from a broad perspective depending on the merits and circumstances of each case.

As Lord Hailsham in the UK House of Lords said in the case of D versus National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, "the categories of public interest are not closed." Again, this goes to show the rather liberal jurisprudential approach to the notion of public interest.

That said, courts have gone ahead to identify issues that constitute the public interest. They include public health, security, law and order, environmental protection, consumer rights, privacy and national defence. These are issues that the public has a considerable stake in.

As a legal concept, public interest applies to elected and non-elected officials, and to the three arms of government: Executive, Legislature and Judiciary.

As Chris Wheeler, a noted jurist and a leading authority on the subject writes, "Public officials have an overarching obligation to act in the public interest."

Administrators, legislators and judges cannot ignore the impact of their decisions on issues of public interest.

It is generally accepted that the term 'public interest' ought to be distinguished from 'what is of interest to the public' or 'what is of interest to know.' In the Australian case Sinclair versus Mining Warden at Maryborough, the court pronounced that public interest is not the same as that which may be of interest to the public.

Although a particular issue, say a sex scandal involving a public figure, may elicit widespread controversy, it may not necessarily be an issue of public interest. Unless, of course, there is suspected pedophilia or rape in which case the public interest in protecting children and preventing sexual crimes comes into play. Otherwise, such should be regarded as a private matter.

Protecting public interest, therefore, requires a balancing act involving competing public interests. For example, the public has a significant interest in public order and safety. Citizens therefore expect the courts to take this into account when handling cases of terrorism and other serious crimes.

In yet another Australian case McKinnon versus Secretary, Department of Treasury the court declared that public health, national security, anti-terrorism, defence or international obligations "may constitute over-riding interests when compared to other competing interests."

This clearly shows the primacy of the public interest. Courts and the Judiciary as a whole should bear in mind that protecting the public interest does not necessarily equate to violating or denying individual rights even in cases involving serious offences including terrorism. While each case should be considered on its merits, the wider public good should always prevail.

That is the only way our courts can be seen to be independent and committed to upholding justice. I am not saying that private and individual rights and interest don't matter. In a democratic polity, courts should uphold the rights of all citizens. But the Judiciary should be vigilant against cartels pursuing private interests disguised as the public interest.

This is most pronounced in cases involving corruption and other crimes of an economic nature where suspects will attempt to stall the process by pleading all manner of violation of their rights. They seek to delay cases in order to defeat justice. Courts should reject such attempts.

By upholding public interest, our courts will regain the confidence of citizens. Independence of the Judiciary can only flourish where judicial officers are seen by the public to be protecting and defending the interest of the society as opposed to pandering to narrow, partisan and personal interests.

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Cecily Mbarire

Constitution clear on functions of MPs, senators

Senate can only legislate on functions of the county governments

Last week, the Senate filed a case in court challenging legislations by the 12th Parliament on the basis of what it cites as disregard of the Constitution by the National Assembly regarding its legislative mandate.

While I do not want to comment on matters before court, I can review the Constitution on how it demarcates the mandate of each House of Parliament.

Articles 95 and 96 of the Constitution has conferred exclusive mandate on the National Assembly to represent the people of the constituencies and deliberate on and resolve issues of concern to the people.

The National Assembly is also responsible for determining the allocation of revenue between the National and county governments. It is only the National Assembly that is responsible for passing laws which allow for withdrawal of funds for public projects or provision of services to wananchi.

Further, the National Assembly exercises oversight over national revenue and its expenditure, through the committees such as Public Accounts Committee and Public Investments Committee.

Additionally, the National Assembly has the power to initiate impeachment proceedings against the President and Deputy President and can consider petitions by members of the public for removal of Cabinet Secretaries and members of constitutional commissions. The National Assembly is also mandated to vet and approve or reject presidential appointments.

Further, it is only the National Assembly that can approve a motion sanctioning the country to go to war or declare a state of emergency, approve deployment of foreign forces in Kenya and deployment of the Kenya Defence Forces to restore peace in any part of Kenya.

In terms of its legislative mandate, Article 109 of the Constitution gives powers to the National Assembly to introduce and consider any bill. It is only the National Assembly that can legislate on any matter. Such is the unlimited legislative mandate of the National Assembly.

The Senate, on the other hand, is limited in its role. It can only introduce and consider bills concerning county governments. Unlike the National Assembly which can legislate on anything, the Senate can only legislate on functions of the county governments such as laws on pre-primary and nursery schools, agriculture, cultural activities, control of drugs and county health services.

However, even on Bills touching on county governments, the National Assembly must approve them upon passage by Senate. Without the approval of the National Assembly, the Senate Bills would fail.

The Senate cannot introduce or consider Bills that do not concern county governments. The Senate cannot originate money bills, which connotes bills that require the expenditure of public funds for their implementation.

This provision further illustrates the limited nature of the Senate legislative mandate, as the Senate has to look for a bill which nearly does not exist for them to originate

This explains why very few bills are originated by the Senate. As such, the senators should stop accusing the National Assembly of ignoring them when passing laws.

—The writer is a Nominated MP

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KOT yesterday struck a discordant note about gospel musician Willy Paul's newest offering.

@naiblogger: How can you stoop this low to giving us #LambaNyonyo? Shame on Willy Paul for trying to satisfy the 2000s kids by losing his ways.

luiboy@Luiz31650617: Y'all bashing Willy Paul for singing #LambaNyonyo the same people who praise these other ratchetry coming from reclaimed Kenyan artists. So let Willy Paul enjoy, after all Kenyans love shitty music.

@Sameerbry: So Pozze has a new jam dubbed #LambaNyonyo hehehe .....I kiff up.

@254_icon: Youll know kenyans are idle when @WillyPaulMusic is trending.

@RealNickLee254: Wah, Willy Paul , huh!

STREET talk

Did Parliament receive phantom computers?

Police guarding a parliamentary facility were shocked when a truck that was ostensibly delivering computers donated to Parliament turned out to be empty. This despite the crew of the 40-foot container having asked them to sign a delivery book indicating they were delivering more than 200 computers to the facility that is still under construction. It is said this is the third time the truck was making similar "empty" deliveries.

MPs protest burden of funeral contributions

Still on Parliament, some legislators reportedly petitioned a House official to waive an unwritten rule that every MP contributes Sh10,000 for funeral expenses of former colleagues. They were apparently apprehensive that it would be uphill raising Sh20,000 towards the funerals of Joyce Laboso and Ken Okoth.

Nyoro in trouble over links to Waititu ally

Kiambu Deputy Governor James Nyoro is reportedly in the eye of a storm even before he settles in his acting capacity in the absence of Governor Ferdinand Waititu. Eyebrows have been raised about the presence at his press conference on Tuesday of a man connected to a firm accused of fleecing clients of millions of shillings in a housing scheme. The man, believed to be a close ally of Waititu, is said to have found his way into Nyoro's inner circle.

CS registers party with eye on 2022

A Cabinet Secretary is rumoured to have quietly registered a political party using proxies in readiness for 2022 presidency contest. The CS, who had declared interest in the presidency in a previous general election, has also been trying to resuscitate moribund parties associated with his region in a strategy to mobilise home base behind his candidature.



TRUTH IS: The one who tries to abandon God may find that God will let him.

High Court stops debates on Punguza Mizigo bill

Judge issues temporary orders pending hearing and determination of a suit filed by a civil society organisation

by Bernice Mbugua, Bernard Gitau and Mercy Salisi
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THE HIGHLIGHTS

- **High Court stops county assemblies from debating or approving Thirdway Alliance Kenya party's Punguza Mizigo bill.**
- **MCAs poke holes in the Bill questioning its capability to reduce the bloated wage bill and corruption.**
- **Council of Governors, Jubilee Party, Orange Democratic Movement and Elections Observation Group named as interested parties in the suit.**

Thirdway Alliance Kenya party leader Ekuru Aukot hands over Punguza Mizigo documents to Nairobi County Assembly Speaker Chege Mwaura at City Hall in Nairobi yesterday. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

The High Court has stopped county assemblies from debating or approving Thirdway Alliance Kenya party's Punguza Mizigo bill.

Justice James Makau issued the temporary orders pending the hearing of a suit filed by David Ngari and International Economic Law Centre challenging the bill.

The judge further barred Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) from submitting the bill to speakers of county assemblies.

"The orders will be in force for 14 days pending parties in the suit to file their responses within five days," he ruled.

The two petitioners have named the 47 county assemblies, IEBC, Thirdway Alliance and the National Assembly and Senate speakers as respondents.

Council of Governors, Jubilee Party, Orange Democratic Movement and Elections Observation Group have been named as interested parties in the suit.

Irregular approval

They accuse IEBC of unconstitutionally, illegally and irregular approving the Punguza Mizigo Bill.

According to the petitioners, IEBC, as currently constituted, lacks constitutional competence and technical capacity to admit, process and approve the proposed Bill together with supporting list and signatures of registered voters.

The two petitioners argue that the drafting faults in the Bill are fatal and passing it risks throwing the legal and administrative system of Kenya into unprecedented confusion and chaos.

"Unless this court intervenes by way of conservatory orders, the petitioners are apprehensive that their petition shall become otiose and rendered nugatory," stated their lawyer James Mamboleo.

According to Ngari, and International Economic Law Centre, IEBC did not undertake public participation in respect to the verification process yet it is crucial under Article 20 of the Constitution as a national value and principle.

> *The orders will be in force for 14 days pending parties in the suit to file their responses within five days — Makau*

The case will be heard on August 13.

Thirdway Alliance secretary general Fredrick Okango dismissed the ruling saying the court "does not have jurisdiction" over the matter.

Reduce wages

"High Court does not have the jurisdiction to stop a constitutional matter and also cannot stop a constitutional body from conducting its duties," he told the *People Daily* at Nairobi County Assembly.

The court did not stop the party from presenting the Bill to Speakers of County Assemblies.

Meanwhile, yesterday MCAs poked holes in the Bill questioning its capability to reduce the bloated wage bill and corruption.

While in a 'Kamukunji' at Nairobi County Assembly led by the party leader Ekuru Aukot, MCAs from both political divides seemed to downplay the effectiveness of the Bill in addressing the current challenges.

Lobby group raises legal concern on Huduma

by George Kebaso
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A coalition of civil society organisations has punched holes into the proposed Huduma Bill saying it has legal implications that need to be addressed before it is taken to Parliament.

They have raised a number of concerns on the way it has been crafted, noting that it violates children's rights.

Lawyers Hub chief executive officer Linda Bonyo said issuing children identity cards will take the country back to the colonial *kipande* system.

"What about confidentiality issues of children? How do they take care of the Huduma Card? What if it is stolen? That should concern us. It's violating the rights of children," she stated.

> *That should concern us. It's violating the rights of children — Bonyo*

The bill requires that children who have attained six years and above be registered in the Huduma system and be issued with an identification card.

Sacked Laikipia medics finally return to work



About half of the 61 medical doctors sacked by Laikipia County Government last month have reported back to work.

Health CEC Dr Lenai Kamario said the medics resumed duty after responding to "show-cause" letters issued to them before dismissal.

On May 24, through the Kenya Medical Practitioners, Pharmacists and Dentists Union, the medics issued a strike notice to the county government.

The notice by KMPDU secretary general Ouma Oluga (*pictured*) accused the county government of failing to respond to issues of designation of specialists to the right job groups.

The medics were sacked on June 24 after participating in the strike for three weeks.

Kibor's sons to know land fate in October

by Winstone Chiseremi
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Six sons of controversial Rift Valley politician Jackson Kibor will know whether the decision by their father to transfer 1,250 acres of land to them will be upheld or nullified by the Land and Environment Court in Eldoret on October 7.

Justice Anthony Ombwayo had been expected to rule on the matter on Tuesday but he adjourned the case to October when he will have completed writing the judgment.

The veteran politician has been embroiled in the vicious land dispute for three years.

In his application, Kibor accused his sons — Elkana Kipleting, Evans Kipkosgei, Ezekiel Kipng'etich, Eric Kipchumba, Raymond Kibitok and Edwin Kipkoech — of fraudulently sub-dividing and processing titles for his land.

Poverty, unemployment fuelling human trafficking in the country

by Henry Andanje and Ann Nyathira
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Children in Mombasa observe the day. PHOTO: BONFACE MSANGI

There is increased human trafficking in the country due to high level poverty and unemployment, the government has said.

It has also cited Busia town as one of the gateways through which people trafficked pass through into the country.

Principal Secretary, State Department of Social Protection Nelson Marwa cited Busia border point as one of the routes being used by human traffickers.

He, however, assured that the government is determined to curb human trafficking activities in the country.

Marwa said the government is putting in place necessary measures to ensure that cases of human trafficking are brought to an end.

He said women and children are the most trafficked.

He made the remarks in a speech read on his behalf by Senior Deputy Secretary Ngei Mutinda during this year's World Day Against Human Trafficking marked on Tuesday.

Lack of facilities affecting learning

by Harrison Kivisu
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Education stakeholders have raised concern over the poor learning conditions for a majority of children in Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) centres.

Speaking at the National Early Childhood Conference in Mombasa yesterday, they regretted the slow progress in addressing lack of facilities such as classrooms and toilets for the young learners.

ECD Network for Kenya chairperson Teresa Mwona said some counties are grappling with overstretched facilities that have compromised quality education.

A report released last year on Accelerating Early Childhood Development through Partnerships indicated that counties are facing challenges in expanding early childhood learning centres due to inadequate land and lack of commitment by leaders.

Deputy governor William Kingi said there are major gaps in coordination of the devolved function with lack of funds hindering successful implementation of the programme.

> *Lack of funds hindering implementation — Kingi*



Interior CS Fred Matiang'i, Inspector General of Police Hillary Mutyambai and Interior PS Karanja Kibicho at the NTSA headquarters, yesterday. PHOTO: BENARD ORWONGO

NTSA issues new rules to help curb road carnage

This comes as Matiang'i shuts down 300 driving schools not qualified to conduct training

by George Kebaso and Gillian Seka
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The government, through the National Transport and Safety Authority (NTSA), yesterday spelt out new measures to enhance road safety.

Interior Cabinet Secretary Fred Matiang'i announced the deregistration of 300 driving schools that were not qualified to conduct training.

"The driving schools recently failed a revalidation exercise that sought to establish levels of compliance with the provisions and requirements for driving school registration," he said at the NTSA headquarters yesterday.

During the launch of the National Transport Reforms Conference, Matiang'i said the government is set to implement far-reaching reforms in the transport sector as outlined in the National Road Safety Action Plan 2019–2023.

Matiang'i said defective driver training, testing and licensing system has been one of the major contributors of road accidents. "This has been aggravated by the recent proliferation of backstreet driving schools," he stated.

Data with NTSA shows that only 35 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) institutions had qualified for the test of becoming a training centres for drivers.

Matiang'i said enforcement regimes would ensure law implementation on roads as we approach the holiday season from next month. "The stakeholders on ground and the government should support NTSA to win the hearts of people in following the road safety measures," he said.

Integrated policy

He said plans are at an advanced stage to review the national integrated policy that would guide transport and increase quality of infrastructure.

"Urban mobility and congestion will also be looked at in order to emerge with modern facility to facilitate development," he added.

The CS said the government will not turn away from the atrocities committed on the roads by half-baked drivers.

"The government will remain non-compromising on the standards and quality of driver training," he added.

NTSA director general Francis Meja said, so far, short-term interventions the authority had mounted in partnership with various stakeholders have yielded a 50 per cent reduction in road fatalities.

Matiang'i directed that with effect from November 1, no PSV or commercial service driver's licence will be renewed without the holder undergoing a mandatory retraining and retesting process in accordance with the newly prescribed modules.

It is not illegal to share obscene information online, judge rules

by Bernice Mbugua
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The High Court has declared Section 84(d) of the Kenya Information Communication Act (KICA), that prohibits publication of obscene information in electronic form, unconstitutional.

Justice Wilfrida Okwany decriminalised the said section, which deals with publication of obscene online material, saying it is in such broad terms that an accused cannot answer.

The said section reads: "*Any person who publishes or transmits or causes to be published in electronic form, any material which is lascivious or appeals to be prurient interest and its effect is such as to tend to deprave and corrupt persons who are likely, having regard to all relevant circumstances, to read, see or hear the matter contained or embodied therein, shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding two hundred thousand shillings or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.*"

The judge said the impugned section is against Article 33 of the Constitution, which deals with freedom of expression and Section 25(c) which state "despite any other provision in the Constitution, the right to fair trial shall not be limited".

