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Main suspect in the NYS case Josephine Kabura Irungu (right) and other co-accused at Milimani Law Courts in Nairobi, yesterday. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

How Kabura, co-accused used NYS millions to buy luxury cars

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Governor under fire over Raila remarks

Kiharu MP Ndindi Nyoro yesterday dismissed Kirinyaga Governor Anne Waiguru's claims that Opposition leader Raila Odinga could get Central Kenya region's support if he runs for president in the next General Election. Nyoro said Waiguru has no authority to speak on behalf of the region. "Waiguru should not speak on behalf of the people of Central Kenya. Local residents know who they will support come the next election," said Nyoro. Speaking in Murang'a town yesterday when he distributed cheques to women and youth groups, Nyoro also said holding a referendum just two years after the last elections would subject the country to an unnecessary financial burden.

– Wangari Njuguna



Ndolo charged with issuing death threat, out on bail

Former Makadara MP Reuben Ndolo was yesterday charged with threatening to kill Rashid Hamid, the director of Richland Properties Ltd. Ndolo *(pictured left)*, who appeared before Milimani Chief Magistrate Martha Mutuku, denied two charges of creating disturbance and threatening to kill. He denied the charges and was released on a cash bail of Sh200,000 or an alternative of Sh300,000 with a surety of similar amount. Ndolo is accused of uttering words threatening to kill Hamid. The offence is said to have been committed at Bustani Gardens on Oledume Road on August 16. The former MP failed to appear in court on Monday when his co-accused were charged after he apparently fell ill while in police custody.

– Nancy Gitonga

Love with Linturi brewed in Waiguru ouster plot: Kitany

Ruto's former chief of staff says she fell for senator during a scheme to scuttle minister's impeachment

by Bernice Mbugua
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Meru Senator Mithika Linturi's estranged wife Maryanne Kitany yesterday revealed their relationship blossomed in 2014 when the then Devolution Cabinet Secretary Anne Waiguru was facing an impeachment motion.

Kitany, then Chief of Staff at the office of the Deputy President William Ruto, told the court that they were tasked as a team to make Linturi withdraw the motion and the only way they could ensure it flopped, was to "organise" Linturi's technical disappearance from Parliament.

"At the time the motion was being tabled in Parliament, I was with him in Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge.... at that time things were getting intimate," Kitany said yesterday while testifying in a divorce suit, which she has filed against Linturi.

Kitany said the decision to take Linturi to Naivasha was a calculated move that was planned by a team from the President and the Deputy President's office.

Sleepovers

She said after coming back to Nairobi from Naivasha, Linturi started visiting her at Kileleshwa home for sleepovers and even stayed for days and they eventually decided to live together.

According to Kitany, she first met the senator while working at the Deputy President William Ruto's office in 2013 as the Chief of Staff when he was the MP for Igembe South.

She narrated how Ruto had instructed her to deal with Linturi's regular complaints, which came in the aftermath of the Jubilee administration taking power in 2013.

The 45-year-old Kitany told the court that they got married under the Nandi customary law, and denied claims by Linturi that she was "just visitor" at his home.





Meru Senator Mithika Linturi (right) and his estranged wife Maryanne Kitany at the Milimani Law Courts during the first day of hearing of the divorce case filed by the latter. PD/ CHARLES MATHAI

"I wonder why the Senator said I was a visitor when he was the one who first stayed with me before we moved to Runda," she said.

Kitany told Chief Magistrate Peter Gesora the two decided to formalise their relationship after which Linturi introduced her to his three children from different mothers who later moved in with them.

"I became a mother to the children and loved them like my own," she told the court.

Linturi, in his suit papers, argues that he was not married to Kitany, saying he was already in a Christian marriage, which was monogamous.

According to Linturi, Kitany's prayer for divorce cannot be granted, as she was not legally married to him.

"Divorce can only be granted if the marriage is legally valid. It will be a waste of time for this case to proceed to a full trial since the respondent had no capacity to enter into any form of marriage with the petitioner," said his lawyer Muthomi Thiankolu in court documents.

Linturi said even if Kitany claims they were married under Meru and Nandi customary laws, the marriage would still be invalid as he was bound in a monogamous marriage.

On how she made her money, Kitany narrated how she took a loan of Sh1.2 million while working for Kenya Commercial Bank and bought a house in Komarock.

"I started paying my mortgage but left after two years to pursue my degree. The loan was converted into a commercial property, so I sold the property and made a profit Sh600,000," she told the court.

Autopsy shows De'Mathew died of internal injuries

by Mathew Ndung'u and Oliver Musembi
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A postmortem on veteran musician John De'Mathew's body done at Kenyatta University Funeral Home on Tuesday revealed, he succumbed to internal injuries after he was involved in a road accident on Thika Road on Sunday night.

According to the report signed by pathologist Dorothy Njeru, De'Mathew *(pictured)* died of liver and pancreas damage.

"The cause of death was chest and abdominal injuries due to blunt force trauma consistent with road accident," the report, seen by *People Daily* revealed. The singer died after his car rammed into a truck near Blue Post Hotel in Thika.

His two widows, Sarafina Wairimu and Caroline Waithira, who were present during the autopsy, said they were jointly involved in their husband's funeral preparations.

According to family spokesperson Muheria Kariuki, meetings for burial preparations are held at Blue Springs, Metro Club Thika, Gathiruini village in Murang'a and Githingiri estate where De'Mathew lived. He will be buried on Saturday at Mukurwe village, and President Kenyatta is expected to attend the ceremony.

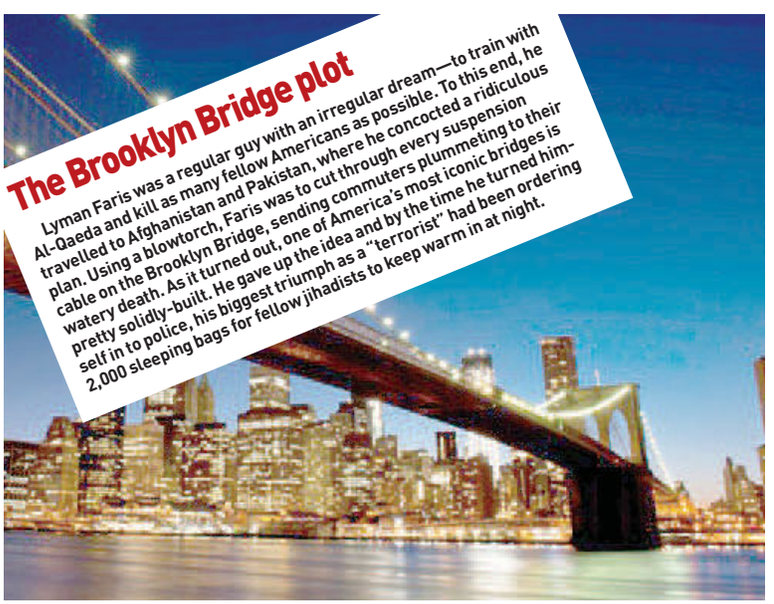




with Kimathi wa Mutegi
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Terror plots decapitated by stupidity

Executing terrorism can be strangely hard, but it gets nastier when planners of the misadventures aren't so smart



The Brooklyn Bridge plot

Lyman Faris was a regular guy with an irregular dream—to train with Al-Qaeda and kill as many fellow Americans as possible. To this end, he travelled to Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he concocted a ridiculous plan. Using a blowtorch, Faris was to cut through every suspension cable on the Brooklyn Bridge, sending commuters plummeting to their watery death. As it turned out, one of America's most iconic bridges is pretty solidly-built. He gave up the idea and by the time he turned himself in to police, his biggest triumph as a "terrorist" had been ordering 2,000 sleeping bags for fellow jihadists to keep warm in at night.



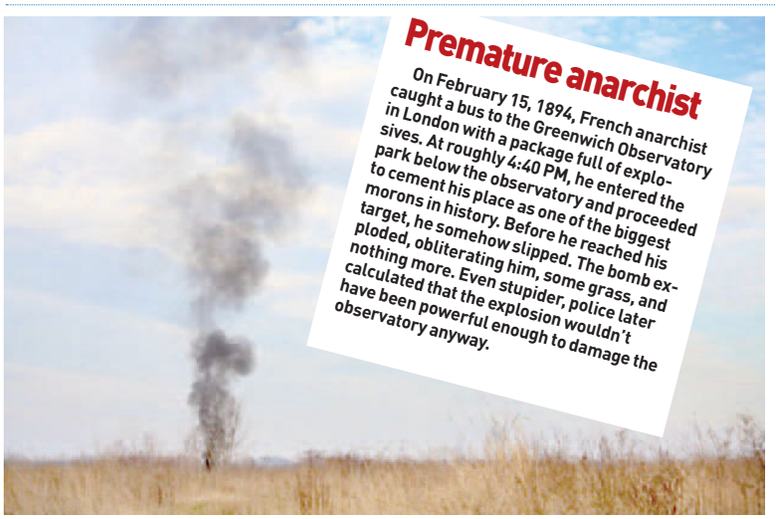
Terror group accidentally beheads own commander

In 2013, an Al-Qaeda offshoot operating in Syria captured a rival terrorist working for the Assad government. Hoping to let the world know what total badasses they were, they quickly beheaded the poor guy and uploaded a video of themselves waving the head around and chanting terror slogans. But then things took a turn for the bizarre as other terrorists recognised the head. The happy choppers had decapitated none other than Mohammed Fares Maroush, staunch jihadist and leader of an allied group. His killers were forced to swiftly deliver what was likely the most awkward apology in history to their fellow terrorists.