The suit had been filed by blogger Cyprian Nyakundi, after he was charged with posting alleged obscene information on the Internet against Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru, in April 2018. He faced similar charges after posting remarks on his Twitter account, against Interior CS Fred Matiang'i.

> *It is only through criticism that leaders understand that their actions are untoward -Okwany*

PKF given a nod to audit Ouko

by Mercy Mwai
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Members of the National Assembly have approved the appointment of PKF Kenya, an independent firm, to audit the financial accounts of the Office of the Auditor General for the last four financial years at cost of Sh41.2 million.

The MPs unanimously approved the firm, a move that now paves way for its formal appointment by the Parliamentary Service Commission.

The MPs said it is important for the Office of Auditor General to audited as it does to the other government entities. Public Accounts Committee chairperson Opiyo Wandayi, said there is need for the institution to be audited.



ROUND-UP OF DAY'S EVENTS



Thika Town MP threatens to sue over river pollution

Thika Town MP Patrick Wainaina has raised concern over the discharge of raw sewage into rivers Komo and Ndarugu, raising concern of possible outbreak of deadly diseases. The MP has written to National Environment Management Authority giving the agency a 14-day ultimatum to address pollution or face prosecution. Wainaina was speaking after commissioning Munyu community water project which was rehabilitated through Jungle Foundation to the tune of Sh3 million. "I am concerned at the risks people who consume the water downstream are exposed to," Wainaina said. -MATHEW NDUNG'U and OLIVER MUSEMBI

Yemen national in court for acquiring ID illegally



Detectives from the Anti-Terror Police Unit (ATPU) in Mombasa have arrested a Yemen national alleged to have illegally acquired a Kenyan identity card to enable him carry out terrorism in the country. Police claims Wail Al Khadher is an al Shabaab operative. Police told Mombasa resident magistrate Edgar Kagoni yesterday that the suspect was arrested on Monday at the Mombasa's Immigration offices where he had gone to renew his passport.Kagoni ordered the suspect detained for 24 hours and be produced in court today. - SOPHIE NJOKA

Help eradicate mathenge weed, Tana locals urge



Tana River residents have urged the government to eradicate the 'Mathenge' tree known as Propopis Juliflora. Speaking to the press yesterday at Kinakomba location, one of the famers, Hamesa Jillo said the plant has invaded over 10,000 acres of farmland and 5,000 acres of grazing land and was draining water from river Tana. Deputy Director of Kenya Forest Research Institute (Kefri) Dr Gabriel Muturi (*pictured*) said a research carried out by Kefri found out that the tree could be made economically viable through charcoal burning instead of destroying it. - KNA

Ready... Go!



Planning principal secretary Saitoti Torome (right) with director of the Kenya National Populations Census Zachary Mwangi at Uhuru Park in Nairobi flag off the convoy to officially launch the national census set for August 24 to September 2. PHOTO: DAVID NDOLO

First Lady reaffirms push for closure of ivory market

Mrs Kenyatta says allowing the trade to continue will undo national conservation gains made over the years

Today we are lobbying and petitioning for the closure of all ivory markets -First Lady

by PSCU

First Lady Margaret Kenyatta yesterday reaffirmed Kenya's push for the closure of all ivory trade markets across the world.

She said Kenya would continue with its campaign against the reopening of markets for animal trophies, especially ivory.

The campaign is being supported by 31 other African States grouped under the African Elephant Coalition (AEC).

Margaret (*pictured*) spoke at the ivory burning site at the Nairobi National Park where she presided over the official launch of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) CoP18 Awareness Campaign.

The CITES CoP18 global conference is scheduled for next month in Geneva, Switzerland.

"Today we are lobbying and petitioning for the closure of all ivory markets, and boldly advocating for the placement of all elephants onto Appendix 1 of CITES," said the First Lady, a renown supporter of conservation work in her capacity as the patron of the "Hands Off Our Elephants" campaign.

Trade markets

"This is the message that we, as a country, as conservationists, stakeholders and as members of the African Elephant Coalition, jointly pledge ahead of the CITES CoP18 meeting," she added.

The First Lady said every time a proposal is made to partially reopen ivory trade markets, demand for the animal trophies escalates leading to increased poaching.

She said reopening the ivory trade markets will destroy the conservation gains made over the years.

The First Lady said Kenya has put in place several mechanisms to mitigate poaching and illegal trade in ivory including stronger aerial surveillance around conservation areas, built a robust law enforcement and deterrent measures at ports and airports.

She also commended the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife and its partners for their hard-work and commitment as custodians of Kenya's biodiversity.

CONSERVATION

Kenya Airways has announced the roll out of a global conservation awareness campaign by use of specially branded boarding passes.

Board chair Michael Joseph said the campaign will start tomorrow. The branded boarding passes will have contacts where customers using the airline can get all information to support wildlife protection.



Denmark in Sh14m aid for projects

by Cheloti Joshua
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Denmark will invest Sh14 million to initiate income generating projects for communities living in bandit-prone counties in North Rift region as part of the long term sustainable measures to address the vice.



Speaking during a visit to West Pokot county on Tuesday, Denmark ambassador to Kenya Mette Knudsen said the aid will help facilitate intra and inter communal dialogue among the warring communities.

She said her government jointly with Kenya is committed to addressing resource-based conflicts that have rocked the region and resulted in underdevelopment for decades.

MP accuses police of corruption

by Sophie Njoka
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Police officers in Magarini are on the spot for allegedly demanding bribes from victims of gender-based violence (GBV) so as to help them record statements on the violations.

In the latest incident Magarini MP Michael Kingi claims a police officer in the area demanded Sh10,000 from a woman who had gone to report a GBV case.

Teenage pregnancies

Speaking at Marafa polytechnic after touring a new rescue and protection centre established by Action Aid Kenya to help train teenage mothers on life skills, the MP said corruption is undermining the war against teenage pregnancies.

Kingi said he reported the matter to the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) officials but by the time a dragnet was set up, the officer had already escaped.

Malala wants State to list regional distribution of top jobs

by Hillary Mageka
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Senate Deputy Minority Leader Cleophas Malala yesterday the government to list and publicly release regional distribution of high cadre jobs in all government ministries, state agencies, and departments according to their respective ethnic groups.

Malala also wants President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration to reveal names of various heads of parastatals and missions abroad.

"The committee should list and state the respective ethnic and regional backgrounds of all heads and top 10 officers deployed in government ministries, embassies, State agencies, and parastatals," Malala said on Tuesday in a statement sought from the Senate Committee on National Cohesion and Regional Integration.

Malala argues the move would help Kenyans to estabish whether the distribution of the positions is in line with the government policy on equal allocation of opportunities to all communities and regions in Kenya.

Achieve cohesion

He is also seeking to find whether the opportunities as distributed in government, help the country to achieve cohesion and integration.

"The committee should seek to ensure equitable distribution of jobs and positions in the public sector to all Kenyan communities," he said.

A recent report by the Public Service Commission (PSC) showed that six communities; Kikuyu, Kalenjin, Luo, Luhya, Kamba and Kisii occupy 82.6 per cent of government leaving the remaining tribes to share the 17 per cent of public jobs.

The report cited that Kikuyu who are Kenya's most populous group control 33,783 of government jobs representing 23.4 per cent of the total, while the Kalenjin, the third most populous have 23,649 or 16.3 per cent. The Luo, the third largest group have 18,383 or 12.7 per cent, the Luhyas, the second most populous control 18,106 (12.5 per cent), Kamba 14,707 (10.2 per cent) and Kisii 10,786 (7.5 per cent).

Confronting Cancer

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Alarm as illicit drugs flood the Kenyan market

With connections to suppliers in India, patients and caregivers engage in illegal trade of medicine as prohibitive cost pushes most Kenyans to look for cheaper option, safety notwithstanding

There are patients who may have gone to India for treatment but saw an opportunity to start selling drugs —Dr Wairimu

by George Kebaso
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Kenyans have often been casually been described as entrepreneurial. For most, after each experience or occurrence, there is a business angle to be explored.

This mentality has caught up with most Kenyans who travel to India to seek cancer treatment. During the excursion, most patients and caregivers have turned briefcase cancer drugs sellers back in the country.

This has led to a rise in cancer drugs black market, with most sellers using referrals to make a quick buck from patients who cannot afford to travel to the Asian country.

This illicit trade is compounded by the prohibitive cost of the medicine that has seen most patients opt for the "cheaper option".

Once in India for treatment, the patients and caregivers establish links with cancer drugs outlet for a steady supply and at a cheaper price.

Dr Wairimu Mbogo, a pharmacist and head of commercial and operations at Meraky Healthcare Limited says trend of illicit trade in cancer drug is now widespread.

"Patients have realised that the medicines are cheaper in India, so some of them use those with connections there to procure the drugs for them," she said.

However, she added, the trade is illegal and the drugs may not be safe, owing to the manner in which the drugs are transported. Most of the drugs, although some are procured using patients' prescriptions, are sold through the backdoor. The law requires that a person who wishes to import drugs should be licenced.

"There are patients who may have gone to India for treatment but saw an opportunity to start selling drugs which they ferry in their suitcases," Wairimu said.

Possible contamination

The sellers do not often declare the contents of the suitcases and end up exposing the medicine to possible contamination and unconducive temperature conditions that interfere with their efficiency.

Ordinarily, an importer must declare to the Pharmacy and Poisons Board (PPB) their drugs supplier, location, contacts of each of parallel imported medicinal substance . The full responsibility for quality, efficacy, safety, potency, and security of parallel imported medicinal substance lies on the parallel importer.

Further, such traders are expected to comply with Good Distribution Practice (GDP) standards; ensure that the storage conditions, GDP and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) are observed during transport and distribution, for example, cold chain requirements.

However, even as the racketeers fail to declare what they are importing, they further breach regulations and expose the medicines to possible contamination and temperature conditions that interfere with efficacy.

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Meraky Healthcare Limited head of commercial and operations Dr Wairimu Mbogo at a recent event. She raised concern over the safety of cancer drugs from unlicenced sellers. PHOTO: COURTESY

COSTLY AFFAIR

The cost of treating cancer remains way beyond the reach of most households in Kenya.

A survey in three cancer centres in Nairobi revealed deep financial strain for households with patients suffering from the four main strains of the disease—cervical, breast, esophageal and prostate cancer.

It costs between Sh172,000 and Sh759,000 to treat cervical cancer without surgery in Kenya and Sh672,000 to Sh1.25 million if one undergoes an operation, according to researchers allied to the National Cancer Control Programme and the National Cancer Institute, Kenya.

Patients seeking basic treatment for breast cancer pay between Sh175,200 and Sh1.98 million .

My five-year battle with leukaemia, and still going strong

by Harriet James

When we met Eunice Mwaura, also known as "Lefty", she welcomed us warmly in her neatly-arranged one-roomed house in Witeithie on Thika Super Highway.

With a broad smile, the 28-year-old quickly clears the beads and strings that were on the table. The smile erases her struggle with leukaemia.

"I usually make these neckpieces and bracelets to earn a living and finance my costly treatment. I also take up some odd jobs," she says.

Profuse continuous bleeding in 2013 would have been the most obvious hint for Eunice and her family of leukaemia, but at the time, they knew nothing about cancer of blood.

"One night after I got my tooth extracted, I over-bled but it stopped, albeit for a few days ," says the former receptionist at Kenya Wildlife Service offices.

Her head constantly ached, her blood count was low and she often felt dizzy.

"There was this time a colleague needed blood donation and I turned up. I could not produce even a drop of blood even after pricking my finger. We laughed it off with my colleagues and did not think much of it," says Eunice.



The migraines would worsen.

"This was still in 2013. I used to attend evening classes after work. The drugs I took to deal with the headaches did not work and now, I was convinced I was stressed just as everyone pointed out," the first born in a family of three children says.

Soon after, her weight dropped from 55kgs to 50kgs. "It was so bad I even began collapsing at work. My skin was pale. A friend suggested I get tested for HIV/Aids," she says with a smile.

The year 2014 started on a bad note. "I tired easily and I developed lumps on my body," she recalls. Medics put her on blood-boosting foods and drugs.

"The drugs made my mind thud! I felt like I was losing my mind. All this while, I was misdiagnosed with severe infections, malaria, even typhoid since

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Alarm as patients, caregivers engage in illic

Some medicines are temperature sensitive, so they need special cold chain validation procedures

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"Instead of putting the medicines in suitcases they should use a logistics provider to bring the medicines here to ensure it is free of contamination or temperature changes," she said.

The President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Kenya (PSK) Louis Machogu concurred with Wairimu, saying the web of those importing cancer medicines is spreading and includes relatives of patients.

"Relatives who travel with patients find that the medicines are cheaper and bring them here. But sadly, no one checks where the medicines come from," he says.

"No one knows how the medicines were stored when they were coming in; some medicines are temperature sensitive, so they need special cold chain validation procedures," he added.

"Cancer develops resistance if patients consistently use medicines that do not meet required safety and efficacy threshold, forcing the user to go for the most effective, and by extension costly. It is a public health issue that needs to be addressed urgently."

Arrest trend

However, Wairimu suggests that hospitals can arrest the trend if patients coming with their own medicines either sign a disclaimer that the oncology centres do not know where these medicines are coming from and that the hospitals are not liable.

In some cases, business people have seen an opportunity because of medical tourism.

"It becomes a connection where a patient is talking to another in the oncology centre," says Wairimu.

The risk comes when a patient reacts to a drug, for instance in a situation in which medicine is labeled wrongly.

The Pharmacy and Poisons Board admitted presence of cancer drugs originating from invalidated sources, but with lack of adequate personnel at the ports of entry and the cunning nature of some importers, it is difficult to contain the illegal trade.

"We have 11 to 13 gazetted points of entry but the number of officers we have is not enough. We man the main entries. However, as much as it is happening, the quantity of those medicines is insignificant. In the world over, governments have not been able to manage this situation," board CEO Fred Siyoi told journalists in Nairobi during a roundtable meeting.

Siyoi, however, said those importing medicines in suitcases were taking advantage of the Prescription Medicine Importation (PMI) avenue to bring in drugs of commercial significant quantities (commercial packs).

"However, we have clear guidelines that manage this process. If one is seeking a special permit to import on prescription, the part of prescription must be attached when applying to import that drug," he said.

Dominic Kariuki, an inspector at the board says an importer can only bring in medicine that can run for 18 months.

"Once you are importing you have to ask the officer at the port of entry to check and confirm the drugs are labeled in the language he understands. He projects that whoever will use them also understands," he said.