Militants accidentally release key hostage

In 2008, FARC leaders struck a deal with the Colombian government to hand over three hostages—primary of who was a three-year-old born a hostage. As zero-hour approached, it became humiliatingly clear that FARC no longer held the child captive. He'd been given up for adoption not long after being born by one of their fighters and somehow, the leadership had failed to notice the total lack of screaming baby in the camp. FARC were forced to release their other two hostages to mocking laughter instead of cheers of solidarity.



Premature anarchist

On February 15, 1894, French anarchist caught a bus to the Greenwich Observatory in London with a package full of explosives. At roughly 4:40 PM, he entered the park below the observatory and proceeded to cement his place as one of the biggest morons in history. Before he reached his target, he somehow slipped. The bomb exploded, obliterating him, some grass, and nothing more. Even stupider, police later calculated that the explosion wouldn't have been powerful enough to damage the observatory anyway.



Futile anti-abortion bid

In 2006, anti-abortion David McMenemy drove his car into the Edgerton Women's Health Centre, his plan being for the car to explode, killing him and taking out the clinic. But the car didn't explode, leaving a very confused McMenemy unexpectedly parked in the reception room. So he decided to manually set his car alight and burn the place to the ground, only for the sprinkler system to kick in and halt even this modest ambition. At the time of his arrest, McMenemy had caused $20,000 (Sh2 million) of damage to a random building and slightly scorching his car.



Fate of underwear bomber

Indeed, God has a fantastic sense of humour. On Christmas Day 2009, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab boarded a plane to Detroit with his underpants full of the explosives he'd reportedly been wearing for three weeks straight. As the plane came in for landing, he attempted to detonate, with the intention of killing everyone on board. Instead of exploding, however, his bomb simply burst in flames, turning Umar's groin area into a burning mess of divine justice. Umar was swiftly subdued and taken into custody.

NYS loot spent on vehicles, court told

Prosecution says suspects went on a shopping spree for luxury cars, houses in leafy city suburbs

by Nancy Gitonga
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Suspects in the Sh791 million National Youth Service (NYS) scandal splashed part of the loot on buying luxury cars and houses in leafy suburbs of Nairobi, it emerged yesterday.

The prosecution told a Nairobi court how the suspects went on a shopping spree for top-of-the-range cars that included Range Rover, Jeep Cherokee, Toyota Prado and Toyota Land Cruiser.

The prime suspects in the case, Josephine Kabura, Ben Gethi and nine others also bought plots and houses in Roselyn Estate, Clay City House Property, Ruiru, Juja East, Muthaiga North, Mercury House along Moi Avenue, Juja Farm and a plot in Thika using the NYS cash.

All these properties, the prosecution said, were concealed under pseudo company names.

The fresh revelations were made when Kabura, Gethi and nine others were preferred with fresh charges that included laundering over Sh791 million from NYS.



NYS scam suspects Josephine Kabura at the Milimani Law Courts, yesterday. PD/CHARLES MATHAI

The eleven denied the charges before Milimani Chief Magistrate Martha Mutuku after the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji was allowed to amend earlier charges.

New charges

In the new charge sheet, the prosecution amended the amounts, dates and added one new count against the accused.

Kabura and Gethi are now charged alongside city lawyer Patrick Onyango Ogolla, John Kago, Samuel Wachenje, Anthony Gethii Kihara, Benson Gachoka, John Hope Vandamme, Martin Gachara Wanjohi, Charty Wangu and Jedidah Gethi.

All the eleven have pleaded not guilty to 16 counts relating to the transactions, which the prosecution says, involved the stolen funds.

The accused are alleged to have committed the offences between December 2014 and April 2015.

The eleven are accused of colluding to wire the amount from NYS coffers and using part of it to purchase property through phony companies.

Kabura, Gethi, Kago and Ogolla are accused of arranging to purchase a Range Rover Reg No KCB 750Z worth Sh23.4 million with the proceeds of crime between December 22, 2014 and August 7, 2015.

Kabura and Kago denied they bought a car worth Sh6.3 million using the stolen NYS money. In another count the prosecution said Samuel Mudanyi Wachenje alias Sam Mwadime engaged in the purchase of a Toyota Prado KCE 874R worth Sh5.2 million with part of the money stolen from NYS.

Kago, Kihara and Kinuthia also allegedly purchased a Toyota Land Cruiser worth Sh5.2 million using the same money.

The eleven were first charged in 2016.

The magistrate ordered they remain on their earlier cash bails of Sh300,000 or an alternative bond of Sh1 million each.

The case was listed for hearing on September 10, 13 and 19.

SPENDING MONEY

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Cherargei interrogated over remarks

by Baraka Karama and Winstone Chesiremi
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Nandi Senator Samson Cherargei was yesterday released on a personal bond after being arrested by detectives over inflammatory statements he made targeting critics of Deputy President William Ruto.

Cherargei was arrested at his Elgon View Home in Eldoret and taken to Eldoret central police station where he was grilled for over three hours before being taken to Nyanza provincial police headquarters where he was again questioned for another two hours.

"Yes we arrested the senator so that he can help us with more information regarding the remarks he made," said Wareng sub-county Criminal Investigations Officer Lina Kibailah.

The senator is said to have warned critics of DP during a funeral in Lelwak area in Nandi of unspecified action should they continue to insult him at their public forums.

National Cohesion and Integration Commission secretary Hassan Mohammed criticised the senator's utterances terming them reckless and posing the risk of triggering conflict among communities aligned to different political parties.

But speaking after his release, Cherargei said: "I did not mean to incite people to violence. I only said we will deal with them politically and that should not be taken as incitement."

Kisumu county police Commander Benson Maweu said the senator would be recalled in case the investigating officers need more information.

Kenya protests UN interference in Jubbaland upcoming elections

by Hillary Mageka
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Kenya has asked the international community to stop interfering in the electoral process of Jubbaland saying the United Nations (UN) holds an insensitive position in the upcoming polls.

The government has accused the UN of placing numerous hurdles ahead of elections slated for tomorrow.

In a protest letter to the UN, President Uhuru Kenyatta's administration says even after the Jubbaland Independent Boundaries Electoral Commission (JIBEC) bent backwards to accommodate the demands by the "international community" by re-opening the registration process for candidates, postponing presidential elections to August 22, the special representative of the secretary general and Head of UNSOM is still making demands and imposing conditions for the presidential elections to take place.

Scuttle polls

It has warned that any attempt to scuttle or delay the presidential elections will only plunge the state into anarchy dealing a blow to the process of stabilising Somalia as well as intensifying the fight against al Shabaab.

"The government of Kenya reiterates its call to the UN, and the international community at large, to work with the federal government of Somalia in supporting JIBEC to complete the electoral process within the timelines it has set for itself," read the letter by Foreign Affairs ministry.



Former President of Somalia Sheikh Sharif. FILE

Like every election including advanced democracies, Kenya says the elections of Jubbaland cannot be expected to be perfect.

However, the JIBEC has, in the face of taunting challenges, done its best to ensure that elections are as fair, inclusive, transparent and credible as humanly possible, particularly under the obtaining unique circumstances.

Significantly, it says stakeholders in Jubbaland supported by 27 federal MPs, the state of Puntland, three major political parties of former President Sheikh Sharif and Hassan Sheikh Mohammed have publicly expressed support for the ongoing electoral process in Jubbaland.

Critical stage

"The long electoral process is now at very last and most critical stage being the presidential elections," the letter further reads.

Kenya has also expressed reservation the exception with the selective manner in which the UN Special representative of the Secretary General has consulted, if at all, over the elections.

BRIEFLY

Kariuki grilled over money laundering

Businessman Humphrey Kariuki, who was re-arrested on Monday by detectives after court released him on bail, was grilled yesterday for the second day. Kariuki is expected to report to the Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) headquarters today for further questioning on money laundering allegations. His lawyer Kioko Kilukumi last evening said Kariuki had been cleared by the DCI.

"We have complied with the court order since Monday and my client has had his finger prints processed as required by law," said Kilukumi.

And last evening, Kariuki said in a media statement he is a law abiding citizen and promised to cooperate with the detectives in investigations.

-Zadock Angira

Sapit warns against more political posts

The head of the Anglican Church of Kenya Archbishop Jackson ole Sapit has said the church will reject any move to create more political positions in the planned referendum because Kenyans are already overburdened. Speaking to the press at Kabarak University, Nakuru, where he opened the annual National Clergy Conference, Sapit said although the church has not yet taken a position on the matter, he gave the Punguza Mizigo constitutional amendment bill a thumps-up, saying it is going to tame wastage. He also urged politicians to lower the political temperatures.

-Noah Cheploen



Chief Justice David Maraga. PD/FILE

JSC receives yet another petition to oust Maraga

by Nancy Gitonga
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A petition has been filed before the Judiciary Service Commission seeking to have Chief Justice David Maraga removed from office.

The basis of the petition by Fredrick Obilo arises from an Environment and Land Court case over Elgon Building in Nairobi, which was to host the Judiciary.

The suit is between Sealink Holdings Ltd and another vs Chief Registrar of the Judiciary and two others, which was filed on May 10, 2016 which is still pending for determination.

Obilo alleges that the case was filed in 2016 and referred to the Chief Justice for empaneling of a three-judge Bench to hear the matter, has kept the matter in abeyance and failed to act on it.

"Despite having knowledge of the case, the CJ has failed to invoke the provisions of Article 159 to ensure speedy and just hearing of the case," he says.

The petitioner claims that on January 1, 2013, the Judiciary took over the premises of Elgon Place for use as the new Court of Appeal premises.

"That despite completion and possession of the leased premises, the Judiciary has refused to pay rent and parking fees on the one part and service charge on the other part in accrued sum of Sh122 million and Sh22.48 million as at March 31, 2015," reads the petition in part.

He claims that failure by the Judiciary to pay the money resulted to filing of the ELC suit.

Further, Obiro says failure to respect the law or to resolve the ELC matter triggers concerns about the integrity of the CJ.

"Failure by the CJ to put an end to the wastage of public funds, through the leased premises, amounts to abuse of office contrary to the oath he took to uphold the dignity and respect of the judiciary," says Obilo.

The petitioner also wants the CJ, in line with the rule of Judicial code of conduct, recuse himself from being part of those that will determine the petition when it comes to the JSC.

Mixed reactions greet list of nominees for NLC positions

Political commentators and lawyers cast aspersions on qualifications of some individuals picked by panel

by Hillary Mageka
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There were mixed reactions yesterday to the list of nine individuals nominated to lead the National Land Commission (NLC) for the next six years.

The nominees, whose names were forwarded to the Speaker of the National Assembly for vetting, included city lawyer Gershom Otachi who was nominated for chairman and eight others as members.

President Uhuru Kenyatta picked the nine from a list of 18 forwarded to him by the selection panel.

Yesterday, some political commentators and lawyers cast aspersions on the qualifications of some of the nominees whom they claimed did not qualify for the job.

Controversial city lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullahi accused the President of contravening the Constitution by "bestowing on himself unnecessary powers" in the latest appointments.

His views were echoed by lawyer Charles Omanga, who wondered how Esther Murugi and Tiya Galgalo were nominated as members of NLC yet they had only applied for the chairperson position and were shortlisted for the same.

Omanga said some candidates, whose names were presented to Parliament, allegedly do not meet the minimum threshold for appointment.

"How did Kazungu Kambi qualify to be nominated as commissioner? Where else has he worked other than being an MP and a one-time CS? He has never adjudicated in any land matters," he said.



City lawyer Gershom Otachi.



Former MP Tiya Galgalo.



Former MP Esther Murugi. PD/ FILE

Top contenders for the chairperson position, whose holder will administer key land reforms, were lands economist Mwenda Makathimo, former Gatanga MP Humphrey Njuguna, Murugi and Galgalo, both former MPs.

Others were Paul Wambua, Hussein Farah and Naomi Wagereka.

According to sources familiar with the process, the selection panel presented the names of Geothermal Development Corporation (GDC) chairman Otachi and Makathimo to the President for appointment as chairman.

Murugi topped the list of names presented to the Head of State to be appointed as members of the commission followed by university don Prof James Tuitoek.

Land economist Reginald Okumu was ranked third while Kambi (former Labour CS) was 10th. Coming eight was Galgalo.

THEIR SAY

- **Lawyer Ahmednasir Abdullah:** The President contravened the Constitution by "bestowing on himself unnecessary powers" in the latest appointments.
- **Lawyer Charles Omanga:** How did Kazungu Kambi qualify to be nominated as commissioner? Where else has he worked other than being an MP and a one-time CS?

Sources said although Murugi and Galgalo were not shortlisted to be interviewed as members of the commission, they were, however, included in the list of those to be appointed as members.

A member of the selection panel who sought anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter said the two former legislators applied to be interviewed for chairperson and member positions for which they were interviewed.

"The law allows the panel to regulate its own procedures... if you look at our advert you will see that candidates could apply for one or the other, it was in the advert when we announced the vacancies," the member revealed.

In their message to the President, the panel had advised the Head of State that Murugi and Galgalo had applied as chairman and member of the commission respectively.

Counties warned against violating the tobacco law

by George Kebaso
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The National government yesterday cautioned county assemblies against formulating tobacco laws that create avenues for industry infiltration.

Officers at the Ministry of Health are concerned that some assemblies are in the process of establishing tobacco control laws that could easily give room for manipulation.

Tobacco Control Division programme's officer Anne Kendagor said the ministry is aware that 10 counties are in the process of coming up with legislation that overlaps an already active Tobacco Control Act.

"We are aware that about 10 counties are trying to develop their own laws. However, we are cautioning them to be careful because they would be making it easy for the tobacco industry to infiltrate the campaign against tobacco consumption," Kendagor told *People Daily*.

Kenya Tobacco Control Alliance (KETCA) board chairman Joel Gitali last week raised concern that the county assemblies of Nairobi, Tharaka Nithi, Baringo, Laikipia and Migori are among those at an advanced stage of discussing the bills.



He accused one of KETCA's partner organisations of having secured funding to help some counties to succeed in coming up with the laws.

He said Tharaka Nithi, for instance, wants KETCA to fund their process but the alliance had refused.

"We must have everyone following and implementing the Tobacco Control Act (2007), the World Health Organisation' Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and the ban on Shisha," said Gitali.

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Community hails ruling allowing its enumeration

by Noah Cheploen
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The Lembus community in Baringo county has hailed last week's High Court ruling that okayed the tiny Kalenjin sub-tribe to be enumerated on its own in the upcoming census.

Council of Elders chairman Joseph Leboo *(pictured)* said the ruling presents a new dawn for the community. "We have been coded now as a tribe and we have a lot of plans for our people in terms of education, economy and conservation of forest which we love so much," he said during a ceremony to celebrate the ruling in Eldama Ravine grounds on Sunday.

The community and the government entered into a consent with the Kenya Bureau of Statistics last Wednesday agreeing to count them as a distinct ethnic community in the census exercise that commences this week.

Hard working

The Lembus had previously moved to court seeking autonomy from the Tugen sub-tribe within whom they were previously enumerated arguing that their culture and ancestry are different.

Boasting of about 160, 000 registered voters, Leboo said that they are going to put their votes in one basket in future elections. "We are telling our people to rise up and work. Our work will make us free. We are not beggars. We're not slaves," he said.

Council of Elders secretary general Joseph Tiongik said it would reclaim its position locally and at the national arena. Former Cabinet Minister Musa Sirma said they would demand benefits accrued from Lembus Forest and the Sh5 billion Chemususu Dam.



State deploys army officers to bolster census security

KNBS official says adequate measures have been put in place to ensure exercise is free and fair

by Eric Wainaina
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The military will be deployed in some parts of the country to provide security for the upcoming first paperless population census, which takes place on the night of August 24/25.

The Director of Population and Social Statistics at the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics, MacDonald Obudho, said security deployment will depend on specific needs of an area. The National Police Service, prison warders and National Youth Service (NYS) personnel will be deployed to provide security for the exercise.

Details came even as Vigilance House remained cagey on the number of police officers scheduled to be deployed, it confirmed that all officers on leave have been recalled to beef up the team.

Director of Police Operations at Vigilance, Henry Barmao said contingency measures have been put in place to ensure that the exercise sails smoothly.

Security threat

"Though we can't give you all the information that you are looking for due to its sensitivity, we have put in place proper contingencies to ensure that the exercise is a success," was all that Barmao had to say.

But sources said more than 140, 000 security officers drawn from the Regular and Administration Police, General Service Unit (GSU), Prisons, Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS), and Ant-Stock Theft Police Unit (ASTU) have been mobilised to provide security. The enumerators especially in volatile areas such as Northern Kenya, Baringo and Coast regions that have experienced rampant cases of terrorist and criminal attacks will be escorted by police officers.