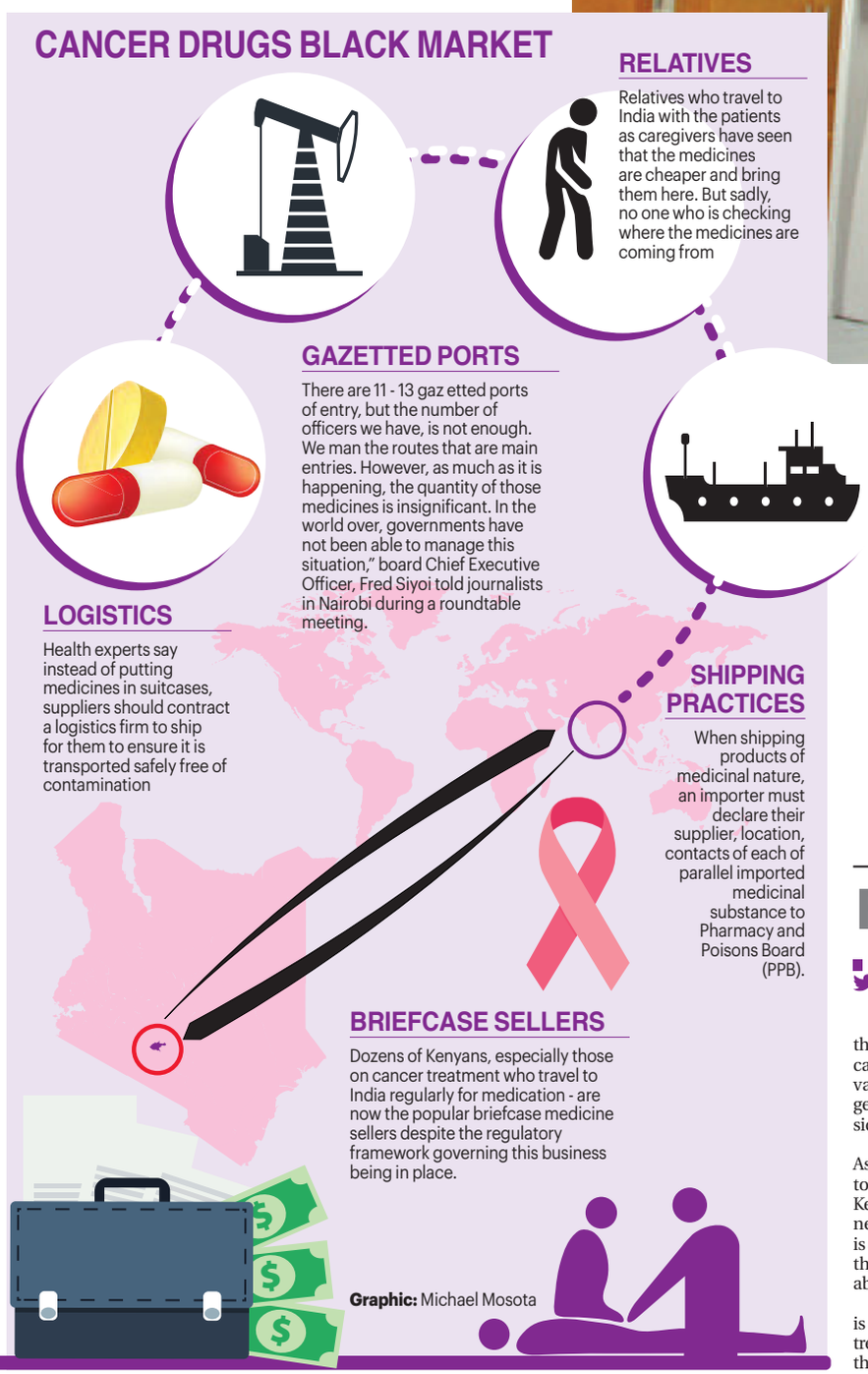
Unregistered drugs

The board cautions that sale of unregistered medicines is not allowed, except with written permission under the appropriate provisions in the Pharmacy and Poisons Act.

As a condition, records of sales should be kept, and this may also include special conditions on giving the permission.

Further the medicines should





IN NUMBERS

40,000

It is estimated that there are 40,000 new cases annually and approximately 28,000 cancer related deaths every year.

70%

More than 70 per cent of cancer cases are diagnosed at late stage when treatment outcomes are poor and palliative care is usually the only management amenable.

Friendlier t

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The introduction of targeted therapy is likely to revolutionalise cancer treatment, with latest advancements billed to be more gentle on patients and with lesser side effects.

Former Kenya Pharmaceutical Association (KPA) chairman Newton Siele, also a board member of Kenya Cancer Association, says the newer model treatment of cancer is expensive, with cost of targeted therapy treatment estimated at about Sh5 million per year.

"In targeted treatment which is one of the products used in the treatment of breast cancer, a year's therapy goes for at least Sh5 mil-

it drugs trade



A chemotherapy machine. Costly cancer treatment leads patients to source drugs in the black market. PHOTO: COURTESY

be stored separately from other registered medicines.

"The area should be clearly indicated as to its use to ensure adequate control of sales," the guidelines say.

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To ensure a coordinated response to cancer control in Kenya, the National Cancer Control Strategy 2017-2022 was developed to act as a framework to guide all stakeholders supporting its control. The strategy addresses the whole ecosystem, including prevention, early detection and screening, diagnosis, registration and surveillance, treatment, palliative care and survivorship, coordination, partnership and financing and monitoring, valuation and research.

Low-income countries such as Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania are bearing the biggest burden of the disease due to lack of awareness, misdiagnosis, late presentation to hospitals and the high cost of treatment.

How I lost my eyesight, hearing to leukaemia

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my white blood cells count was abnormally high," Eunice says.

She started stammering and everyone around her insisted she was depressed.

"I remember people saying I may have been bewitched and was asked if I had come in contact with anyone suspicious. Being staunch Christians, my parents prayed for me all the time."

One night her condition worsened and her vision blurred. She was bleeding through her left eye and she was vomiting. She was taken to Kenyatta National Hospital in Nairobi.

"I was admitted and one of the side rooms became my home for four months," she said. The night she was admitted her left eye became blind.

Huge expenses

When they drew her blood for testing, it was brownish, indicating all was not well. The sample was sent to India.

"In between my stay at Kenyatta, I bled one night through my right ear and the bleeding stopped along with the hearing," Eunice quips.

Throughout her stay, she would see beds being cleared after the occupants died. Eunice even thought about death to save her family the trouble of incurring such huge expenses.

"My brother forewent college just so I could get treatment. My family was stretched and my father sold off most of his property to offset my bills," she adds.

The results came back indicating she had leukaemia.

"I never imagined I would be diagnosed with cancer at such a young age. I was in denial and I was bitter with God. The doctor's said that I had three months to live; The blood cancer was in stage three, phase four."

The chances of survival, doctors told her, were 50-50 if she underwent treatment. She started chemotherapy and radio sessions towards the end of 2014.

"I looked terrible! And I became an attraction in the village. People would come home just to see me and the stigma was too much. Even as I got better, it was hard for me to get by," she sighs.

She had a tough time getting her balance while walking and would stagger.

"In the hospital, my then boyfriend broke up with me and it stung a little. The physical pain I had outweighed the emotional pain despite the fact that he told me off citing unwanted 'hereditary genes'. But being out there and not having friends was tough. Even tougher was dating," she admits.

With time, she got better and fell in love. "In 2017, after being friends with a certain guy, things looked up. I liked him," Eunice said.

Family introductions were made and they planned their wedding for 2018.

"He called the engagement off and it hurt but I have since dealt with it. I, however, want a child and not necessarily a relationship; being a burden is not an idea I fancy," she laughs.

Six months after treatment, the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests showed the cancer levels were reducing.

"I have been on oral therapy since and this year, the tests showed my cancer was at per cent per cent down from 78 per cent," she says.

Eunice has monthly clinic visits that could cost Sh7, 000 or more. "I keep nagging my oncologist at Nairobi Hospital for a baby but, he says I have to wait, my health comes first.

Henzo Kenya who have partnered with Nairobi Hospital have been very instrumental in providing me with drugs otherwise three million per year on medication would not be possible," she smiles.

targeted therapy tipped to transform treatment

lion… how many Kenyans do you think can afford that?" poses Siele in an exclusive interview with *People Daily*.

According to him, targeted therapies are currently the focus of much anticancer drug development.

"When people hear about cancer, what comes to mind is the negative side effects of chemotherapy, including hair and weight loss," says Siele.

"But now cancer treatment has evolved. Targeted therapy is the latest advancement with fewer side effect. Doctors have far much more knowledge on how to manage some of these cancers," he added.

He also says emergence of surgical techniques to either remove or shrink tumours is a boost to cancer treatment given that it complements administration of targeted therapy.

"When you remove the tumour, it becomes easier to use medication," said the pharmacist.

The practice, he said, is a departure from the initial approach where doctors would use a particular drug to try and hit cancer hard adding: "When you hit cancer hard, you also hit the patient hard."

Growing cells

However, the high costs attached to the modern cancer treatment forces doctors to go back to the traditional chemotherapy drugs.

"Unfortunately, the drugs which most Kenyans can afford are harsh and weaken growing cells," Siele says.

After Kenya Cancer Association and other stakeholders started raising the red flag about growing cases of cancer deaths in 2012, the first task was to establish the national protocol or formulary which also involved getting the experts in cancer to advise on the rising cases of cancer and possible treatment.

> *When people hear about cancer, what comes to mind is the negative side effects of chemotherapy*
> —Former KPA chair

It is against this backdrop that the Kenya Medical Supplies Authorities (KEMSA) started procuring some cancer medications.

By then, the biggest public cancer clinics were in Kenyatta National Hospital and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital, which are allowed to float their own tenders to purchase medication.

Basic drugs

However according to the former KPA chair, Kemsa still procures basic cancer medication such as Tamoxifen, a hormonal drug used to treat breast cancer alongside Letrozole and Anazostrole. The efficacy of such drugs, he says, is low.

"Since the inception of devolution, we have also seen other counties such as Meru, Mombasa and Kisii trying to invest in the fight against diseases by setting up cancer centres. Therefore, there is still a big room for Kemsa to get into full procurement of cancer medications," explained the pharmaceutical technologist.

He says referral hospitals such as KNH and MTRH have bigger variety of drugs and have been handling more varieties of cancers including cancer of the blood, cancer of the stomach and colon, as well as head and neck cancers which are also common.

Cancer is the third leading cause of death in Kenya after malaria and pneumonia.

Recent deaths of prominent persons from cancer have seen politicians and Kenyans for declaration of the diseases as a national disaster.

Lobbies lead the way in war on scourge

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1 Limau Cancer Connection
Nancy Githoitho, the founder of Limau Cancer Connection coined the organisation after she lost her mother to breast cancer. Nancy hopes to create awareness through the group and beyond on all forms of cancer. The foundation has an organised group that specialises in making and distributing knitted prosthetics for free. This stemmed from her observation of her mother's conventional prosthetics, which were always heavy, sweaty and soggy.

2 Lady Hope Wellness Institute
Veronica Mwangi formed it in 2010 to give persons diagnosed with cervical cancer a fighting chance. Based in Kitusuru and with over 70 members, Lady Hope assists people from across the country.

3 Beth Mugo Foundation
Senator Beth Mugo *(pictured)*, who successfully beat cancer, established this outfit to help tackle the menace. The foundation provides support to cancer partners and advocates implementation of existing policies and guidelines and development of new ones. The Foundation works with other service providers to organise breast, cervical and prostate cancer education and screening sessions.



4 Faraja Cancer Support Trust
Faraja, which means comfort in Kiswahili, was founded in 2010 by Shaira Adamali. It aims to be a haven for patients and caregivers by providing emotional, practical and healing support. The trust has a Crafts for Cure programme every Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon at Kenyatta National Hospital (KNH) run in partnership with Nairobi University's AIESEC students. Its services reach children and their families with practical and emotional support.

5 Eddah's Hope Cancer Foundation
It was birthed in 2012. Mama Eddah, now deceased, was the inspiration behind this foundation. It is through that tragedy that Eddah's Hope was founded to create awareness about cancer, reduce the disease burden for young people. EHCF raises awareness, provides resources for cancer prevention, and enriches lives.

6 HENZO Kenya
It advocates health concerns of CML and GIST cancer patients to be mainstreamed in relevant government and non-governmental agencies. Henzo engages various institutions to ensure consideration of cancer patients and their communities in planning health related budgets. Henzo also helps patients who cannot afford after drugs.

7 Stoma World Kenya
Stoma World Kenya works together with colon cancer survivors network. The organisation supports members to raise funds and provide stoma bags for patients. It was formed in August 2010 and is affiliated to the Kenya Cancer Association.

8 Hope For Cancer Kids
Hope for Cancer Kids (H4CK) is a registered charitable organisation formed in 2008 by parents and friends of children diagnosed with childhood cancer. They help raise funds for children battling the disease. Their Health Insurance Support Program has proved beneficial to children with cancer and their families, especially from poor backgrounds. H4CK pays health insurance cover for children with cancer, through the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF).

9 Twakutukuza Trust
Twakutukuza is a Swahili phrase meaning 'We exalt you'. Established in 2009 by cancer survivor Doris Mayoli, Twakutukuza provides emotional, physical and financial support to people diagnosed with cancer. They have distributed breast prosthesis and post-mastectomy bras to breast cancer victors with the aid of wellwishers and donors.

10 Africa Cancer Foundation
Africa Cancer Foundation (ACF) creates awareness on the prevention, management and treatment of cancer in Africa. It has become a trusted institution for cancer screening services in Kenya working with a pool of over 800 trained volunteers. The services provided are for the most common cancers in Kenya, namely breast, cervical and prostate cancers.

Why Kenyans choose India for treatment

Faced with common challenges of high costly treatment and hopelessness, patients, caregivers in Asian countries link up for support

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When she was first diagnosed with cutaneous lymphoma—cancer of the skin—in 2015, Annie Ndicu and her family left the country for treatment in India.

"I was connected by a friend to a good oncologist in India, who assisted me in all visa procedures. I left the country in March, 2015. On arrival in India, I did numerous tests and scans which confirmed I had cancer. I started chemotherapy immediately," narrates Annie.

She is just one of the many Kenyans who opt for the Asian country for cancer treatment. Statistics from the Ministry of Health indicate that 40,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed annually. Out of this, 10,000 patients seek treatment in India, spending nearly Sh10 billion.

Ruth Kamau, the chief executive of Beyond Border Medical Tours, a company that helps patients and caregivers with their travel plans to India, says the agony of the high cost of cancer treatment among their clients is palpable.

Most patients depend on well-wishers to finance their treatment.

Yet, the picture painted of Indian experience may mislead patients to think it is a land of milk and honey. India's wealth of knowledge in medicine notwithstanding, life in the country is oftentimes challenging for patients and caregivers, who have to adjust their lives to the new culture and environment.

Financial constraints

Muthoni Njuguna, a United Nations employee based in India, says the common challenges bring the Kenyan community together. The pain of watching a loved one go through chemotherapy and its side effects, coupled with financial constraints hit the patients and caregivers hard. The "reunion" keeps their hope alive.

"There are even WhatsApp groups of Kenyans in India where people encourage each other and pray together. There are also African churches around where people worship. This helps because if, unfortunately, a patient succumbs, caregivers and the patients seek solace in the churches and the groups. When a patient needs blood, Kenyan families donate and visit the patient in hospital. It is always good finding someone who understands what you are going through encourage you," she says.

Misdiagnosis brings additional emotional trauma for patients and their caregivers.



Annie Ndicu, who underwent successful treatment for skin cancer in India in 2015. PHOTOS: HARRIET JAMES

Although the experience traumatised her family, Annie is thankful her travel to India was timely as tests revealed a misdiagnosis. For five years, her Kenyan dermatologist told her she had cancer and started giving her steroids.

But tests in India showed that she was initially suffering from mild eczema, but the high uptake of steroids led to the skin cancer.

"I have not sought medication in Kenya again. I cannot risk another misdiagnosis. If the doctor had not prescribed steroids for that long, I would not have had cancer in the first place," she says.

Overcome fears

However, after four cycles of chemo and 40 sessions of radiotherapy, Annie's cancer was contained and she was ready to return home.

For Annie, the support from other Kenyans in India made her stay in India bearable. Due to low self-esteem because of her skin, she would stay indoors but her mum gave her the strength to overcome her fears.

"My mum is a social person had a lot of friends both Kenyans and Indians. Most times she would go with other Kenyans to the market malls or just share stories which really helped," she says.

For Anthony Maina, such connections with Kenyans in India rewarded him with a wife. It was his first time to travel to India for a liver transplant while his wife, Ruth, was a donor to her brother.

"It started as two people brought together by misfortune and we were just sharing knowledge. She had gotten my number from a lady called Christine, my childhood friend with whom they were in the same class at the university," he recalls.

But even with the support, India can still be a lonely place. Travelling with her mother for a second opinion on her illness was one of the toughest moments for Margaret Nyawira. Her mother was diagnosed with cancer of the rectum and after failure to respond to treatment in Kenya, her oncologists advised that they make the do-or-die pilgrimage in 2014.

"As much as they are Kenyans, they are not family. You only share about the side effects of the chemotherapy, which is a sad interaction. Some died, which made me keep minimal interactions as their death affected me," she recalls.

Before her mother's demise, Nyawira's family fundraised for the chemo. For every dose they had to part with Sh300,000.

SERIES CONTINUES TOMORROW...

Read about how cosmetic products banned for containing carcinogenic elements are still on the shelves. Also, how the curse of high cost of diagnosis and treatment has left patients to their own devices.

Court date for Bashir adjourned

Khartoum, Wednesday

The trial of ousted Sudanese leader Omar al-Bashir on corruption charges will begin on August 17, his lawyer said, after the ex-president failed to appear in court today for the first session.

"Today was the first session of his trial, but the authorities were unable to bring him due to security reasons, so the judge informed us that the trial will now start on August 17," Hashim al-Gaaly told AFP.

On June 16, a prosecutor had read out charges against the deposed leader in what was his first public appearance since his ouster on April 11.