The officers would also get supplementary support from the National Youth Service (NYS) and Kenya Forest Service (KFS) rangers in some areas.

In an interview with *People Daily* at his office yesterday, Obudho said the Interior ministry was handling the security aspect and adequate measures were in place to ensure the exercise will be free from interference, even from minor security incidents.



Kenya National Bureau of Statistics Director of Population and Social Statistics MacDonald Obudho. PD/ TABITHA MBATIA

"As the exercise will be going on, security patrols will also be taking place and the personnel will bring together the police, officers from the Prisons department and NYS (while) the army will be in charge of some areas," Obudho said.

Though the government has suppressed activities of Somalia-based al-Shabaab extremists in the country, pockets of related activities have continued to be reported in areas along, and near the Kenya-Somalia boarder, notably Lamu, Mandera, Garissa and Wajir counties and parts of the Rift Valley such as Baringo, perhaps informing the decision to rope in the army.

Obudho said police would accompany enumerators in areas with security threats and also because in some settlements, criminals may take advantage to attack homes.

Further, to address the safety issue, other than the officers donning identification badges and branded reflector jackets, village elders will accompany them. Tomorrow and Friday, during the day, enumerators will conduct a pre-enumeration household listing.

This will not only ensure KNBS and field officers prepare themselves depending on their catchment area, but also for the residents to acquaint themselves with enumerators who will be in charge of their areas. KNBS has deployed 163, 400 officers in the Sh18.5 billion exercise, who, according to Obudho, will include 138, 572 enumerators, 22, 268 content supervisors and 2, 467 Information Communication and Technology (ICT) supervisors.

The enumerators will capture the data electronically using a mobile device (tablet) and will be required to regularly send the information to a server. At least 166, 347 tablets have been dispatched to villages across the country where a four-day training of enumerators on the use of the gadgets ended yesterday.

Capture data

The gadgets, which are being applied for the first time in the exercise which last took place in 2009, are in excess by over 2, 000 and which, according to Obudho, is deliberate. "There will be extra machines in every village to ensure that should any of them break down during the exercise, there will be immediate replacement to avoid any interruption," he said.

The devices will capture the data offline, but shall require Internet to send the information to the server. In regions with poor network connectivity, field officers will travel to areas with good Internet coverage to transmit the data.

With this technology, KNBS believes it will achieve accuracy in data collection, security of information and faster processing of the results, and also address concerns by some leaders who have been complaining that the 2009 exercise was skewed to the disadvantage of some areas.

IN NUMBERS...

- **KNBS has deployed 163, 400 officers in the Sh18.5 billion exercise,**
- **At least 166, 347 tablets have been dispatched to villages across the country where a four-day training of enumerators on the use of the gadgets ended yesterday.**
- **Preliminary results of the census are expected in three months. Basic information will be released after six months while the in-depth analytical details will be available after one year.**

Scrap trivial levies to spur trade, Munya tells counties

by Munira Mandano
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Trade and Industrialisation Peter Munya has accused County governments of frustrating development by creating barriers towards smooth business operations.

Speaking in Ukunda, he said counties have imposed unnecessary levies and charges making it hard for small businesses to thrive noting that imposition of taxes by counties has completely violated the meaning of devolution.

"The reason why this system of government was put in place was to ensure even progress in all areas in Kenya. In a case where small business operators are forced to acquire so many licenses by counties, some of which are too weak to stand the burden of taxes and they eventually collapse is not creating a conducive environment for business growth. It is actually different from what the government had planned," he said.

Munya said counties should scrap outdated means of collecting taxes and adopt modern methods of collecting taxes.

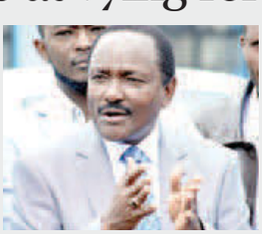
Kalonzo hints at vying for presidency

by George Kebaso
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Wiper party leader Kalonzo Musyoka *(pictured)* has started re-organising his party ahead of the 2022 General Election.

Signs the Wiper leader could be toying with the idea of making another stab at the presidency come 2022, albeit cautiously, resurfaced yesterday when he hosted a delegation from Mt Kenya region at the party's headquarters in Karen.

Kalonzo, who made his first attempt in the 2007 elections on ODM-K party said he is still capable of successfully competing for the seat.



On Monday, Kalonzo who ran alongside former PM Raila Odinga in 2013 and 2017 polls waded into the ensuing verbal war between the ODM leader and Deputy President, William Ruto questioning whether Kenya belongs to the two.

"I have seen today Ruto telling Raila to accept defeat if he loses in the 2022 presidential election. Does Kenya belong to the two?" he asked, adding that people must be fed up by now.

Kalonzo said Ruto and Raila are not the only ones entitled to the top seat.

Murang'a Wiper coordinator, Bernard Chege said Mt. Kenya region leaders have started mobilising more members of the Kikuyu community to vote for Kalonzo in the next election.

Lawmakers want stance on betting firms rescinded

by Anthony Mwangi
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Some lawmakers have urged the government to reverse its decision to revoke licences of betting companies linked to tax evasion.

The legislators, drawn from Jubilee and Orange Democratic Movement (ODM), said the ban would deny the country the much-needed revenue.

Kakamega Senator Cleophas Malala (*pictured*) said betting firms were among top contributors to the country's revenue basket and revoking their licences would adversely affect the economy.

"We beseech the State to look at the interests of the economy and other stakeholders and allow the companies to operate in the meantime as the matters in question are addressed," he said during a press conference at a Nairobi hotel.

Nominated Senator Isaac Mwaura, who lives with albinism, said banning the firms has directly affected beneficiaries of sponsorship, including people living with disabilities.

Lead protests

"Apart from sports, some of these companies are involved in corporate social responsibility," he said.

Embakasi East MP Babu Owino said owing to the standoff, leading football clubs such as Gor Mahia and AFC Leopards were staring at serious financial crises as they depended wholly on funding from the affected firms.

"I will personally lead peaceful protests to the doors of the Interior ministry if the companies' licences are not reinstated," he said.





EACC director of investigations Abdi Mohamud. PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

EACC hints at arrest of ex-minister

Former PS and LBDA officials also likely to be apprehended as probe into mall works is completed

by Mercy Mwai
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A former Cabinet secretary, a permanent secretary and former top officials of the Lake Basin Development Authority (LBDA), who took part in procurement and construction of the Sh4.1 billion LBDA Mall in Kisumu, are likely to face arrest over irregularities in the tendering process.

Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission (EACC) yesterday said it had completed investigations into the mall construction and forwarded the file to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Noordin Haji for consideration.

The agency said 90 people, who took part in the deal, have recorded statements either as suspects or witnesses.

EACC added that they are addressing gaps pointed out by the DPP before he gives his final recommendations on the matter. "Soon the DPP's file will be made public," he said.

Without revealing the names of those likely to face arrest, EACC director of investigations Abdi Mohamud said they received a report alleging irregularities spanning the entire process that began on July 28, 2015.

Appearing before the Committee on Devolution, Mohamud said the investigations touched on procurement of consultancy services, award and execution of the construction tender, among others.

Expedite probe

EACC's decision came after representatives from the offices of the Auditor General Edward Ouko and Attorney General Paul Kihara said there were irregularities in how the tender was procured.

During the committee session, Kisumu Senator Fred Outa said: "The record is there from who was the first chairman, the MD, the CS and PS. Why have they not been summoned over the matter?"

Migori Senator Ochillo Ayacko told EACC to speed up the investigations.

The initial cost of constructing the mall had been capped at Sh2.5 billion, but later changed to Sh3.8 billion.

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Big Four agenda dominates Uhuru, Qatari premier talks

by PSCU
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Increased Qatari investments in renewable energy, affordable housing and telecommunications were top of the agenda when President Uhuru Kenyatta hosted visiting Deputy Prime Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani at State House, Nairobi yesterday.

The President, who expressed satisfaction with the growing bilateral relations between Kenya and Qatar, cited the establishment of a shipping line plying the Mombasa and Doha route as well as the recent launch of the Qatar Airlines flights to Mombasa twice a week as some of the ways that were increasing people-to-people interaction between the two countries.

Sheikh Mohammed, who delivered greetings to the President from the Emir of Qatar His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, said his country values its friendship with Kenya and remains keen to support its growth over the years.

"We remain a solid partner to Kenya on all fronts. We are ready to work even more closely to take our cooperation to a higher level," he said.

Sheikh Mohammed was accompanied by the Qatari Minister of Transport and Communications Jassim bin Saif Al Sulaiti and Qatar Ambassador to Kenya Jabr Bin Ali Al Dosari.

Housing sector

He assured Uhuru of his government's support to the Big 4 Agenda-aligned programmes and singled out the housing sector as one of the areas of interest to Qatari investors.

The President updated the Qatari leader on the progress made in entrenching stability in the region, including the situation in Somalia and the recently signed transitional government agreement in Sudan.

"Without peace, there can be neither development nor prosperity. We are hopeful that the willingness portrayed during signing of the agreement in Sudan will go a long way towards the restoration of normalcy in that country," he said.



President Uhuru Kenyatta with visiting deputy Prime Minister of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani at State House, Nairobi yesterday. PD/PSCU

Alarm over rise in chemical imports

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Food safety experts are raising concerns over the increase in volumes of imported chemicals applied in Kenyan farms as pesticides.

With the volume doubling 6,400 tonnes in 2015 to 15,600 tonnes in 2018, experts now warn that the chemicals are carcinogenic in nature and are capable of causing cancer.

Comprising of organisations that advocate sustainable agriculture, the group is concerned that farmers, as well as consumers, are directly exposed to highly toxic pesticides and are calling for the withdrawal of the products from the country.

Route To Food Initiative (RTFI) project leader, Layla Liebetrau said the active ingredients include, but are not limited to, permethrin, carbendazim, and acephate.

"The toxicity in the pesticides is also threatening the stability and safety of food reserves in the country. We have found 24 products in the Kenyan market which are certainly classified as carcinogenic, meaning they have the potential to cause cancer," she added.

The organisations have also identified 24 others with mutagenic components — capacity to cause damaging genetic changes which affect hormones.

15,600

Weight of imported chemicals in tonnes in 2018, double the 6,400 tones it was in 2015

Bloody affair as Sabina bill set for debate

Murang'a Woman Rep sponsors law to streamline transfusion, management of blood in the country

Blood transfusion in Kenya has faced chronic funding shortages over the years, and relied almost entirely on donor support. This has resulted in the country being perennially short of blood, losing many lives that could have been saved. Murang'a Woman Representative Sabina Wanjiru Chege, is set to introduce into Parliament a bill aimed at completely reforming the way Kenya collects and transfuses blood, de-linking it from donor dependence. In an interview with **Special Correspondent, PATRICK MWANGI**, Sabina narrates her hopes for a bright future for the critical sector, and what the envisaged law hopes to achieve if enacted.

What are the challenges facing the national blood transfusion services in Kenya today?

The biggest problem is lack of legislation to guide the functions of the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service (KNBTS). That on it's own has resulted in-:

- KNBTS operating in a limited way as a division within the Department of Diagnostics and Forensic Service (DDS) within the Ministry of Health, despite having a nationwide responsibility.
- Limited funding from the government, and thus an over-reliance on donor funding to meet the high cost of producing blood. A self sustainabiity plan is needed.
- Lack of clarity in the governance of national blood transfusion. Some county governments such as Kakamega have established their own independent blood transfusion services, contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and Executive Order No. 1 of 2018, which put the governance of blood under the national government. Running blood banks by county governments is likely to compromise the quality of blood, as testing, processing and storage standards may not be assured.
- An inefficient national service, and thus an inability to ensure the availability of safe blood and blood products to mitigate unforeseen events whenever they happen, and in whichever part of the country they occur.

Why has KNBTS failed to meet the country's blood needs?

The reasons include inadequate staff, and funding from the government. There is also a shortage of blood storage facilities in hospitals, as well as insufficient advocacy and public relations.

What do you hope the Kenya National Blood Transfusion Service Legislative bill that you are shepherding through Parliament will achieve?

It is targeted to achieve the following-:

- Fulfill the requirements of section 85 of the Health Act, 2017, establishing the service.
- It will enable the implementation of a national voluntary and non-remunerated blood donor system.
- It will guarantee the availability of blood nationally.
- It will provide for the collecting, testing, processing, storing, issuing, distributing and transfusing of blood and blood products.
- It will provide for the disposal of condemned and waste blood.
- It will contribute towards universal access to adequate and safe national blood supply on a not-for-profit basis.
- Project the country's blood needs based on national and international guidelines.
- Ensure adequate, equitable and safe supply of blood and blood products
- Mobilise, educate and sensitise potential blood donors to foster a culture of voluntary blood donation, and build and maintain a safe and sustainable national voluntary non-remunerated blood donor base.
- Provide technical support to private, county governments, and referral hospitals best blood transfusion practices.
- Oversee and conduct research on the area of blood and blood products.



Murang'a Woman Rep Sabina Chege addresses journalists in the past. PD/FILE

UNDER PAR

- **KNBTS is operating in a limited way as a division within a department despite having a nationwide responsibility**
- **Some county governments such as Kakamega have established their own independent blood transfusion services, contrary to the Constitution**
- **Running blood banks by counties likely to compromise quality of blood, as testing, processing and storage may not be assured**

What is the current status of the bill?

The bill has been endorsed by the Budget committee, which is critical for such a bill as it is a money bill (has implications for the Exchequer). It will then go for publishing, and thereafter be tabled in Parliament to follow the usual law making process.

Are you confident of marshalling necessary support to push the bill through both Houses?

Yes, because blood is a national good, and very critical for the good of this nation.

If the bill is enacted, what are the next steps?

It will then be sent to the Senate for debate as it affects one of the functions of county governments, that is, health. If it is then passed by the Senate, it will go to the President for assent. It will then be up to the Ministry of Health to ensure implementation of the Act, and creating the fully fledged KNBTS.

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KDF in crusade to win Somali hearts, minds

Though their main mandate is to fight the ragtag terror group, Kenyan soldiers have devoted time to serve desperate Somali nationals

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Members of the Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) operating in Somalia have adopted a multi-pronged strategy to combat terror, especially in the Jubbaland State.

Though their core mandate is to neutralise the operations of Al Shabaab terrorists within Jubbaland, the team is also involved in civil-military cooperation activities and other alternative tactical approaches purposed to win the hearts and minds of Somali people.

Apart from protecting populated centres to ensure guaranteed safety and economic stability, the Kenyan soldiers are also involved in opening and securing the main roads to allow the movement of goods in the region as well as delivery of public services.

The team is under the Sector Two Commander, Brigadier Dickson Ruto.

"It is not a question of body count. The measure of success is getting the support of the locals, for the flow of information," Brig. Ruto said.

"When KDF was deployed in Dhobley, so many young people got employment and many are now engaged in business," he added.

To effectively deal with the rise of irregular and asymmetric warfare, the African Mission in Somalia (Amisom) and KDF in April this year set up the Dhobley Level II Hospital within the KDF camp.

The hospital handles about 170 patients per month. It has four wards: Kilimanjaro, Longonot, Elgon and Mt Kenya and is now admitting patients from the region. When *People Daily* visited the facility, five-year old Abdi Dekow Aden was admitted in the hospital together with his mother nursing him.

KDF personnel are constructing a road linking Dhobley and Afmadhow through Tabda and Belles Qoqani. The route is expected to open up the area for free movement of people and goods.

Even as they do this, KDF is also part of the Amisom troops involved in building capacity of Somali Security Forces to be able to take over the responsibilities — in a country faced with drought, hunger, civil war and terror — when Amisom exits.

Ambassador Franscisco Madiera, the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission (SRCC) for Somalia said the forces had successfully implemented the core mandate to reduce the threat posed by al Shabaab and other armed opposition groups in Somalia.

Law and order

"The prevailing peaceful environment has enabled the country to establish functional State institutions. Also, Somalia has conducted three successful electoral processes," he said

Madiera disclosed that the Somali diaspora were returning home to invest, and that the country was open for international business.

Already, Qatar Airways, Turkish Airlines, Kenya Airways and Ethiopian Airlines are operating regular flights in Somalia.

Presently, Amisom is in the process of implementing a Somali Transition Plan, under which troops undergo gradual reduction in readiness for final exit in December 2021.

Amisom police are deployed in secured areas for maintenance of law and order by troops from Kenya, Burundi, Djibouti, Ethiopia and Uganda.

In the first phase of transition, Amisom handed over to the Federal Government of Somalia the Somali Nation university, the Mogadishu Stadium, and the Jaale Siyaad military Academy, among others.

In July, Amisom commenced implementation of the second phase of The Somali Transition Plan in which they have laid ground for the safe conduct of one-person-one-votes elections in 2020/22.

"It has been 50 years since Somalia last conducted a one-person-one-vote election. So, the coming elections will be a watershed moment in the history of Somalia," he said.

Within the larger Somalia, over the next one year, Amisom also plans to reconstitute the Forward Operation Bases (FOBs) following the reduction in troop numbers and establish Amisom rapid response force.

Brig. Ruto said the forces now face a challenge of continued use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) as a weapon of choice. "We need to find a solution to reduce the availability of materials for making these explosives in Somalia," he said.

Kenya's ambassador to Somalia Lt-Gen (Rtd) Lucas K. Tumbo said his country has had a cordial relationship with Somalia and promised continued support.