Bashir faces charges related to "possessing foreign currency, corruption and receiving gifts illegally". Bashir was ousted by the army after months of nationwide protests following his government's decision to triple the price of bread. - AFP

Israel backs homes

Gaza, Wednesday

Israel has approved the construction of 6,000 new homes for Jewish settlers and 700 homes for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

The decision about new homes in settlements further extends the Israeli presence in the West Bank. But it is Israel's approval for Palestinian homes that is unusual.

Israeli settlements in the West Bank are seen as illegal under international law, although Israel disputes this. It is not clear whether the Palestinian homes would be new constructions or merely legal approval for 700 already existing homes in what is known as "Area C" of the West Bank - where Palestinian villages often lie close to Israeli settlements, and where Israel has full control of the territory. - BBC

Body of missing Indian coffee tycoon found near river

Authenticity of letter allegedly written by Cafe Coffee Day founder and owner VG Siddhartha put under scrutiny

Delhi, Wednesday

The body of the founder and owner of India's largest coffee chain, Cafe Coffee Day, has been found near a river on the outskirts of the southern city of Mangalore, police say.

VG Siddhartha went missing on Monday after apparently walking away from his car and driver.

On Tuesday, police said a body had been found by fishermen on the river.

The identity was confirmed by members of Siddhartha's family after the body was taken to hospital.

Siddhartha's company, Coffee Day Enterprises Limited, held an emergency board meeting on Monday to discuss his absence. In a statement, it appealed for "the support and strength of all our stakeholders".

> *He is singularly responsible for increasing domestic coffee consumption in India-Kaverappa*

Safe hands

In a note to the stock exchange it said the company was "professionally managed and led by a competent business team" which would ensure the "continuity" of business.

The 59-year-old coffee tycoon, who has been described in local media as "soft spoken" and "self-effacing", was not fond of limelight.

He was born to a family of coffee plantation owners, but his first company was an investment firm. He used the profits from it to enter the coffee business, according to PTI news agency.

His decision to open a chain of cafes was inspired by a chat with the owners of Tchibo, a German coffee chain. Cafe Coffee Day opened its first outlet in the southern city of Bangalore in 1996. It wooed customers by offering them free internet with a cappuccino.

Siddhartha saw the chain become one of the biggest brands in the country. It remained competitive even against global rivals such as Starbucks. "He is singularly responsible for increasing domestic coffee consumption in India. There can be no doubt about it. In those days, we were completely dependent upon the export market and the heavy regulations on its sale," Dr SM Kaverappa, former vice chairman of the Indian Coffee Board, told BBC Hindi.

Siddhartha is the son-in-law of former Karnataka chief minister SM Krishna and his wife is on the board of Cafe Coffee Day. The couple have two children.

Siddhartha was travelling to Mangalore on Sunday evening when he asked his driver to stop the car on a bridge over the Netravati river on the outskirts of the city. His driver told police that Siddhartha then got out of the car and told him he wanted to take a walk. He also instructed him to park the car further ahead.

When Siddhartha did not return after half an hour, the driver called his mobile phone - only to find the number switched off.

Alarmed, he informed the police who assembled two teams and searched the river on Sunday and Monday. A fisherman found his body on Tuesday morning.

In debt

In a letter to the board of directors, Siddhartha says he was in debt and had "failed to create the right profitable business model despite my best efforts". It was signed by him and was also shared by his company with the stock exchange. It has since been widely circulated.

Siddhartha's family verified he wrote the letter, police said.

"I am solely responsible for all mistakes. Every financial transaction is my responsibility," it said. "My intention was never to cheat or mislead anybody. I have failed as an entrepreneur." However, Siddhartha also accuses a former director general of the income tax department of harassing him, which he says, led to a "serious liquidity crunch". This has caused a political outcry, with opposition MPs calling it targeted harassment. They were expected to raise the issue in parliament on Wednesday.

The income tax department has denied the allegation and questioned the letter's authenticity, saying that the signature did not appear to match Siddhartha's signature on his company's annual financial reports. The company board, too, has questioned the letter's authenticity in a statement, adding that it would "thoroughly investigate the matter".

Cafe Coffee Day is India's largest coffee franchise chain. It has about 1,750 cafes across the country and some international outlets including in Malaysia, Nepal and Egypt.

However, local media reports have said its rate of expansion had slowed significantly over the last two years in the face of increased competition.

Siddhartha owned a 33 per cent stake in the company, but through his family and holding companies controlled closer to 50 per cent.

The local Economic Times newspaper reported that he had been in talks with Coca-Cola to sell the company for $1.45bn (Sh145 billion) although this was not officially confirmed by either side. - AFP

COFFEE ROOTS

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VG Siddhartha, founder and owner of India's largest coffee chain Cafe Coffee Day, and whose body was retrieved from a river after he went missing on Monday. PHOTO: COURTESY



Fears of spread rife as Ebola claims second victim

Goma, Wednesday

A second person has died of Ebola in the eastern DR Congo city of Goma, the country's point-man for the epidemic said today, heightening fears the disease could spread through the densely populated transport hub.

The latest death from the dreaded haemorrhagic virus was announced almost a year since the first cases of the outbreak were recorded on August 1 last year.

Since then the virus death toll has risen to 1,803, according to figures published on Wednesday.

"A patient who was confirmed with Ebola in Goma has died. Every measure has been taken to block the chain of transmission," said Jean-Jacques Muyembe, in charge of coordinating the fight against the outbreak.

Goma, a lakeside city of more than two million people close to the Rwanda border, had already brought in infection prevention and control measures in anticipation of the arrival of the virus.

Connected city

The city has an airport with flights to the capital Kinshasa, Uganda's Entebbe and Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, as well as a port that links to Bukavu and South Kivu province.

Aruna Abedi, in charge of coordinating the Ebola response in North Kivu, the worst-hit province, said the second patient to die from Ebola in Goma had arrived at a treatment centre "11 days after falling ill".

"His was really a hopeless case, because the illness was already at an advanced stage and he died overnight Tuesday."

Fears are high that the highly contagious virus will cross the Democratic Republic of Congo's porous borders.

-AFP

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Anger over Kenya Power token delay

HITCH: Kenya Power payment system has hit headwinds as evident from consumers who lodged several complaints on social media over delays in token generation. The complaints which started Monday night spilled over to Tuesday and yesterday as consumers went without power awaiting tokens, which never came. Acting CEO Jared Othieno told *People Daily* that its systems had a challenge starting Monday and a few people had been affected. "We had challenges with connection to Safaricom and they have been here helping solve the issues," he said. Pointing to the possible technical hitch, those who tried to get responses via Twitter were soon rewarded, meaning they must have been stuck along the value chain. Amos Lugaye on Twitter wondered whether the firm had changed its model. "So KPLC wants every time we buy tokens via M-Pesa we make a follow up on twitter to get our tokens? What about Kenyans that are not on social media? kindly send me my tokens?" –FRED AMINGA

Motorists oppose toll charges plan

TAXATION: Motorists have opposed the plan by Kenya National Highways Authority (KeNHA) to introduce toll charges on the Nairobi-Nakuru-Mau Summit Road, saying it was tantamount to double taxation as they were already paying the road maintenance levy fund. "Reintroducing toll booths would break the camel's back since this will be tantamount to double taxation," Motorists Association of Kenya Executive Officer, Alex Lumwamu said in a statement. "Kenya used to have toll roads but they were replaced by Road Maintenance Levy Fund which has been increased from Sh0.6 upon inception to Sh6 in 2016. This has since been increased to Sh18 in a record two years," he added. The motorists claimed that the road maintenance levy fund was riddled with wastage and pilfering, leaving roads unmaintained. – LEWIS NJOKA

Household budgets face further squeeze as food, fuel costs rise

Cost of living hit a three-month high in July after inflation rate jumped to 6.27 per cent, the highest since April

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Households face another crippling squeeze on disposable income after inflation jumped to a three-month high as price of a 2 kg packet maize flour hit a new high of Sh140.

Inflation rate rose to 6.27 per cent from 5.7 per cent in June, the highest recorded since April when the growth in the general level of prices of goods and services stood at 6.58 per cent.

Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) attributed July inflation to the spike in food prices, petrol pump prices, housing, water electricity, gas and other fuel indices – which in turn pushed the prices of other related products – triggering inflation.

Inflation measures the cost of living and an increase means consumers used more money to buy the same quantities of food than they did the previous period hence eroding their spending power.

Consumers spent more during the period under review as retail prices for carrots, maize grain–loose, maize flour–loose and maize flour–sifted increased by 6.81, 0.52, 1.33 and 0.23 per cent, respectively compared to June. Prices of onions, cigarettes also went up by 1.19 and 1.04 per cent, respectively while consumption of 50KWh and 200 KWh and electricity increased by 0.62 and 0.44 per cent, respectively, during the same period.

However, during the same period, prices of potatoes (Irish), sukuma wiki (kale), cabbage, tomatoes and milk (fresh packeted) declined by 11.74, 3.78, 2.78, 1.91 and 0.59 per cent, respectively.

Caleb Mugendi, Assistant Investment Manager at Cytonn Investment said the high cost of living in July was mainly driven by a spike in food inflation following the late onset of long rains coupled with a rise in fuel prices.

"We projected the year-on-year inflation rate for the month of July to come in within the range of 6.2 per cent to 6.6 per cent, compared to 5.7 per cent recorded in June," he said.

Mugendi said going forward, they expect the inflation rate to remain within the government target range of 2.5 per cent to 7.5 per cent.

KNBS Director General Zachary Mwangi, said during the period under review, food and non-alcoholic drinks index decreased by 1.04 per cent compared to a decline of 1.60 per cent in June. This decline was attributed mainly to a decrease in the price of potatoes, sukuma wiki, tomatoes, cabbages and milk.

"The decline in the price of these commodities outweighed the observed increase in the cost of other commodities like maize grain, maize flour-loose, beef with bones, carrots and onions over the same period," Mwangi said.

Essential commodity

Meanwhile, price of maize flour in Mombasa has hit a new high with a 2 kg packet now retailing at Sh140 in some shops. A spot check by *People Daily* at various outlets established that many of retailers have hiked the price of the essential commodity by between Sh5 and Sh20. A 2 kg packet is retailing at between Sh125 and Sh140, having shot up from around Sh118 two weeks ago. A similar packet is selling at Sh126, Sh123 and Sh140 in supermarkets surveyed. A bale of maize flour is going for between Sh1,500 up from 1,680. The increase in prices has irked Kenyans who have demanded government's intervention. "We are surprised that farmers in Rift Valley are saying they have adequate maize in their stores while Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture Mwangi Kiunjuri says there is inadequate supply. The prices of the commodity is going up very fast," a consumer George Oyugi said.

He wondered why the cost of Unga is shooting up every day if the farmers have maize. He said prices of other commodities have also gone up. "I used to spend Sh300 per day now I am forced to cough out between Sh700 and Sh1,000 per day. This is unbearable," said Oyugi.

ONE MONTH AND TWELVE MONTHS' CHANGES IN PRICE INDICES

	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Fuel	Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance
July19/ June19	-1.04%	0.82%	0.14%	0.07%
July 19/ July 18	8.47%	9.58%	4.09%	1.93%



	Clothing & Footwear	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurant & Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods & Services
July19/ June19	0.07%	0.02%	0.22%	0%	0 .03 %	0.06%	0.17%	0.17%
July 19/ July 18	1.94%	1.77%	10.52%	4.45%	0.54%	1.56%	2.8%	2.84%

Source: KNBS **Graphic:** Michael Mosota

Safaricom to focus on expanding M-Pesa, says interim CEO

■ Nairobi

The interim Chief Executive Officer of Kenya's top telecoms operator Safaricom said yesterday he would focus on expanding the firm's mobile financial services business M-Pesa beyond the country.

Michael Joseph (*pictured*) took over the helm of East Africa's most profitable company, which is partly held by South Africa's Vodacom and Britain's Vodafone, this month after the death of long-serving boss Bob Collymore.



"I'm particularly keen to work closely with the team to take M-Pesa beyond Kenya," Joseph said in a statement, adding he would lead the company while the board found a permanent CEO. Joseph, who is a board member, served as the CEO until 2010, when Collymore took over.

M-Pesa, which allows users to send money, borrow, save and pay bills even on a basic mobile handset, has been the key driver of the company's profit growth in recent years, helping pick up the slack in data and voice revenue streams.

Collymore had told *Reuters* in May that Safaricom and Vodacom would buy the intellectual property rights of M-Pesa from Vodafone for $13 million, so they could expand the service in Africa.

M-Pesa, launched more than a decade ago, now serves more than 22.6 million people in Kenya and has been copied abroad.

Joseph also said he would work on the data business to attain a better balance between consumption and revenue growth. –REUTERS

22.6m
Estimated number of people currently being served by the facility which has been copied abroad.

Revenue Chat



Acting National Treasury Cabinet Secretary Ukur Yattani (left) shares a light moment with Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) Commissioner General Githii Mburu when he paid the CS a courtesy call at Treasury Building on Tuesday evening. The meeting was set to introduce Mburu and KRA commissioners to new ministry officials and strategise on improving tax collection.

Telkom Kenya sends home 575 workers

The teleco's merger with Airtel is currently awaiting regulatory approval

by Fred Aminga
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Telkom Kenya has declared 575 employees redundant as its merger with Airtel gets into high gear.

In a circular, Telkom Kenya Chief Executive Mugo Kibati said the move followed an earlier announcement on February 8 to combine mobile, enterprise and carrier services with Airtel Kenya, and operate under a joint venture company (JV Co).

The merger is currently awaiting regulatory approval.

An employee who has been affected by the purge told *People Daily* that they have even been asked to vacate their houses following the downsizing in preparation for the new outfit to be named Airtel-Telkom.

"Most of the departments have been left without a single employee as the redundancy action bites," said another affected employee who did not want to be named.

Kibati said in the letter that Telkom will discontinue the "transferred business and must terminate the employees currently deployed to serve in these functions".

"Employees tasked in performing administrative, and support tasks will also be affected," he said.

Telkom said it had informed the Communications Workers Union on the development.

The one-month redundancy notice dated July 31 2018 affects 575 employees out of a headcount of 800.

COMBINED ENTITY

Airtel Kenya is the number two operator in the country. The combined entity is expected to have more than 31 per cent market share in Kenya

The firms will combine mobile, enterprise and carrier services to operate as Airtel-Telkom

Telkom Kenya is 60 per cent owned by Helios Investment Partners, with the government holding the rest of the shares

This follows a similar fate that saw some 500 workers lose their jobs during another restructuring exercise last year.

The firm gave the affected employees a 30-day consultative period to enable dialogue between the organisation and staff, to ensure that any ideas, suggestions, and queries are received and given due consideration.

"The ExCo (executive committee) and I commit to a fair and transparent process, in line with the law and company policy," said Kibati.

He also said that the JV Co had indicated it might offer employment to some of the affected employees, however, Mugo said this was subject to positions being available and thorough recruitment processes.

The JV Co plans to see both players establish an entity with robust operations and efficiencies, a more cohesive and far-reaching distribution network.

MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR / AGRICULTURAL	VWAP PRICES	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
22.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS		13.40	-
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Ltd Ord.5.00		340.00	-
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Co. Ltd Ord Ord 5.00 AIMS		91.00	-
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ltd Ord 20.00 AIMS		470.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	18.00	18.00	200
180.00	134.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	164.75	163.75	17,600
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00		23.10	-
		BANKING			
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	10.65	10.55	68,000
33.00	28.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.50	28.00	28.00	373,000
220.00	112.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	114.00	117.75	301,100
57.00	31.00	Equity Bank Ltd Ord 0.50	40.20	40.15	4,035,900
13.40	3.80	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	4.10	4.03	6,900
130.00	52.00	I&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	51.75	52.00	5,000
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	40.00	39.95	2,975,200
12.25	3.70	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	3.85	3.57	1,100
44.50	20.50	NIC Bank Ltd Ord 5.00	29.60	29.50	15,700
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord. 5.00	98.50	98.50	3,100
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	195.75	196.00	115,000
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	11.95	12.00	2,226,600
		COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES			
5.10	0.45	Deacons (East Africa) Plc Ord 2.50		0.45	-
4.65	0.85	Eveready East Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	1.10	1.07	12,900
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	6.60	7.00	22,600
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 5.00	3.47	3.66	258,900
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 AIMS	7.60	7.96	28,800
8.40	0.88	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 2.50	0.89	0.89	1,200
125.00	46.00	Nation Media Group Ltd Ord. 2.50	46.95	45.10	3,700
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc ord 5.00	3.99	4.00	24,700
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Ltd Ord 5.00	30.00	30.00	1,300
38.00	18.05	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00		20.00	-
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Ltd Ord 5.00	0.34	0.33	22,600
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 5.00	11.95	11.90	19,700
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Ltd Ord 1.00		5.55	-
187.00	110.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	114.00	106.00	400
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	80.00	81.50	300
5.20	2.10	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	2.50	2.50	6,200
26.00	12.60	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00	14.70	14.30	100
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
9.00	5.46	KenGen Co. Ltd Ord. 2.50	6.00	6.00	2,598,700
23.00	12.80	KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05		22.00	-
8.00	3.05	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	3.98	3.99	272,400
5.50	5.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 4% Pref 20.00		5.00	-
6.00	6.00	Kenya Power & Lighting Ltd 7% Pref 20.00		6.00	-
36.50	25.00	Total Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	28.70	28.50	300
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	8.10	7.50	400
		INSURANCE			
15.85	8.00	Britam Holding Plc Ord 0.10	7.88	7.98	73,400
5.40	3.20	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord.1.00	3.21	3.35	201,000
540.00	366.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	380.00	370.00	300
19.25	3.48	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	3.87	3.99	181,600
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord.1.00	10.80	10.80	1,900
26.50	18.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	17.55	19.45	3,600
		INVESTMENT			
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Ltd Ord 0.50	32.50	32.40	52,000
1.15	0.45	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.57	0.60	58,600
1500.00	1500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.50	2.49	2,300
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Ltd Ord 0.50 AIMS	3.63	3.62	8,400
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
21.00	12.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	11.50	11.50	7,700
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
100.00	58.00	B.O.C Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		72.00	-
725.00	492.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00	515.00	514.00	25,800
12.50	7.70	Carbacid Investments Ltd Ord 1.00	8.76	9.00	12,200
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	204.00	207.75	416,300
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	2.60	2.67	1,300
80.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS		12.60	-
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.35	0.35	136,400
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00	36.40	36.50	800
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	27.40	27.45	10,863,000
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
12.30	7.60	STANLIB FAHARI I-REIT Ord 20.00	8.98	8.46	1,800
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1275.00	1165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1420i	1235.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.19 points to close at 148.25
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 2.54 points to close at 2627.81
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 11.30 points to close at 3583.09

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (31/7/2019)

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Nakuru	Eldoret	Kitale
Dry Maize	90	4050	3700	3600	3200	3500
Green Maize	115	3100	2700	2000	1500	2000
Finger Millet	90	9000	6750	6300	8100	5400
Sorghum	90	7200	2700	5800	5400	
Wheat	90				3000	
Beans Canadian	90	9000		7500		6000
Beans Rosecoco	90	8100	10100	8500	9000	6000
Beans Mwitemania	90	7500	8500	6000	9000	6000
Mwezi Moja	90	5400		7000		
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	10800	12000	8500	11700	9000
Green Gram	90	12600	7400	12000	12600	13500
Cowpeas	90	9000	5400	8100	7200	6300
Fresh Peas	51	4080	3060	3000	1785	2800
Groundnuts	110	12500	11000	12000	10350	14300
Red Irish Potatoes	50	2800	2400		900	1200
White Irish Potatoes	50	2500	1300	1800	800	1300
Cassava Fresh	99	2600	2050			2500
Sweet Potatoes	98	3600	6500	3000	4800	3000
Cabbages	126	2200	7500	800	1500	1800
Cooking Bananas	22	500	1100	300	1200	750
Ripe Bananas	14	650	500	750	700	1050
Carrots	138	6500	7000	6000	7000	8400
Tomatoes	64	5500	3500	5000	4500	4000
Onions Dry	13	845	850	900	1260	900
Spring Onions	142	3600	1700	3000	1400	3000
Chillies	38	2850	4940	3000		4000
cucumber	50	2800	2500			2000
Capsicums	50	3250	2500	2500	1500	2000
Brinjals	44	1540	1500	2000		1800
Cauliflower	39	2950	1560			
Lettuce	51	1750	2000			
Passion Fruits	57	900	900	5500	4560	5500
Oranges	93	700	800	5000	3600	4750
Lemons	95	2800	2000	3000		5700
Mangoes Local	126	500	500	2400	2600	
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1000	800	500	1300	
Limes	13	2600	2300			
Pineapples	13	975	997	600	1170	900
Pawpaw	54	1500	1800	3000	2160	4400
Avocado	90	4000	4000	3500	2800	1000
Kales	50	600	700	400	800	1000
Eggs		330	330		300	300

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 31/7/2019

CURRENCY	MEAN	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	104.2097	104.1139	104.3056
SW KRONER	10.8914	10.8796	10.9031
STG POUND	124.0189	120.0433	127.9944
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	75.9989	75.9235	76.0744
SAUDI RIYAL	27.7852	27.7593	27.8111
SA RAND	7.3510	7.3429	7.3590
S FRANC	105.1243	105.0064	105.2422
NOR KRONER	11.8936	11.8811	11.9062
KES / USHS	35.5054	35.4248	35.5860
KES / TSHS	22.0613	21.9931	22.1296
KES / RWF	8.7992	8.7767	8.8217
KES / BIF	17.6808	17.5925	17.7690
JPY (100)	95.9265	95.8338	96.0191
IND RUPEE	1.5140	1.5123	1.5156
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.3208	13.3085	13.3330
EURO	115.9450	115.8172	116.0728
DAN KRONER	15.5502	15.5347	15.5657
CHINESE YUAN	15.1369	15.1216	15.1521
CAN $	79.0516	78.9699	79.1333
AUSTRALIAN $	71.6025	71.5262	71.6788
AE DIRHAM	28.3707	28.3419	28.3995

KRA ramps up efforts to tax digital firms

by Fred Aminga
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Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) is shopping for an application that will enable it to bring digital firms into the tax bracket.

The agency says targeting the multi-billion-shilling e-commerce economy which has been difficult to penetrate due to its complexity, is a part of a major plan to expand the tax base and collect more revenue.

KRA Commissioner in charge of strategy, innovation and risk management Mohamed Omar said yesterday the agency will acquire a digital service application to tap taxes at the source.

Sh6tr

Value of business
That was transacted by e-commerce firms last year up from Sh2 trillion in 2017.

"We have international players who may not be physically in Kenya - Omar

"With e-commerce, some Sh1.485 trillion is currently going through the platform," he added. Alice Mureithi of PwC said when the owner of business is in US or Canada but is earning locally, Kenya's law has a huge gap and it is important to re-look the tax situation.

Other participants raised concerns of double taxation, but the commissioner maintained that if value is generated in Kenya but earnings made elsewhere, then something must be done to make them pay taxes for all other local value additions in place.

Omar said the growth in transactions (e-commerce) were about Sh2 trillion in 2017 and increased to Sh6 trillion in 2018.

"There is also Value Added Tax and all other taxes. We have international players who may not be (physically) in Kenya. But once we have the technology-based tax application things will change," he added.

The app is expected to bring into the tax bracket local players and international players like Airbnb, digital lenders, betting firms and content writers.

Fashion beyond the visual

At just 22, **Angela Wanjiku,** hopes to revolutionise fashion by designing bags and outfits that are friendly to people with disabilities. She tells **Milliam Murigi** how she goes about it



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AT A GLANCE

- **Wanjiku is the first born in a family of two. She was born and raised in Thika.**
- **Hisi Studio is a Kenyan lifestyle and fashion brand established in May 2019. The word Hisi is Swahili meaning feel.**
- **The studio draws inspiration from the vibrant social and cultural mosaic of the African people expressed through various art forms and their everyday stories and experiences.**
- **She believes tech and innovation are powerful tools for empowering the underprivileged in society.**

Shopping for a new outfit or for shoes is a simple task to many of us, but it is an uphill chore for visually impaired persons.

Because of their disability, they are often required to go around with someone when shopping to avoid being taken advantage of by malicious storekeepers and other shoppers, which is often the case when they shop alone.

This is one of the findings Angela Wanjiku, founder of Hisi Studio, realised when she was conducting her final year project at the University of Nairobi (UoN). Hisi Studio is a Kenyan lifestyle and fashion brand exploring inclusive design, which leverages, rethinks and includes the needs of visually impaired fashion consumers, creating a more holistic sensorial experience.

Wanjiku's collection known as ONO aims at addressing problems the fashion industry causes for disabled people by ignoring them.

Visual language

"Fashion as a visual language is difficult to translate for visually impaired persons. It causes frustration and increases their level of dependence. Our aim is to offer a holistic sensorial experience that contributes to non-visual aspects of clothing," says the 22-year- old fashion design graduate.

Wanjiku adds that few clothing brands cater to people with disabilities because traditionally, fashion has been very narrow in its focus, with little inspirational work done in terms of inclusive design. "Designing for the disabled has traditionally been ignored by fashion originators. The beauty of my collection is that although my designs are inclusive, you would never know by looking at them. They can be worn by anyone whether you have a disability or not."

She also ensures that disability must be included in the designer approach from the beginning in line with their goal to promote independent living skills of dressing and shopping for visually impaired persons

Wanjiku also plans to include products for other persons with disabilities, not just the visually impaired. Her gun-holster inspired handbags are designed to worn close to the wearer's body for safety. They also come with Macramé (art of knotting string in patterns to make decorative articles) detail on the flap to guide the owner/user.

Braille inspired

The clothes come with a QR code tags to provide technological assistance to the visually impaired with encoded data of details and care instruction. The tag is read using a scanner on a mobile phone and an audio description generated, meaning one can go out for shopping alone.

Additionally, the outfit's print, if any, is inspired by braille. The intricate dots move beyond communication to create an aesthetic and captivating visual effect. "Our work is inspired by the belief that the less we see with our eyes the more we see with our hearts. We champion innovation through assistive technology and digital fabrication."

Wanjiku carried out a pilot project, involving 20 visually impaired persons, between February and March, and they expressed their excitement. She is planning to launch her designs commercially this month, and is already working on the next collection.

The business, located in Thika, is currently under incubation at UON School of Art at Upper Kabete. And since she doesn't understand sign language, she has enrolled for classes to make her work easier.

"Currently, I am being assisted by teachers from Thika School for the Visually Impaired to carry out all work. To ensure that our product has a print which can be understood by the community, we screen print using braille."

However, it has not been an easy journey for the past one year because research and development are costly and it take time. The best thing is that she has managed to aqcuire intellectual property rights for her work.


Mauritius tourism minister Anil Kumar Gayan.


Dancer Joelle Nenene entertains guests.


Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority director Arvind Bundhun with sales executive Peter Munyaka.

TOURISM INVESTMENT

Mauritius Tourism Minister Anil Gayan recently hosted a networking cocktail party for tourism stakeholders in Nairobi. He urged Kenyan investors and holidaymakers to take advantage of the country's visa free regime and consider Mauritius as an investment destination. Gayan said Kenya and Mauritius would continue working together to encourage trade and business between them. In attendance were Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority director Arvind Bundhun and his Travel and Tourism counterpart Bella Astruc.

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Garry Leung, Mauritius Travel and Tourism chief Bella Astruc and Morna Berthelot.


Businesswoman Amina Kuno with communication officer Everlyne Situma.


Abraham Energy Limited CEO Njoki Karingi with No_b.hair manager Ruguru Karingi.


Leonorah Kasina with Grace Shiru of Turnup Travel.


Economic expert Agayo Ogambi with Mr and Mrs Mkesh Desai.


Indian High Commission to Kenya commercial officer Edwin Madegwa with Bonfire Adventures CEO Simon Kabu.

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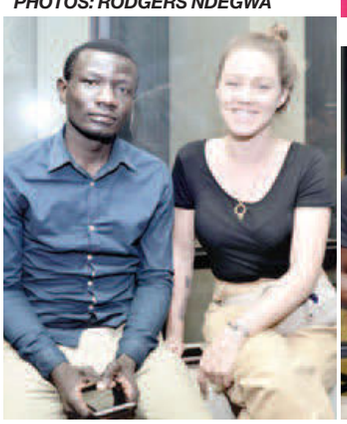
The Inua Mimi Rescue Centre in collaboration with Photo Start recently launched its latest photography exhibition dubbed 'Kibera Kids: AI See the Future' at Alliance Française, Nairobi. The exhibition aimed at celebrating achievements by children of Kibera slums. Its main feature was images from the children that were processed using Artificial Intelligence software.

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Inua Mimi Rescue Centre founder Paschalia Nduku with country cordinator Jeri Muchura.


Guests Elizabeth Mwathi and Gillian Njeri.


Rapper Jaymosh (third right) hangs out with the children of Inua Mimi Rescue Centre.


John Lameek and Lexi Gibson.


Photograhers Joshua Ooko, Holyfield Shivachi and Ainer Ndakwa.

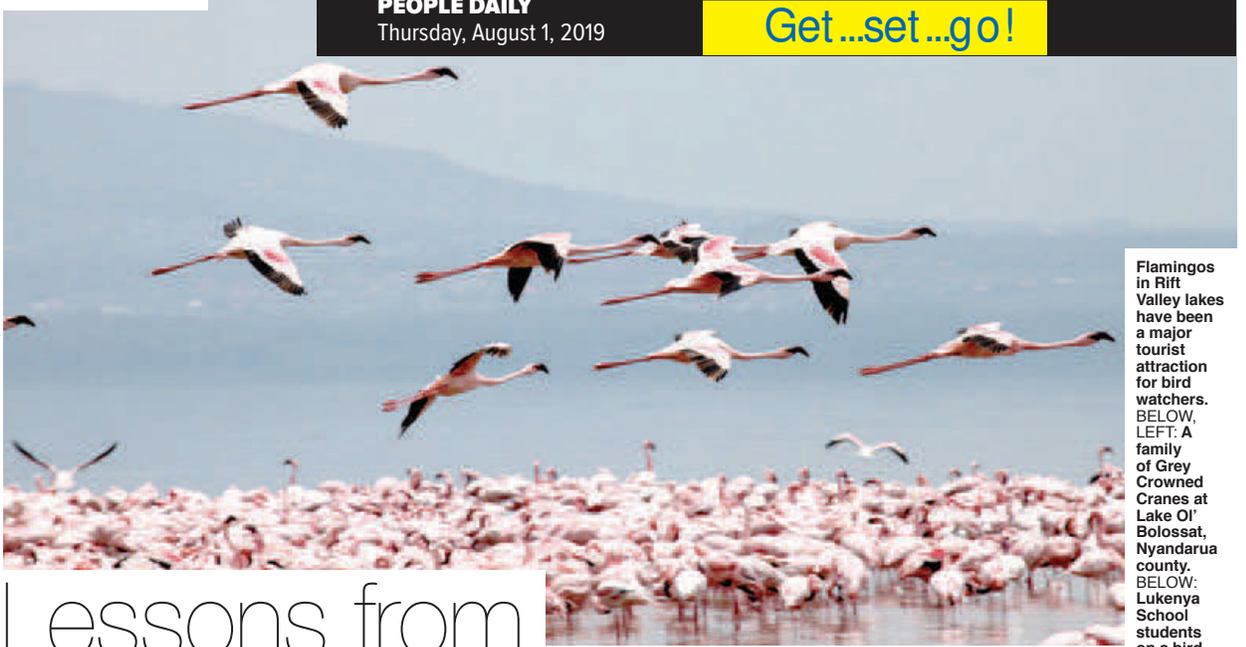

MC Manyunyu with children of Inua Mimi Rescue Centre.

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Get ...set ...go!

Kenya is one of the 15 countries where more than 1,000 species of birds have been recorded. It lies third in Africa after Tanzania and DR Congo, offering a rewarding experience to bird watchers

Lessons from bird-watching tours in the Rift

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Flamingos in Rift Valley lakes have been a major tourist attraction for bird watchers. BELOW, LEFT: **A family of Grey Crowned Cranes at Lake Ol' Bolossat, Nyandarua county.** BELOW: **Lukenya School students on a bird-watching safari and a kingfisher.** PHOTOS: HARRIET JAMES AND COURTESY

"There are 450 species of birds recorded in this lake. It has been added to the Ramsar list as the fifth wetland of International importance," said Richard Kipng'eno, Resident Naturalist at Lake Elementaita Serena Camp.