"A peaceful neighbour provides opportunity for growth. About 35,000 Kenyans are involved in various fields including hospitality, the NGO, and stabilisation of Somalia," Tumbo said.

Military cooperation

However, Tumbo said the ongoing maritime conflict between the two countries had not affected the relationship.

"We are engaging and we know we will solve the matter amicably," he added.

The country has, however, witnessed insecurity incidents lately.

Last month, there was an attack at the Banadir Regional Administration Headquarters, the Mayor's office.

During the attack, six government officials were killed in an explosive attack. A suspected female suicide bomber targeted a weekly security meeting chaired by the mayor of Somalia's capital, Abdirahman Omar Osman. Three District Commissioners, two directors and a legal advisor were killed in the raid.

Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the main target was new UN envoy, James Swan who had left the meeting at the Mayor's parlour earlier.

Other players in the effort to stabilise the country include Italy which has entered into a military cooperation through which it will extend the training mission for Somali troops.

Towards that end, the Somali National Army Chief General Dahir Elmi, along with top military commanders are already in Milano, Italy, for training.

THE STRATEGY

- **KDF team is involved in civil-military cooperation activities and other alternative tactical approaches, mainly aimed at winning the hearts and minds of Somali people.**
- **To effectively deal with the rise of irregular and asymmetric warfare, the Amisom and KDF in April this year set up the Dhobley Level II Hospital within the KDF camp.**
- **KDF personnel are also currently constructing the road linking Dhobley and Afmadhow through Tabda and Belles Qoqani.**





Amisom spokesman Lt-Col Charles Imbiakha chats with children at Dhobley town. ABOVE: **Garel Abdi Ali, with her, Abdi Dekow Aden, receive treatment at the Amisom's Level II Hospital within the KDF camp.** PD/ZADOCK ANGIRA

Al Shabaab improvised explosives pose new challenge to peacemakers

by Zadock Angira
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The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) and other Amison forces now face a new challenge over the use of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) after the fighting capability of the militants were significantly reduced.

The Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU for Somalia Amb. Franscisco Madiera said the militants are now drawn from different locations and are fighting from unknown locations, with the attacks mostly aimed at soft targets.

"Though we have reduced the threat posed by al Shabaab and other armed opposition groups in Somalia, we now face a new challenge of continued use of IEDs as a weapon of choice by the terrorists," Madiera (*pictured*) said "We need to find a solution to reduce the availability of materials for making these explosives in Somalia."



Reports indicate that since the terrorists do not have access to state munitions, they resort to IEDs which are cheaper and easier to manufacture.

Brigadier Dickson Ruto, who commands the Sector 2 covering Jubbaland told *People Daily* that a number of IED-producing factories in Somalia have been identified and demolished.

Ruto said the terrorists were initially fighting from set or known locations before they transformed to an insurgency.

"We initially faced challenges since they had the local advantage over our forces whose troops are largely foreigners," he said.

The IEDs are unpredictable, as they are not manufactured within the same set of specifications as regular land mines. Most IEDs are also cheaper and easier to manufacture.

As the forces hunted them down and significantly reducing their capabilities, the terror group resorted to planting IEDs along the routes before they disperse, and have also in the past used truck bombs commonly known as vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VBIED).

However, despite the efforts, some security lapses have been reported including the recent attack at the Banadir Regional Administration Headquarters, the Mayor's office, in Mogadishu.

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Transfer of police no cure for inefficacy

There is a tendency in the National Police Service to move officers away from areas where issues spring up. The latest such transfers took place in Mombasa where sweeping changes, including shifting Regional Police Commander, have been effected by the Inspector General following what appears to be bungling or laxity in dealing with the drugs menace and criminal gangs.

But such lateral movements often leave Kenyans puzzled, if not confused. True, the recent wave of daring attacks by thugs in Mombasa, must have left both the command and general policing cadre with egg on the face.

What Kenyans would like to see conclusively addressed are the reasons behind real failures and how they can be corrected. If the police bosses are worried about command efficacy, how does transfer of officers cure the performance deficits?

There is a raft of guidelines for the police service to reinforce its ethical conduct and professionalism. Recent appraisals and reinforcement of police code was supposed to be transformative.

When a legislator from the Coast region says that what is required in the war against the drugs menace in the region is not the arrest of bhang smokers but a crackdown on narcotics barons, he is making a statement of wrong priorities or compromised enforcement.

The image of the police service has long been tainted by accusations of graft. There is no gainsaying that with compromised security agency, the quest for security and justice is doomed.

And as much as there are many dedicated officers inclined to put duty above all, the overall ethical environment is not encouraging.

The other explanation for perceived failures is that for an agency from which so much is expected, too little is put in terms of resources. Investment in tooling, motivation and facilitation leaves a lot to be desired. With such terms and conditions of service, police efficacy can at best only be average.

But the police also shoot themselves in the foot when they fail to incorporate strategies which can improve their relationship with the public. To be more effective, they should be seen as protectors and not violators of citizens' rights.

As they opt for short cuts, officers will continue to inspire fear and mistrust among Kenyans, thus eroding chances of strengthening their effectiveness.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

WILLIAM BRATTON

"You cannot police a community without effectively working with the community.

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KEVIT DESAI

"Our ultimate goal is to equip all TVET institutions, both new and existing ones, with the necessary state-of-the-art equipment to ensure relevant and quality training.



JOHN MBADI

"We will be performing an illegality if we dare try to alter the national budget. This committee, and the Senate in particular, have no role in budget making.



SERGEI RYABKOV

"The US has obviously taken a course towards escalation of military tension. We won't react to provocations. We will not allow ourselves to get drawn into a costly arms race.



New innovations solution to waste menace

The need to invest in new avenues of social income has become the driving force for new inventions in waste management.

Over the years, industry has been tasked with identifying solutions to manage the waste they produce as well as post-consumer waste. However, their efforts to establish sustainable waste management mechanisms have been challenged by, among others, lack of adequate consumer awareness, poor policy frameworks and lack of structured Extended Producer Responsibility Schemes.

We now see a turnaround in this with the recent efforts by government to incentivise waste recycling. As industry, we continue to push for the implementation of these incentives, particularly the ones stated in the budget statement on (1) proposal to exempt from VAT all services offered to plastic recycling plants and supply of machinery and equipment used in the construction of these plants and (2) the proposal to lower corporation tax for the first five years to 15 per cent for any investors operating a plastic recycling plant.

But over and above this, intriguing innovations are being developed to incentivize consumers to manage waste. These must be encouraged to achieve a circular economy.

A good example is the development of the Customer Bora Mobile Application by artiste Julius 'Juliani' Owino. The App provides a waste management system that encourages the use of modern technology to facilitate proper disposal of waste. Having established multiple waste collection stations referred to as Taka Banks for consumers to deposit their waste, the application calculates the volume of waste from each depositor and rewards them accordingly.

PHYLLIS WAKIAGA



"We need to establish effectively managed statutory schemes

This demonstrates the potential in Africa to develop mutually beneficial social economic inventions for different stakeholders in the waste recycling value chain, which will play a key role in curbing environmental pollution.

For instance, in Nigeria, Organisations African Clean Up Initiative and WeCyclers are working with Morit International School in Ajegunle, Lagos on a Recycle Pay project. BBC reports that the Project allows parents to use plastic waste to pay their children's school fees. The process involves parents providing plastics waste to the school, where it is weighed and the weight converted into monetary value, which is then deducted from the school fees. The plastic waste is then collected by a recycling company.

Norway can be described as the champion of driving an incentivized waste management scheme. The Norwegian Deposit Refund System, also known as Infinitum, was established in 1999 and is owned by Norwegian bottlers and retailers. It champions the depositing and recycling of plastic bottles and beverage cans. Through this scheme, Norway has been able to recycle about 97 per cent of its plastic bottles with less than one per cent ending up in the environment. According to the Infinitum Annual Report (2018), only one in eight bottles washed ashore the Norwegian coastline comes from Norway. How does it work?

According to Infinitum, all producers and importers of beverages, in either cans or plastic bottles have to register their products in the deposit system and pay a deposit to have their bottles labelled with the deposit symbol. Consumers can then return the labelled empty cans and bottles to a retailer, like a shop, kiosk or station, who then refunds their deposit paid on purchase. The empty bottles and cans are then returned for recycling.

The success of this scheme has also been attributed to investments in various collection systems, all of which benefit from the deposit refund revenue.

In these examples, it is clear that we need to establish effectively managed statutory schemes that will encourage more people and organisations to play a significant role in efficient waste management.

If the success of Norway is anything to go by, adding value to waste at different levels of the recycling value chain, particularly on collection is the sure way of reducing the waste in our environment.

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Return of artefacts a win against neocolonialism

ABDALLA KHALID

The artefacts, which range from animals and cultural objects and human remains, form part of intellectual property for posterity

Last month, Kenya scored a major victory against neocolonialism when it received over 30 cultural artefacts that were handed over to Kaya elders from the Mijikenda community. Those cultural items were stolen over 150 years ago and shipped to the United States.

During the ceremony, held at Fort Jesus in Mombasa, Sports and Culture Cabinet secretary Amina Mohamed aptly described the move to repatriate the artefacts as a big milestone in the quest for social and cultural justice for Kenyan people.

The 'vigango' (effigies) artifacts were voluntarily returned by the Denver Museum of National History following negotiations with Kenyan authorities. The looting of artefacts and other valuable heritage items from African nations during the colonial period has been one nagging carryover from that period and one that must be comprehensively addressed to bring closure to the dispossession and suffering the people went through.

The artifacts range from animals and cultural objects, to collections of human remains. As some analysts have noted, they remain reminders of scientific racism and the creation of human zoos. In addition, the artifacts do not only mean a lot to the national history of aggrieved countries, but also form part of the intellectual property for future generations.

Early this year, a British museum announced plans to return two stolen locks of hair from a 19th century Ethiopian king in what was hailed as an "exemplary gesture of goodwill" by the Ethiopian Embassy in the UK. The hair was cut from Emperor Tewodros II's head after he shot himself rather than be taken prisoner by invading British forces who had attacked his fortress in 1868.

According to an analysis by *The Conversation*, the British forces went on a looting spree, taking so much that they needed 15 elephants and 200 mules to cart it away. The loot included more than 500 ancient parchment manuscripts, two gold crowns, crosses and chalices in gold, silver and copper, and religious icons. Tewodros' seven-year-old son Prince Alemayehu was taken to the UK along with the looted treasures.

Strands of the Emperor's hair were given to the National Army Museum in London 60 years ago.

The British committed similar injustices in Kenya and, importantly, have still never told the public where the independence struggle hero Dedan Kimathi was buried after being executed by the British.

The return of the hair locks follows a recent report commissioned by French President Emmanuel Macron that recommended African treasures in French museums be returned to countries of origin. It noted that the return of the strands was significant given Tewodros' subsequent symbolism and significance in the history of Ethiopia.

Also in March, Germany agreed to speed up the return of human remains and artwork from former African colonies where the country carried out brutal massacres and pillaged indigenous heritage.

It is a good sign that the western powers have offered to return the artefacts, skulls of legendary people and other historical items but more needs to be done. Zambia, for instance, has been struggling to have a fossilised skull of a possible human ancestor, along with some other bones thought to be associated with it that were taken to the UK in 1921.

Dubbed "Rhodesian Man," this hominin may occupy a pivotal place in the evolutionary transition from Homo erectus to Homo sapiens. Today anthropologists refer to the find as the "Kabwe skull" and recognise it as the first early human fossil discovered in Africa. The skull is still in London.

The UK has been resisting to return antiquities acquired during colonial times, but in May last year, at a meeting of the Unesco heritage committee in Paris, Zambian representatives finally broke through British resistance. The UK agreed to sit down and talk about the possible repatriation of the skull and related fossils back to Zambia.

According to Yirga Gelaw Woldeyes, a human rights lecturer, dispossessing people of their cultural artifacts dispossess them of knowledge, history and philosophy.

The writer is an analyst with interest on geopolitical issues

Why it is important for all to take part in census



KEVIN MABONGA

Through the exercise, the government will acquire information that is crucial for planning

On 24th and 25th of this month, the government will be undertaking a population census – one of the most important activities in any country's planning.

Census may be defined as regular counting of the number of people in a country by the government for the purposes of economic planning and development. It reports human population trends which could be useful to project the future. This will be Kenya's seventh such event.

Kenya's last census took place in 2009, which put the population at more than 38 million people. The exercise was conducted previously in 1948, 1962, 1969, 1979, 1989 and 1999, and is spearheaded by the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS)for the government.

It is conducted in accordance with the Constitution 2010 (Fourth Schedule part 1 item 11) and the Statistics Act, which mandates the agency to conduct the population and housing census every 10 years, and such other censuses and surveys as the board may determine. KNBS also maintains a comprehensive national socio-economic database.

According to KNBS, this year's census questionnaire was prepared through a consultative process. The key questions to be asked include age, sex, marital status, births, deaths, migration, forms and severity of difficulties in performing of daily life activities, educational attainment, labour force particulars, access and ownership of ICT equipment and services, crop farming, livestock and aquaculture, housing characteristics, and ownership of assets.

Through population census, the government will acquire information that is crucial for planning, provision of social amenities and distribution of national resources, among others.

Through population census, the government will know the number of taxable adults and the information is used in the estimation of the expected revenue for a particular period and establishing the education needs of the population.

The information can be used to determine what social amenities to provide to a particular area.

The number of employed could easily be known through census, making it possible to establish the unemployment rate. Most importantly, census guides the distribution of resources. These, and many other reasons make it an important activity for national and county governments.

Census information is also important for businesses. For investments or to sell products and services, companies need information on location of potential customers. Census data help companies decide where to locate distribution centres to best serve customers.

The media can use the data for news stories, features and documentaries, including population demographics. Students and researchers will also find the data useful. Participating in the census ensures your data is captured and you can contribute to the knowledge which informs various reports.

There have been issues raised about the accuracy of such data. By employing technology, as KNBS plans to do, the data will be accurate for commercial, political and research efforts. Finally, the government has indicated that the census data is confidential. All information collected is strictly for use by census officials and that all officials will swear an "Oath of Secrecy" as embodied in the Statistics Act 2006.

The oath forbids census officials from disclosing the information collected to unauthorised persons. I hope professionalism, transparency, accountability will be upheld during the exercise to ensure credibility and public confidence.

#TWEETS TO THE EDITOR

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Nandi Senator Samson Cherargei was yesterday arrested over incitement. This is what KOT think.

@NathanKevin13: This breed of politicians like Cherargei who speak irrelevant things and speak aimlessly should know that making noise everyday does not mean you are doing your job. He should serve as a lesson.

@ChazMuriithi: #KOT wouldn't it be great if the DP condemned Cherargei's instigating rant openly? That's what a responsible leader does; keeping your house in order.

@AmJoseh: What Cherargei said is true. we hate the truth; If not controlled, by 2021 political temperatures will be at all time high.

@to_Clive: Cherargei should serve as a example to those who plan to incite people, bring disunity amongst the citizens!

STREET TALK

KRA man's secret abode not open for son-in-law

Yesterday, *StreetTalk* told you of a former KRA official whose residence remains a mystery. Not even his would-be son-in-law can be trusted enough to be shown the home. Our mole intimates that, the former powerful man last weekend left friends in shock when he held his daughter's *ruracio* (dowry payment) in his brother's house. He is said to have rebuffed efforts to have him host the groom's delegation in his mystery home, saying it amounted to opening up himself to outsiders!

Sh500m tender breaks governor, senator bond

A governor and senator from a Rift Valley county are at loggerheads over a procurement deal gone sour. The two county leaders, who were previously buddies, fell out after a company associated with the senator was denied a Sh500 million contract in favour of a woman rumoured to be the governor's "side dish". The two leaders now are now locked in a fierce war of words to the shock of those who knew them to be allies.

'Love-powered' aide torments colleagues

Staff at a ministry are questioning the audacity of an aide to the Principal Secretary, who is now harassing them. The overbearing junior staffer is said to be drawing her power from an alleged close liaison with the boss. And armed with newfound authority, she now throws her weight around to the chagrin of colleagues. She has the temerity to even summon those she deems indisciplined and verbally warn them. But vexed staff are threatening to expose the PS's affair to tame their tormentor.

Randy MP in hot soup as wife discovers affair

A controversial Rift Valley MP who is serving his second term has found himself in trouble after his clandestine girlfriend posted in a constituency WhatsApp group a picture of herself and the MP in a compromising position. The woman had reportedly used lawmaker's phone to post the picture, which ended in the hands of the MP's wife. The wife has given him an ultimatum to choose between her and his 'mpango wa kando'. He is truly trapped in imminent fury(passion) of the two.



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NDUNG'U MBURU

"Do you have any idea how tedious it is to fly directly to the US? Especially when you've fattened yourself with allowances?

There is no other country I'd rather live in than in Kenya. Seriously! This is the only country where leaders absolutely care for the image and welfare of their country on the world stage.

In fact, they care so much about Kenya; they are willing to risk their lives by flying thousands of miles over oceans and mountains to represent Kenya at a conference whose agenda is as clear as the Nairobi River waters. In fact, when they come back, we ought to give them one of those coveted Head of State Commendation medals for a job well done.