We had stopped by Lake Elementaita to watch the vast flamingoes wading in the waters. Richard said there was drought in the months of January to March but after the onset of rains in late April, a green backdrop is a sign of abundance of food for the wildlife and birds.

It was my third visit to this iconic lake that has earned accolades as a bird sanctuary, but the first time I was on a purely bird-watching tour. Armed with cameras, binoculars and a pair of comfy shoes, Richard and his assistant Diana led us into the bush, wowing us with their vast knowledge of birds and of the lake.

Apart from Lake Elementaita, other six wetland areas in Kenya have been designated as Ramsar Wetlands of International Importance because they are vital wildlife habitats. The others are lakes Nakuru, Naivasha, Bogoria and Baringo and the Tana River delta.

Lake Baringo

These sites are also significant bird watching zones. Globally, Kenya is one of the only 15 countries where more than 1,000 species of birds have been recorded. Latin countries of Colombia, Peru and Brazil lead this flight, followed by Indonesia, China and India. In Africa, Kenya lies third in Africa after Tanzania and DR Congo, offering a rewarding experience to bird watchers.

At Lake Nakuru, visitors catch glimpses of bird species such as the pied king fisher, African fish eagle, Goliath heron, Verreaux's eagle, and a vast number of flamingos. Over two million flamingos can be seen at a given moment during peak season feeding on the algae that thrive in the lake's warm waters, though the numbers have been on the decline.

Lake Baringo is another popular site for visitors seeking excellent bird- watching experiences. In a recent visit to the lake, I was amazed by the many species of birds I saw, some brave enough to want to share my food at meal times.

According to Dixon Ole Matano, the resident bird specialist, there are more than 500 different species of birds in Baringo such as the common bulbul, white necked commorant, yellow weavers, goliath heron, spotted morning warbler and the resident African fish eagles.

Should you go for an early morning boat ride along the lake's reedy shore, one can see several species of hornbill. Occasionally, the massive nest of a hammerkop or that of the rare Verreaux's eagle came into view. At night, the white-fronted owl is easy to spot.

Breeding colony

My younger brother and I were speechless at the magnificent sight before us at Lake Elementaita. Some were flying high, others just skimming the surface of the water. A rainbow in the backdrop completed the wonderful sight.

This lake, whose name is derived from the Masaai word *muteita* connoting a dust bowl, is East Africa's only breeding colony for Great White Pelicans, with an estimated 8,000 breeding couples. The water here discourages predators while availability of security and food makes the lake an excellent habitat.

"Lake Elementaita is naturally alkaline, which is good for the algae on which flamingoes feed. When the water levels rise high, the flamingoes migrate to other lakes as the flood waters dilute the sodium bicarbonate present in the lake which in turn kills the algae," said Richard.

During the bird-watching gamedrive, we observed other species of birds such as the black-winged stilt, the helmeted guinea fowls, African spoonbill, black-necked Grebe, yellow-billed stork, gull-billed tern, pied avocet, black winged stilt, as well as the grey-headed gull.

In the western region, Kakamega forest is the only equatorial forest that hosts the witty African grey parrot together with other 380 species such as grey-throated barbets, the great blue turaco and double-toothed barbet.

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Why Kenya is a bird watchers' paradise



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With 11 per cent of the world's species – some 1,090 different varieties, Kenya offers some of the best bird watching sites in the world.

Birding trips record 300 to 600 different varieties on a short trip or more than 120 at a particular site on a single day. A favourable climate, diverse habitats and diverse geographical features make the country a migratory route for birds.

The Rift Valley and its lakes has a significant role along the African-Eurasian flyway system, which comprises billions of birds flying from the northern breeding grounds during European winter. Lake Bogoria National Reserve alone has more than 470 species of birds.

Other popular bird-watching sites include the open savannah of southern Kenyan game reserves such the Turkana, Masai Mara and Amboseli. Towards the arid north, the Samburu National Reserve is a paradise for bird lovers with over 350 species recorded.

Here you can enjoy sites of colourful assortments of birds, including guinea fowls, Somali ostriches, kingfishers, marabous, bateleurs and various vultures.

Tsavo National Park is another bird watchers' paradise, with numerous species of weavers, golden-breasted starlings, sunbirds, rollers as well as raptors. It is also the home to both species of Kenyan ostrich.

Anthony Muwasu, a bird expert, says each year, from September to November the Ngulia region, Tsavo is a base for a large-scale netting and ringing exercise. "It offers a significant information on the migratory routes and the habits of many common northern species," he says.

This makes Tsavo a good spot to watch some of the rarer migrant falcons such as Eleonora's and sooty species. Towards the southern side is Lake Jipe where some of the less common water birds such as Purple swamphen, lesser jacana as well as the African Water rail can be found.

At the Coast, Arabuko-Sokoke National Park, which forms a Unesco Biosphere reserve is perfect as it's home to Sokoke scops owl, Clarke's weaver, grey-crested helmet-shrike, Amani sunbird as well as the Sokoke pipit. Migratory birds such as plovers utilise Mida Creek as a stopover. The Shimba Hills National Reserve, Saiwa Swamp and Kakamega Forest too are endowed with forest birdlife.

Even without venturing outside Nairobi, Kenya's capital has more than 600 resident and migratory bird species are found. This more than in any other capital city and more than in most countries. Bird watching is good all year round in Kenya.

Fork&Life

South African hotel chain displays a variety of cuisines as business continues to grow at the Two Rivers Mall in Kiambu county

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Let's brunch at City Lodge

A short walk inside Two Rivers Mall at Ruaka on Limuru Road, 15km from Nairobi in Kiambu county, you cannot miss the large City Lodge sign.

This was my third visit to the establishment, having earlier indulged in one of their wine tasting sessions. I confess I barely remembered details of meals we partook then as I had one-too-many glasses, but the taste of their chicken wings and meatballs still linger in my mind to date.

This time round, brunch was on my mind. I planned to tag along my little one but I figured it would be quite hectic with all the fuss of terrible twos and still enjoy a meal. So, it was with a friend who enjoys his meals as much as I do that we made our way up Limuru road from the city centre.

We walked in at around 12 pm, probably too late for brunch, but surprisingly it runs until 3pm. The facility screamed glamour, with the décor reflecting Kenya's lush vegetation during the rains. The light washes over the main sitting area in the restaurant through the large, French windows where you can also enjoy a meal besides the poolside.

A helpful staff, who I must say warmly greeted us, won my heart. He directed us to the poolside, saying; "The sun is out, why not have your meals by the poolside?" Turned out he is the lodge's assistant manager, Wycliffe.

We made ourselves comfortable and I was ready to enjoy a sumptuous meal. For those who are not aware of the word brunch, it's a late morning meal eaten instead of breakfast and lunch.

I ordered a cold mango cocktail just to cool off from the abrupt heat. My guest ordered a glass of red wine, probably too early for some, but then, it's what he preferred.

Shortly after, the waiter served some bread with mushroom soup. I found the bread soft and fresh, with a crunch to the crust. The mushroom soup was surprisingly good too. Not too salty and thick, just how I like it.

For starters, I opted for bhajia, diced beef curry, deep-fried fish, fried rice and some chicken. The bhajia did not stand out, but the deep-fried fish was quite tasty, a little sweeter than I had anticipated.

The fried rice, as usual, was flavourful while the diced beef curry carried me away to another world. It was a combination of the beef, yellow bell pepper, carrots, garlic, ginger, a lot of onion and the right amount of pepper and I loved it.

Did I not tell you I like to eat? I struggled to choose my second serving as everything looked too inviting, but I was in the mood for something fairly light. I tried pieces of deep-fried chicken, matoke, more fries and some cauliflower.

I found the chicken tender and slight chargrilled edges. As for the matoke, it felt homely as it was dipped in peanut sauce. My guest opted for the fried fish with well-seasoned tartar sauce, with a strong flavour and texture. As for the dessert I went for the mixed fruit salad with cake on the side.

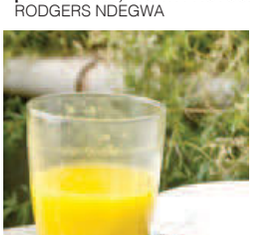
I noticed they did not offer much for breakfast meals, but they are slowly picking up as they plan to introduce more breakfast meals in their brunch.

I was so comfortable I did not even notice how late it was and I managed to resist the temptation to ask if I could serve more. It was a superb day and for Sh2,500 you will be able to enjoy as I did.

City Lodge hotel group is a chain of hotels based in South Africa spread throughout Southern and recently Eastern Africa. The Two Rivers Mall branch is the group's third hotel in Kenya and its 59th hotel in Southern and East Africa. It has 171 rooms and charges between Sh12,000 and Sh16,000 a night.



MAIN: **Chef Juma shows what's cooking for brunch at City Lodge.** RIGHT: **Part of the restaurant.** BELOW, LEFT: **Bhajia, diced beef curry, deep-fried fish and fried rice with chicken.** BELOW RIGHT: **Mushroom soup with a side plate of bread;** RIGHT: PHOTOS: RODGERS NDEGWA







TravelNews

Scramble for park stalls as Mashujaa Day nears

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Tourism Cabinet secretary Najib Balala says only registered individuals will be allocated space for business once rehabilitation works at Mama Ngina Drive in Mombasa are finalised.

This year's Mashujaa Day national celebrations on October 20 will be held at the new park which Balala said would be a 'classical ceremonial event, which will raise Mombasa's image'. A team from both the national and the county government will be formed to make arrangements for the fete.

The contractor, Suhufi Agencies Limited, will hand over the park to the government later this month before the State preparations for the national fete.

The government initiated the Sh460 milion Mombasa Waterfront Project last year, previously known as Mama Ngina Drive, as a key flagship project to boost tourism. "This is a true transformation gift that we have been given by President Uhuru Kenyatta," said Balala.

Speaking when he made an inspection tour of the facility last weekend, the CS said there is confusion on allocation of space for businesses in the park. He cautioned rogue traders plotting to sneak their names on to the list of registered traders to keep off. "Only recognised traders who were originally at the Mama Ngina Drive will be given space inside the park," he said.

The CS expressed optimism the project will be a game-changer in the tourism sector and will raise the profile of Mombasa as a tourism hub. "I appeal to Mombasa people to protect, safeguard and maintain the cleanliness of the park once completed," he said.

Construction of kiosks will be completed by end of the month, adding that half the park is already lit with LED lights. The other half will be lit in a fortnight. "This is not a national or county government project: It is the people's project," said Balala.

Suhufi Agencies' director Mumo Mutava said most of public walking spaces are complete. "The amphitheatre is ready save for some parts we are working on to improve the facilities for the presidential function on October 20," said Mutava.

The project will transform the waterfront into an attractive, safe and fully pedestrianised area with high quality public open space. It will also Conserve and emphasise Swahili and Coastal culture and heritage structures of significance in the re-design of the area.

The project entails the development of a public square, two iconic gateways, a Swahili cultural centre, a pigeon coops, a paved pathway a space for restaurants, a visitor parking area, modern selling points (kiosks), amphitheatre, landscaping gardens or lawns and parking areas.



Tourism CS Najib Balala inspects Mama Ngina Waterfront project works in Mombasa last weekend. PHOTO: BONIFACE MSANGI

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Successfully separated conjoined twins



Conjoined twins are born with their bodies physically connected. An extremely rare phenomenon, the occurrence is estimated to range from one in 49,000 births to one in 189,000 births. Surviving a surgical separation is also highly unlikely, with hospitals seeing a success rate between five and 25 per cent. But here's a look at miracle babies who beat the odds



1. They shared a skull and brain tissue

Last month, conjoined twins fused at the head were successfully separated in a London Hospital after a months-long medical endeavour that required more than 50 hours of multiple surgeries and a team of 100 medical professionals. The two-year-old twins, Safa and Marwa Ullah shared a portion of their skull and brain tissue. Doctors at the Great Ormond Street Hospital used the latest technology, including virtual reality to create exact replicas of the girls' skulls, and 3D printing to create models to practice on. In the final operation, doctors built the girls new skulls using their own bones.

2. Kenyan twins shared a spinal cord

Successful separation of two-year-old conjoined twins at Kenyatta National Hospital in November 2016 marked a medical milestone in Kenya. Kenya became the first country in Sub-Saharan Africa to successfully do such an operation. The procedure took more than 50 medical experts and 23 hours to complete. Favour and Blessing shared a spinal cord, rectum, anus, some muscles, subcutaneous tissues and skin. The twins had lived together for two years and two months. The surgery was done in three stages — to separate, to close the wounds and to create stomachs for them. They also had to undergo four more reconstructive surgeries after their wounds were healed.

3. Bhutanese twins shared a liver

Last year, Australian doctors successfully separated 15-month-old girls, Nima and Dawa Pelden, who had been joined at the torso and shared a liver. They had grown facing each other, and could not sit down together. Also, they could only stand at the same time. About 18 specialists in two teams, one for each girl, took part in the procedure at Melbourne's Royal Children's Hospital. Doctors successfully separated the twins' liver.

4. Joined at the lower chest and abdomen

Maria and Teresa were born joined at the lower chest and abdomen, sharing a liver, pancreas and portion of the small intestine. The girls, from the Dominican Republic, were separated at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University in November 2011. In several procedures involving six surgeons, the medical team divided the liver, pancreas and other shared organ systems and reconstructed the girls' abdominal wall.

5. Joined at the liver and chest

At only eight days, twins Lydia and Maya, who were joined at the liver and chest were separated by doctors in Switzerland in early 2016. It took a five-hour operation to separate the girls who were born two months prematurely. They are believed to be the youngest ever to survive such surgery. The doctors had initial plans to separate the girls after few months. However, their conditions started deteriorating a week after their birth. One of the twins had high blood pressure and the other had low blood pressure, forcing the doctors to act.

6. Shared a head

Rital and Ritag Gaboura, Sudan-born twin girls were joined at the head. Because Ritag's heart provided most of the blood for both her and her sister, the girls were given "10 million-to-one" odds of survival. The surgery took place in four stages in mid-2011; the girls underwent two operations in May and, one month later, tissue expanders, which would help to stretch the babies' skin over their heads, were inserted. In August, the final separation occurred and the one-year-old girls showed no adverse reactions.

7. They had one pair of leg

Irish boys Hassan and Hussein Benhaffaf who were joined from the pelvis to the chest, were given only a two per cent chance of survival after their birth in December 2009. While the twins each had their own heart, the organs shared the same safety "sac," making the separation all the more dangerous. In addition, the boys, who have only two legs between them, had to have their liver, gut, and bladder separated as well. But in April 2009 a team of 20 medics, including four surgeons and four anaesthetists working in shifts, operated on the infants for 14 hours. And thanks to replacement limbs, they now walk on their own.

8. Fused at the head

Trishna and Krishna who were born joined at the head, were saved from a Bangladeshi orphanage by their guardian, Moira Kelly. In 2009, at almost three years of age, the twins underwent a 27-hour operation performed by up to 16 surgeons at the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. While the girls were given just a 25 per cent chance of making it through the surgery alive, they showed signs of health soon after. Ten years later, the twins, who live with their guardians in Melbourne, continue to grow and thrive.

9. Shared liver and diaphragm

Angelica and Angelina Sabuco, Philippine-born twin sisters were joined at the chest and abdomen and shared liver and diaphragm. On November 1, 2011, the two-year-olds endured a nearly 10-hour surgery by a team of 20 doctors who both separated and reconstructed the area where the girls had been fused. After the surgery, the girls flourished and within two weeks had normally functioning livers, were off pain medication, and were able to leave the hospital at Stanford University in Palo Alto to begin outpatient therapy.

10. Fused at the lower abdomen

On November 7, 2012, when Amelia and Allison were eight months old, they underwent a marathon surgery. The twins — who were joined at the lower chest and abdomen shared their chest wall, diaphragm, pericardium, and liver. The seven-hour procedure was tightly orchestrated, with more than 40 physicians, nurses, and other medical staff from general surgery, plastic and reconstructive surgery, cardiac surgery, anaesthesiology, radiology and neonatology participating.

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You can make a difference if you take a position of leadership. Look into real estate.

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You will be in the mood for competition, and your ability to lead a group will bring you popularity.

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You will get along well in social situations. Get involved in activities that will bring you knowledge about foreign land, philosophies, or cultures.

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Social activity with friends and relatives will be most successful. You will have a problem dealing with groups.

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Renovations to your domestic scene will pay high rewards. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
You can continue to forge ahead if you make a few long distance calls pertinent to closing pending deals. Take care that arrangements to spend quality time together are made in advance.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
Promote your ideas now. This is a great day to beautify your living quarters or to entertain at home.

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Don't get upset. Your tendency to take on too much will end in fatigue. You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home.

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Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. You need to make your lover feel wanted, not like a piece of the furniture.

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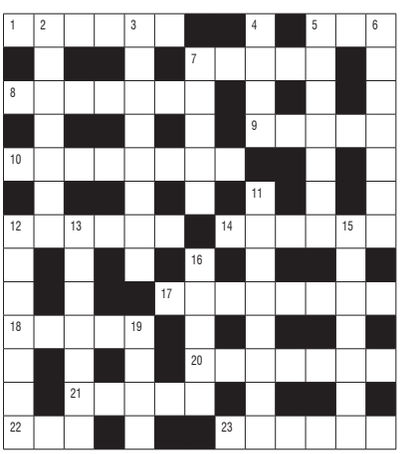
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS
1. Shaded
5. Faster
8. Puts
9. Forward
10. Menus
11. Sublime
14. Doubledealing
16. Edifice
18. Swear
20. Informer
22. Obey
23. United
24. Yonder

DOWN
2. Household
3. Disturb
4. Duff
5. Fortunes
6. Small
7. End
12. Manganese
13. Welcomed
15. Lowdown
17. Front
19. Pray
21. Nun

ACROSS
1.Smelling horrible (of old food) (6)
5. Animal foot (3)
7. Purchaser (5)
8. Disentangle (7)
9. Narrow pieces of land (5)
10. Beating (8)
12. Sayings (6)
14. Long and very narrow (6)
17. Automata (8)
18. Ice hockey buildings (5)
20. One's mother and father (7)
21. Long poems (5)
22. Bitumen (3)
23. Part of address (6)

DOWN
2. Segmented worm (7)
3. Implicated in (8)
4. Blue-green colour (4)
5. Small thorn (7)
6. Long stiff cat hair (7)
7. Impossible to see round (of a bend) (5)
11. Until now (8)
12. Part of a chair (7)
13. Into parts (7)
15. Sterile (7)
16. Lyres (5)
19. Travel on water (4)

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   ONE TV, ONE TV STAND, ONE COFFEE TABLE, ONE SOFASET, ONE RADIO, ONE CARPET, ONE FRIDGE.
2. **LANDLORD =VS= RUTH KIIA** – ONE LAPTOP
3. **LANDLORD =VS= FREIGHT COMMANDOS LIMITED**
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   ONE TV, ONE RADIO, ONE DVD, ONE TV STAND, ONE SOFA SET, ONE COFFEE TABLE
6. **LANDLORD =VS= SAMMY MUTUKU**
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7. **LANDLORD =VS= AHMED ABDILLAH** – ONE FRIDGE, ONE TV
8. **LANDLORD =VS= MORRIS ODUOR** – ONE TV, ONE FAN
9. **LANDLORD =VS= COXY OMEGO**
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FOOTBALL: Security, heat and lawsuits, the story of top European football clubs in Asia - Pg31

Global fencing body ends Kenya tour amid recognition bid

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSport11

International Fencing Federation (FIE) officials concluded their three-day visit to the country on Wednesday by lauding the strides made by the local body in their aspirations to gain global status.

The duo of Pascal Tesch from Luxembourg and Georgio Scarso from Italy admitted the Kenya Fencing Federation (KFF), which recently got affiliated by the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOCK), has made tremendous steps in making the Olympic sport popular in the country.

"We were able to go to the fencers and had healthy a chat with them, talked about their enthusiasm in the game and their desire to play international matches," said Tesch whom is also the president of the sport in his country.

"Basically our trip here was more of fact finding and see how far the sport is in Kenya, we have to take the report back to Switzerland, hopeful Kenyan will be one of our members very soon," added Tesch after a visit to the NOCK offices on Tuesday where they met acting secretary Francis Muthuku.

Muthuku said NOCK is happy to welcome Fencing to the umbrella body promising to help the young federation to settle in well while remaining hopeful they will be ready for 2024 Olympics.

"Going by the rigorous qualifiers for next year's Olympics, I don't think the fencing has enough time to prepare and qualify for Tokyo, however the progress is encouraging and therefore we can only hope for better things to come," said secretary general.

Prior to the recent affiliation, KFF president Fred Chege had said failure by the country's Olympic body to grant the local body affiliation had seriously affected its recognition by the (FIE).



Pascal Tesch from the International Fencing Federation (left) tests himself against Kenyan stakeholders after their meeting at the National Olympic Committee of Kenya (NOC-K) offices on Tuesday. PHOTO: AMOS ABUGA

SPORTS BRIEFS

Koth Biro organisers assure teams of safety

FOOTBALL: Organisers of the Koth Biro Cup have assured teams of security during the semi-finals. Semi-finalists Alin-Jua Kali appealed to for their players welfare after a match during the popular off-season tournament was hit by hooliganism. "There is dire need of the organisers ensuring that the event is incident-free so that families can come to watch matches without fear. Lawlessness by fans should not be condoned," said coach Jared Owino. The tactician made the call in the wake of the post-match ugly scene last Sunday at Ziwani's Umeme Grounds in which Ali Jua Kali fans were attacked by their MASA counterparts, leading to a free for all as they exchanged punches. Jua Kali won the match 1-0. Owino urged the organisers to ensure that there is heavy police presence during the play-off and finals slated for August 2 and 3 respectively to avert a repeat of similar incident. - CHARLES THUKU

Simbas seek to extend winning streak in Cup



RUGBY: The Kenyan rugby 15s team is seeking to extend its winning streak when it takes on Zimbabwe in the Victoria Cup tournament. With wins over Uganda and Zambia, Kenya holds the lead in the round robin, home and away tournament, which brings together four nations. Head coach Paul Odera is upbeat that team will overcome its strongest challenge in Harare on Saturday and return home to strategise on the home matches against the Zambians and Zimbabweans."The team has shown growth and consistence and it will be important if we can exhibit the same against Zimbabwe. They are strong and hold advantage physically. Kenya has played against Zimbabwe in the Gold Cup," said Odera on Tuesday. Kenya has connected directly from Lusaka to Harare and is expected to face defending champion Zimbabwe, who seeks revenge after the Kenya side the Simbas edged them out in the defunct Gold Cup tournament last year. Odera guided Kenya to dismiss Zambia 43-23 in a tight encounter in Kitwe, Zambia last weekend. - XINHUA

Tennis body upbeat ahead of ITF tourney



TENNIS: Tennis Kenya President James Kenani, is upbeat the country will host a successful women's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Tour next week at the Nairobi Club. The country will be hosting the Tennis World Tour after 10 years of wait with 22 countries having confirmed participation for the tourney scheduled to run between August 5 -18. "The tennis fraternity is excited to be hosting such a big event. The ITF event will act as one of the key activities that will help in development of professional players who can compete anywhere in the world," offered Kenani. "Given we will be hosting players from European countries, we believe that this activity will help expose our local players as they compete against international world class players," said Kenani. South Africa, Congo and Gabon while Ukraine, Poland, France, Russia, Netherlands, Romania, and Great Britain are the countries that have already confirmed participation.- AMOS ABUGA

Semenya's fate sealed

IAAF hails 'parity and clarity' after ruling over South African athlete

Zurich, Wednesday
@PeopleSport11

A Swiss court ruling that blocks South African Caster Semenya from defending her world 800m title in Doha in September creates much-needed "parity and clarity" in athletics, the sport's governing body said Wednesday.

A judge at the Swiss Federal Tribunal on Monday revoked a temporary suspension on the IAAF's controversial testosterone-curbing rules, meaning two-time Olympic champion Semenya can no longer compete in events between the 400m and mile, as she did in June and July.

"The IAAF welcomes the Swiss Federal Tribunal's decision today to revoke its Super-Provisional Order of May 31 after hearing the IAAF's arguments," the International Association of Athletics Federations said after the judge's ruling was made public Wednesday.

"This decision creates much-needed parity and clarity for all athletes as they prepare for the World Championships in Doha this September."

Semenya had appealed to the Swiss court in May after failing to get the new IAAF regulations overturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The IAAF added that it would maintain its position in the remainder of proceedings at the Swiss Federal Tribunal that "there are some contexts, sport being one of them, where biology has to trump gender identity, which is why the IAAF believes (and the CAS agreed) that the DSD (differences of sexual development) regulations are a necessary, reasonable and proportionate means of protecting fair and meaningful competition in elite female athletics".

- 'People can be mean' -

Semenya is classified as a woman, was raised as a woman and races as a woman.

But for the IAAF, women like Semenya, with certain masculine attributes due to DSD, are classified, biologically, as men. It is a position hotly contested by South African officials.

In the build-up to the 2009 world championships in Berlin, where Semenya went on to win gold in the 800m, the South African had to undergo gender verification testing to confirm her eligibility to compete in the women's category.

She was subsequently put on medication to reduce her testosterone levels, spending six months sidelined by the IAAF.

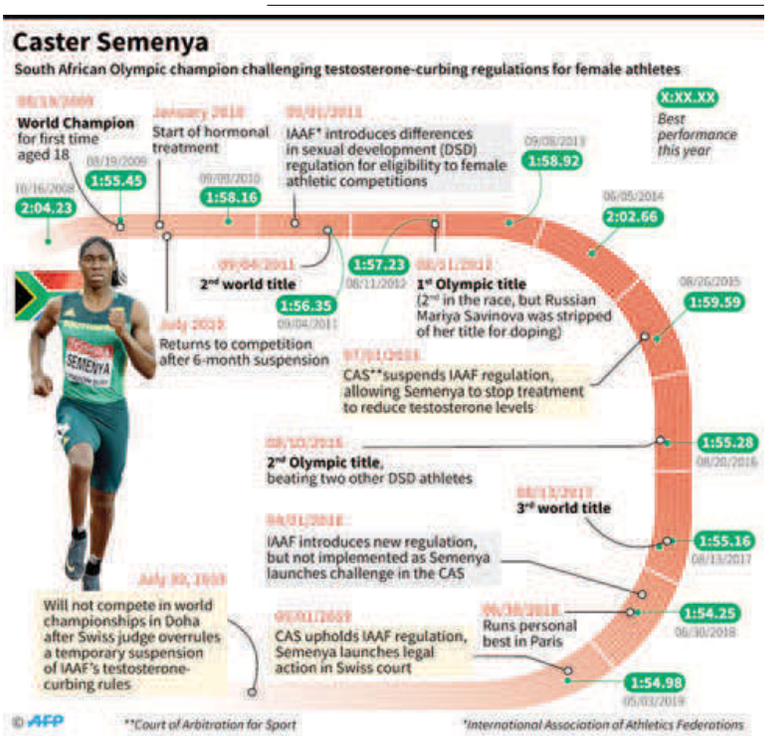
Semenya, born with the "46 XY" chromosome rather than the XX chromosome most females have, described the experience as like that of being treated like a "human guinea pig" and vowed never to again allow the IAAF to enforce medication upon her in order to compete.

The Swiss Federal Tribunal, in its ruling released Wednesday, was also not optimistic for Semenya's ongoing appeal.

It concluded "in a first summary examination, that Caster Semenya's appeal does not appear with high probability to be well founded".

"The CAS, after thoroughly evaluating the expert evidence, found that the '46 XY DSD' characteristic has a direct impact on performance in sport, which could never be achieved by other women," the tribunal said.

"Thus, with the participation of a female athlete with '46 XY DSD' in the 'protected class women', a basic principle of top-class sports, namely fair competition, is disregarded from the outset." -AFP



Wiyeta, Kobala progress in Copa Coca-Cola contention

by Gibo Zachary
@PeopleSport11

Day Two of the COPA Coca-Cola Under-16 championship, served thousands of supporters at the Kisumu Polytechnic with entertaining football and surprise results.

In selected games, Rift Valley representatives, Wiyeta Girls, made it to the semi-finals of this 16-team tournament after a straight forward 4-0 triumph over Njabini High School.

The team was later joined in the last four by Kobala and Maeni High Schools.

The last team for the semi-final slot will be decided tomorrow between three teams Ugari, Dagoretti Mixed and Njabini. Bigwigs Wiyeta dominated the game from the start causing the Central Region representatives more than enough problems, especially in ball possession and on the physical front. Edinah Nanda, Jamila Amilda and Jacinta Karemana led the onslaught.

Eventually, Karemana managed to break the deadlock on the 22nd minute after racing through on goal and firing past hapless Njambini keeper Faith Keya.

With the slimmest of advantages at the break, Kitale based Wiyeta advanced their agenda in the second stanza when Swaum Masungo doubled the advantage after firing home from close range.

Amida scored the third from the penalty spot before Karamana again capitalised on a goal-mouth scramble to stab home the fourth and final goal of the match.

In the other Group 'A' match, Dagorretti Mixed Girls and Ugari played to a barren draw.

Meanwhile, Maeni from Western region put eight unanswered goals past Eastern's Itaara.

Noela Aruko scored four goals to lead this onslaught, before Totolo Suzy added a brace, while Nanjala Annety and Makamu Annet each scored a goal apiece.



Shalon Gatwiri of Itaara Girls High School (left) fights for the ball with Maeni Girls' Noel Oruko in the COPA Coca-Cola U16 girls' National Finals Tournament at Kisumu National Polytechnic. PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

Dagoretti, Itigo soar

Under 19 winners sail to semis on Day Two of the national Term Two Games in Kisumu

by Gibo Zachary
@PeopleSport11

Dagoretti High, Itigo Girls have qualified for the soccer U19 boys and girls' semi-finals after winning their second preliminary matches of the Kenya Secondary School Sports Associations (KSSSA) Term Two Ball Games going on in Kisumu.

St Anthony Boy's Kitale as well as last year's losing finalist Olbolsat have joined the two sides as the other teams to have already secured their last four tickets as the competitions entered Day Two yesterday, Wednesday.

Building on their Day One 2-0 win over Mbooni, Dagoretti under the tutelage of coach Peter Orero drubbed hosts Kisumu Day 2-0 in yesterday's match a Moi Stadium Kisumu, a results that received mixed reactions from the host region.

The loss was largely welcomed by anti-Kisumu supporters who blamed the school for using the backdoor and appeal panels to qualify to nationals in expense of Barding Boys and Gesero Boys, labelling the school with 'Appeals' FC sent backing, 'Mahakama' lose. A penalty scored by Zablon Butela and a second goal from Mohammed Abdi handed Dagoretti six points in Pool B and that were enough to see them qualify with a match to spare in the group stage against Ebwali today.

"We are aiming for the national title and the two opening wins is a clear indication. We are taking each match as a final now," said Orero. Ebwali on the other hand after stunning Kisumu in the opener, were yesterday forced to wait today's match against already qualified Dagoretti to know their fate after being frustrated to a 1-1 draw by much improved Mbooni Boys.

Ebwali are second in Pool B with four points and eyes a draw in against Orero's Dagoretti side to qualify or hope that Kisumu do them justice by beating Mbooni to qualify. Mbooni are third with one point while Kisumu have been eliminated after losing their opening two matches.

In the U19 girls' category, Itigo Girls stunned hosts Nyakach Girls 1-0 to book their place in the semi-finals. Itigo beat Dagoretti Mixed in similar fashion on Day One. Nyakach who started their Pool A campaign in cloud eight by outplaying Karugwa 8-1 on Tuesday, were hard done by Itigo yesterday and must beat Dagoretti Mixed to qualify.



Derick Omondi of Dagoretti School challenges Alex Omondi of Kisumu Day during the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association Term Two Games at Moi Stadium, Kisumu yesterday. Dagoretti won 2-0. PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

KSSSA FOOTBALL

Pool A
St. Antony 1-0 Shimba Hills
Banisa 1-6 Olbolsat
Kisumu Day 0-1 Ebwali
Dagoreti High 2-0 Mbooni
Dagoretti 2-0 Kisumu Day
Ebwali 1-1 Mbooni

Girls
Nyakach 8-1 Karugwa
Dagoreti Mixed 0-1 Itigo
Arch Bishop Njenga 0-0 Njambini
Gesero 2-2 St. Johns
Njambini 4-1 Gesero
St. John's 0-1 Arch Bishop Njenga
Itigo 1-0 Nyakach
Karugwa 0-7 Dagoretti Mixed

Boys
St. Antony 1-0 Shimba Hills
Banisa 1-6 Olbolsat
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High noon as Kwanthanze, Passenga meet in decider

by Gibo Zachary
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Fireworks are expected to raze high as top seeds Kwanthanze and Passenga face off in today's volleyball Pool B final match to determine the group winner.

Both teams have won their opening two matches and seek to claim the group supremacy in order to stand a better chance of meeting a 'favourable' pairing from Pool A.

Kwanthanze maintained their clean sheet by beating Makoror in 3-0 straight sets of 25-7, 25-8 and 25-9) before sending St.John's Kaloleni packing with another classic show of 3-0 clean sets.

Passenga on their part lost one set in their 3-1 win over St John's Kaloleni, recording (25-17, 15-25, 25-15 and 25-18) but against Makaror, Passenga were flying, winning the tie in 3-0 straight sets.

In Pool A, the battle is between Soweto and Bishop Sulumeti after Cheptil won their second straight match to take charge of Pool A as hosts Sega Girls are sent home after losing both of their opening matches.

Cheptil fought hard to beat Soweto in 3-1 sets of (25-23, 25-21, 7-25, 25-17) before upping their ante to overpower Sega Girls in 3-0 straight sets.

Bishop Sulumeti started well their campaign beating Sega in 3-1 sets of (25-17, 20-25, 25-22 and 25-15) but could not match Soweto Girls' weight, going down in 3-0 straight sets.

Cheptil will take on Sulumeti Soweto square out with eliminated Sega Girls as St John's Kaloleni and Makaror battle out in the other match today at the Kisumu Polytechnic. In the boys category, Mogonga PAG have already qualified from Pool A.



Irene Nanjala of Kwathanze Girls spikes against St Johns Girls at the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association Term Two Games at Kisumu Polytechnic yesterday. PHOTO: DANIEL OGENDO

Baba Dogo, Karuri lock horns in netball duel

by Gibo Zachary
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Baba Dogo and Karuri Girls will lock horns in a win or burst netball match today as each fight hard to progress to this year's Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association (KSSSA) Term Two games at Kisumu Polytechnic.

Both teams have won one match and lost one too in their Pool A campaign and today's tie is like a final for either side as they face each other.

Karuri bounced back from Day One's 44-15 defeat to title holders Kaya Tiwi to pummel hapless North Eastern's Volunteer Girls 83-05 to put their campaign to the knockout stage alive.

Baba Dogo on their side, started strongly by thrashing the group whipping girls Volunteer Girls 60-03 but found themselves at the back-seat in their second match yesterday, after going down fighting to Kwanthanze 77-10.

As the two fight for their lives, hosts Nyakach Girls and Kaya Tiwi continued to ooze class, proving completely unmatched in the competition as they won their second matches to advance to the semi-finals.

Playing in Pool A, Kaya Tiwi beat Baba Dogo 77-10 in the last match played yesterday afternoon to add on to their 44-15 Day One win against Karuri on Tuesday to collect maximum points that propelled them to the last four.

"As I said in our first match, we are well prepared for this games and our focus now turn to the knockout stages. The title is for us to keep and not to lose, so, we are giving no team room to challenge us," confident Kaya Tiwi head coach Maryanne Obonyo told People Sport.

In Pool B, Nyakach Girls and Bukukholo qualified to semis with a match to play and in the process, sending their Group B opponents packing by recording their second successive wins.

Nyakach heartbroken Lydiah Ng'ososey's coached side Cheptil Girls, beating them 50-22 to completely thwart the Rift Valley's representative, any hopes of making it past the group stage.

Bukokholo also proved determined to challenge for this year's netball title after beating Syumile 46-24 in their second match yesterday to storm semi-finals.



Linah Chebet of Syumile Girls (left) and Caro Nanjala of Bukokholo Girls fight for the ball during the Kenya Secondary Schools Sports Association Term Two Games at Kisumu Polytechnic yesterday. PHOTO: GIBO ZACHARY

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Pre-season woes

Security, heat and lawsuits, the story of European football clubs in Asia

Suzhou, Wednesday
@PeopleSport11

Huge entourages, heavy security and demands for the sort of police protection normally reserved for heads of state, European football teams jetting across Asia leave nothing to chance, but sometimes run into problems anyway.

The money-spinning pre-season tours are a far cry from 30 years ago, when the likes of Manchester United would play friendlies against local sides, or at most hop over to Ireland.

United, now a global brand, sent staff to Shanghai several times ahead of last week's friendly against Tottenham to ensure that the Hongkou Stadium pitch was up to scratch.

Paris Saint-Germain dispatched a chef ahead of the team's arrival in each location in Asia to check that the food adheres to the players' strict pre-season diets.

Security, which usually means keeping away overzealous fans, has been a primary concern for the clubs fanning out across Asia last month.

Manchester City coach Pep Guardiola was accompanied by a beefy member of security as he made the short walk to the team coach inside the bowels of Nanjing Olympic Stadium. Autograph and selfie-hunters were left empty-handed.

When it comes to accommodation for City, United, Paris Saint-Germain, Juventus and the rest, it is only the best.

Guardiola and his expensively assembled squad, plus dozens of club staff, took over the exclusive, 130-room Banyan Tree hotel in Shanghai.

Rooms at the self-styled "urban retreat in the city's most scenic location" start at nearly 2,000 yuan (Sh30,000) a night.

PSG brought a heaving delegation of 120 people for their trip to Shenzhen, Macau and Suzhou, among them eight security personnel with walkie-talkies and at least two cooks in club-crested chef uniforms.

While in the Chinese city of Suzhou for Tuesday's 3-0 win over Sydney FC, PSG pitched up at the deluxe Fairmont Yangcheng Lake hotel.

However, the French champions' midfielder Julian Draxler said that being holed up in a hotel, no matter how swanky, could be "quite boring".

Throw in training in fierce heat, and media and commercial duties, and Draxler said it was no holiday.

The visits, Singapore, Japan, South Korea and Australia were also on some itineraries, are ultimately about creating profits and goodwill, but not every visit has ended well.

According to South Korean media, demands from Juventus to have a police escort, normally reserved for visiting heads of state, were refused. -AFP



Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo cools off during his team's pre-season training in Shanghai. PHOTO: AFP

DEMANDS MADE BY EUROPEAN TEAMS IN ASIA PRE-SEASON

-PSG: Brought eight security personnel with walkie-talkies and at least two cooks in club-crested chef uniforms.

-Man City: Took over 130-room Banyan Tree hotel in Shanghai that goes for (Sh30,000) a night but autograph and selfie-hunters were left empty-handed.

-Juventus: Demanded police escort, normally reserved for visiting heads of state, which was refused. Arrived late for an exhibition match and kept star attraction Cristiano Ronaldo on the bench.

-Man United: Sent staff to Shanghai several times ahead of last week's friendly against Tottenham to ensure that the Hongkou Stadium pitch was up to scratch.

Tradewinds take control in Mombasa

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Tradewinds Aviation Services reclaimed top spot in the Left Foot-sponsored Mombasa Corporate League despite not kicking the ball.

Tradewinds benefitted from a walkover after their weekend opponents NIC Bank failed to show up and thus displaced CBA from the summit of the league.

In other matches, Vivo Energy won 3-0 against Cube Movers, Aga Khan Hospital drew 1-1 with CBA Mombasa, Bamburi Cement lost 5-2 to Maersk Group while Nation Media managed a 1-0 win against Sea Bulk.

In the Division One League, Amiran Kenya picked a 3-0 win against Nyayo FC, Consolidated Bank drew 1-1 with Rapid Rebels, Madaraka United drew 2-2 with Saad Advocates while Consolidated Bank beat ICJ Kenya 2-0.

In the Division Two action all matches ended in identical 1-1 draws as Ping Limited held Liaison Group, Toyota Kenya picked a similar result against Kingsways Tyres same as Nyayo Kingdom and Astral Aviation and Hurlingham GC versus Safaricom.

Vitambi Viishe drew 2-2 with Diamond Trust Bank in Division Three.



Tradewinds and Aviation during a past Left Foot League match. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

Athletics coach Kirwa confident of more medals at All Africa Games in Morocco

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Kenya's athletics head coach Julius Kirwa has expressed confidence in his team's ability to win many medals at the All Africa Games slated for August 19-31 in Rabat, Morocco.

Kirwa said Team Kenya, which started its training camp on July 24, has been working on all aspects and he expects an improved performance from the five gold medals, all from athletics, won in the 2015 edition in Congo Brazzaville.

"The team comprises experienced and young runners who are making the national team for the first time. The young ones require more time to prepare and make them understand what is required," said Kirwa. His sentiment were supported by 2016 Rio Olympics Games 10,000m silver medallist Paul Tanui, who finished second at the Kenyan trials, and will partner 2008 Olympics Games 5,000m bronze medallist Edwin Soi and Yosei Muneria in Rabat.

Former World Youth and Youth Olympics steeplechase champion Rosefline Chepng'etich, who has not competed actively since 2015 also made the team in women's 3000m steeplechase alongside world record holder Beatrice Chepkoech as well as newcomer Mary Wanjiru, and there are high hopes for gold in the race.

Some of the new faces are Lindah Kageha in women's 400, Irene Kimais, Monica Chirchir, Caroline Nyaga all in women's 10,000m, Qualyne Kiprop (1,500m), Benjamin Kigen, Joash Kiplagat in men's steeplechase and Robert Kiprop (men's 5,000m).

Gor head to Sudan for Al Hilal friendly



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Kenyan champions Gor Mahia will brave the current political turmoil in Sudan to play a build-up match against Al Hilal tomorrow.

K'Ogalo are sharpening up for the preliminary round of CAF Champions League first leg away to Aigle Noir of Burundi on August 11 in Bujumbura.

The team purposed to play one high-profile game before facing Aigle Noir and started counting their blessing when Al Hilal decided to pitch their training camp in Nairobi.

However, the Sudanese giants changed their schedule and decided to head North to Cairo, leaving K'Ogalo stranded. The Gor secretariat quickly inquired about Al Hilal's travel plans and opted to chase the Sudanese outfit to Khartoum for a tomorrow evening duel.

Gor will be led by assistant coach Patrick Odhiambo (*pictured*) who found himself in the hot seat when head coach Hassan Oktay took a sabbatical.

"I have steered a wonderful pre-season training for the team. They are in very good physical condition and can play two games every day without tiring," Oktay said before he left for Turkey this week.

"That should set up Gor Mahia for a 19th league title and CAF Champions League group stage. That I can guarantee with or without me," added the Turkish tactician.

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SFAXIEN MAIN ATTRACTION IN CAF CONFED CUP DRAW



CS Sfaxien of Tunisia are the star attraction in a 2019/20 CAF Confederation Cup draw that includes only three clubs who have won African titles. The club from Mediterranean industrial city Sfax received a bye into the round of 32, where they will face Paradou AC of Algeria or CI Kamsar of Guinea in September. Paradou are the likelier winners of the preliminary tie next month, but as newcomers to CAF football, they may lack the experience to eliminate Sfaxien over two legs. The other two CAF title winners are Enugu Rangers of Nigeria and Daring Club Motema Pembe of DRC. -AFP

BASKETBALL AFRICA LEAGUE HOST CITIES REVEALED



The NBA-backed Basketball Africa League (BAL) unveiled host cities Tuesday for its inaugural season, with Kigali, Rwanda, named as host city for the first semi-final and championship games. Cairo, Egypt; Dakar, Senegal; Lagos, Nigeria; Luanda, Angola; Rabat, Morocco and a Tunisian city, Tunis or Monastir, were announced as the sites for BAL regular-season games. The BAL, featuring 12 club teams from across Africa, is set to begin play in March 2020. "Today's announcements mark another important milestone as we head into what will be a historic first season," BAL president Amadou Gallo Fall said. -AFP

CAS revokes decision to replay African Champions League final



PARIS: The Court of Arbitration for Sport yesterday overruled an African Football Confederation decision to replay the abandoned Champions League final between Esperance and Wydad Casablanca. CAF in June ordered the second leg to be replayed at a neutral venue following the Africa Cup of Nations after Moroccan side Wydad walked off an hour into the return fixture in Tunis when a VAR malfunction meant a disallowed equaliser could not be reviewed. Tunisia's Esperance, who led 2-1 overall at the time, were initially handed the title, but CAF later backtracked after determining that "playing and security conditions were not met". Both clubs subsequently lodged appeals with CAS. But CAS yesterday ruled that the executive committee of CAF "did not have jurisdiction" to order that the game be replayed. CAS said it was now up to "competent CAF authorities", without giving further details, to "order the appropriate disciplinary sanctions, if any, and accordingly to decide whether the second leg... shall be replayed or not". -AFP

Women W.Cup champs right to pursue equal pay: men's union



LAS ANGELES: The union representing players on the US men's football team on Tuesday slammed "false accounting" used by US Soccer president Carlos Cordeiro in claiming the federation had paid women players more than men. Cordeiro made the claim on Monday in an open letter to federation members, with mediation looming in a federal lawsuit brought by players on the women's team that accuses the federation of "institutionalised gender discrimination" that includes inequitable compensation when compared to players on the men's national team. "This is more of the same from a federation that is constantly in disputes and litigation and focuses on increasing revenue and profits without any idea how to use that money to grow the sport," the men's players' union statement said. "The women's national team players deserve equal pay and are right to pursue a legal remedy from the courts or Congress." The issue was centre stage as the United States triumphed in the Women's World Cup in France in July, chants of "equal pay" raining down on the champions after they defeated the Netherlands in the final. -AFP

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Sports Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed (right) and Football Kenya Federation boss Nick Mwendwa during a recent press briefing at Kasarani Stadium. PHOTO: PHILIP KAMAKYA

FKF, State in cash stand-off as financially-strained federation fears missing CHAN return leg tie

Clash over budget

by James Magayi
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A crisis is looming for Kenyan football as local custodians of the game Football Kenya Federation (FKF) are not able to meet financial obligations towards hosting neighbours Tanzania for the return leg of the Africa Nations Championships (CHAN) at Kasarani this weekend.FKF acting Chief Executive Officer Barry Otieno said the federation's coffers are empty and they even had to borrow money to send the team to Dar es Salaam for the first leg of the qualifier last week and settle part of the players' allowances.

He said the government, through the Sports Fund, has failed to channel facilitation money for both legs despite initial promises and now they were starring at a possible suspension if they fail to honour the match.

Otieno said the federation tabled its Sh19 million budget to the Sports Ministry weeks ago but convoluted bureaucratic processes have left Kenya on the brink.

Confederation of African Football (CAF) will ban Kenya for two years if the country fails to honour the home fixture.

"We are concerned that the Sports Fund is not releasing money for this game and we also do not have cash in our accounts to take care of the expenses. We have tried to push our case with the Sports Principal Secretary Peter Kaberia but in vain," Otieno said.

He added: "As the hosts, we are supposed to cater for traveling expenses of the match officials who are supposed to be in the country by Thursday (today).

We are also supposed to take care of the players' allowances, make security arrangements and hire the match venue all of which cannot be achieved with money."

Efforts by *People Sport* to reach Kaberia were futile as he did not pick our calls or respond to text messages.

Requests from federations for funding are channeled to the Commissioner of Sports who forwards the same to Kenya National Sports Council (KNSC) for vetting.

Upon verification, the KNSC then forwards applications to the Sports.

Migne keen to avoid penalties in CHAN return match

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Harambee Stars coach Sebastien Migne (*pictured*) has made a clarion call for his charges to avoid a penalty shoot-out against Tanzania's Taifa Stars in the Africa Nations Championships (CHAN) return match at Kasarani Stadium on Sunday.

Migne said he would prefer Kenya killing off the decisive game early instead of settling for a deadlock that will push it into a penalty lottery that may go either way. "We need to score goals in regulation time and although it may be necessary for the match to be decided on post-match spot-kicks, this would not be my wish. I have told the players to launch attacks from the word go to get the goals they badly need in their quest for qualification to the next stage," said Migne after conducting a training session at Kasarani on Tuesday.

Migne said during the first leg in Dar-es-Salaam, Stars missed a number of experienced players, some who have since turned professional, and gave an indication that he would field Gor Mahia defence kingpin Philemon Otieno who was suspended after picking a red card in the Africa Cup of Nations in Egypt last month. "Save for Bernard (Odhiambo) and Joash (Onyango) the rest of the players were newcomers but I was glad that they showed character and the team managed to come out with a clean sheet in Dar-es-Salaam which was not a bad result going into the return fixture," said Migne.



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