I read in newspapers recently that MCAs and MPs are misusing public resources by taking a delegation of 90 elected leaders to the US of A for a "dubious legislative summit" and that other countries had sent one or two delegates. First of all, those newspapers should be shut down! *Funga hizo viosk*! Did the MPs borrow money from them to travel? Secondly, do you have any idea how tedious it is to fly directly to the US? Especially when you've fattened yourself with night and spouse allowance? This is a great sacrifice from our elected leaders!

Thirdly, the legislative conference's agenda included sampling country music and getting inspirational talks from songstress Dolly Parton. In case you didn't know, Parton is a governance expert. She is as much an expert on being a legislator as I am on rocket science and nuclear energy. Our legislators are on point! Geniuses!

Just as a reminder, this is the same group of geniuses that travelled to Russia for a month last year to observe how to organise the World Cup and came back with a report that was copy-pasted from the internet with recommendations that read in part that "If things go well, a city can benefit from positive publicity, but if things go wrong, it can cause the opposite."

Did you know that? In fact, did anybody know that? The same report concluded, "Kenya is not ready to host the FIFA World Cup." I mean, who among 50 million Kenyans—minus the 20 geniuses led by Machakos Town MP Victor Munyaka—knew this prior to the writing of that report?

Pose for photos

Surely! We have to let our leaders do what we elected them to do: pose for photos with Paris Hilton—I see you 001—and ask for us to pay for their philandering ways. That's it! We can't be a nation that keeps complaining about our leaders sucking the country dry! No! This country can't run dry regardless of how sucked it is; we pump in money into it every second. We need to accept that you can dress a goat in a suit but it's still a goat and then move on!

Speaking of economy dry suckers, Kiambu Governor Ferdinand Waititu is now operating from Koinange Street. This is according to other reports which claim the governor...wait a minute, is he still the governor? Who between him and his deputy/Acting governor, Dr James Nyoro is in charge of the county? Kiambu is a great county, I tell you! It has produced two presidents and is the only one being run concurrently by two governors sitting in two different offices in two different counties! Genius!

This is another county that is led by geniuses – assuming that it is being led at all. One of the things haunting "their father" is a programme he started that gobbled up a staggering Sh1 billion to pay over 5,000 youth for them to stop drinking. Genius!

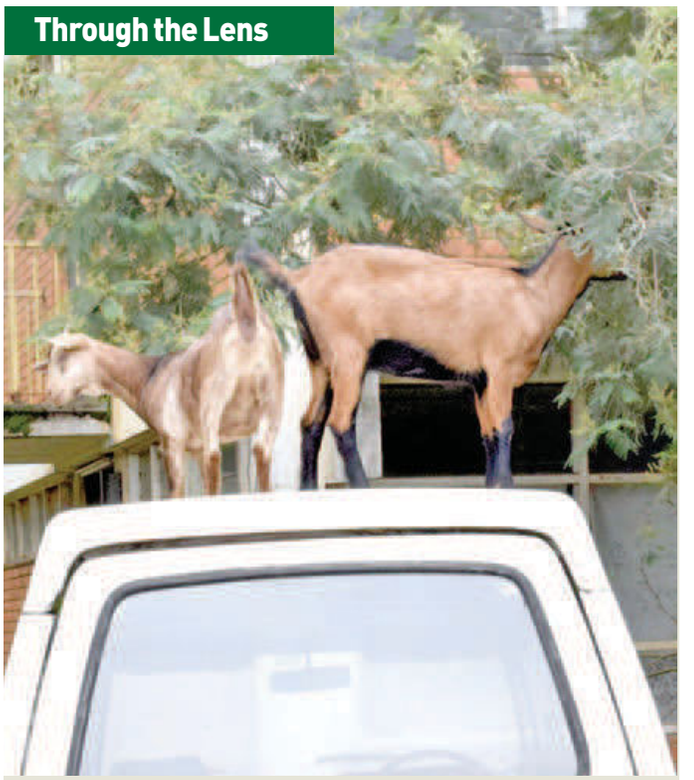
What could go wrong? What? Being investigated by the EACC? "*Si ni kuchunguzwa tu kama wanaume wale wengine*?!" In any case, the results of the Kaa Sober initiative are clearly visible: there are no more drunk people in Kiambu county! None!

Meanwhile, Kiambu MCAs are threatening to impeach Baba Yao (loud, prolonged, hysterical chuckle). These are the same members who planned to move an impeachment motion against their speaker Stephen Ndichu for gross misconduct but buckled under the weight of rice, *chapati*, *mukimo*, fried meat and chicken stew.

They then explained that they had a lot on their plate and it was unwise to impeach Ndichu at that time. Now they want to impeach "their father." Genius!

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Through the Lens



Acting the goat...

On matters scaling heights, goats take the crown among domestic animals. Call them GOAT (greatest of all time), if you like.They are clever, as seen in these pictures, where they singled out a stalled GK vehicle outside the office of Nyandarua North Deputy County Commissioner in Nyahururu and used it as a stepping "stone" to reach tree branches yesterday. The animals are said to frequent this spot, which is quiet and there is little competition for the succulent leaves.Talk of low hanging fruits... PD/DAVID MACHARIA





Team links PS to firm in pads scandal

PAC orders Belio Kipsang to give details of company associated with him that won Sh23.8m supply bid

by Mercy Mwai
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A parliamentary committee on Monday ordered Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang to provide ownership details of a company involved in a sanitary towels tender that is allegedly linked to him.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), chaired by Ugunja MP Opiyo Wandayi, gave Kipsang up to Friday to forward details of Konyipad Construction, which shares an addresses with the firm linked to him.

According to documents submitted to the committee, Konyipad was awarded a Sh23.8 million tender to supply sanitary towels despite the lowest bidder having quoted Sh19.9 million thus leading to a loss of Sh3.9 million.

Wandayi asked Kipsang to ensure all details of the two companies have been submitted to the committee members for scrutiny to enable them to make an informed decision before writing a final report.

"My final orders are that you submit a list of Konyipad Construction directors to this committee by Friday this week," he said.

The order came after Mavoko MP Patrick Makau sought to know why a company known as Belion Hardware and Building Constructors, that is allegedly linked to Kipsang, shares the same address and box numbers with Konyipad Construction that was awarded the contract.

"How come two companies— Konyipad Construction and Belion Hardware and Building Constructors— share the same addresses and box numbers yet one of them won the tender?" he posed.

PAC, which was scrutinising Auditor General Edward Ouko's report for the financial year 2016/17 also sought to know how companies dealing in the construction industry were awarded tender at the expense of companies in hospitality industry.

Pre-determined needs

Further, the members sought to know how a company named Triple N that had the lowest bids in five slots was only awarded one slot as the rest were given to six other companies that bid the highest amounts.

"Why would a construction company supply sanitary towels. For example if the Ministry of Education asks for books we expect companies dealing with that to supply the books and not some construction companies," said Makau.

Tongren MP Eseli Simiyu said it was evident the tender was structured to meet certain pre-determined needs and leave out the people who ought to have benefitted, after his constituency missed out in the final list of beneficiaries.

Ruaraka MP Tom Kajwang' sought to know whether the ministry carried out due diligence before awarding the tender.

In response, Kipsang defended the tender saying although Triple N was the lowest bidder in five slots they could only be awarded one lot, which was the most economically advantageous based on the highest quantity of a given lot.

Ouko's report shows the Education department gave six companies tenders worth Sh202.9 million against companies that had the lowest bids at Sh177.7 million thus leading to a loss of Sh25.2 million.

Awarded lot

Apart from Konyipad, the other five companies mentioned in the matter are Nexhom Africa that was given a tender of Sh23.3 million, Paula Services (Sh50 million), Rossaby Enterprises (Sh49.5 million), Imani Holdings (Sh32.1 million), and Hassib Investments (Sh23.9 million).

PRESSING CONCERN

- **PAC orders Education Principal Secretary Belio Kipsang to provide details of ownership of a company involved in a sanitary towels tender that is allegedly linked to him.**
- **Mavoko MP Patrick Makau had sought to know why Belion company that is allegedly linked to Kipsang shares the same address with Konyipad which was awarded the tender.**



Education PS Belio Kipsang (left) with his senior principal Finance officer Robert Osano and head of supplies Regina Kanyi when they appeared before the Public Accounts Committee on Monday. PD/KENNA CLAUDE

BRIEFLY

Lobby dismisses fraud claims as scheme to tarnish its reputation

A controversial non-governmental organisation (NGO) that has been accused of fleecing Kenyans with promises of jobs, which turned out to be fake, has come out to defend itself.

East African sub-Saharan Africa Safe Promotions Foundation chief executive Bishop Julius Kithome dismissed allegations that the firm swindled over 20,000 youth in the past two years as a scheme to tarnish its name. "We are not thieves," he said.

Kithome said the foundation was registered on February 17, 2017 but declined to disclose its worth.

In August 2015, the firm reportedly promised over 20,000 youths jobs. They were supposed to each part with between Sh5,000 and Sh20,000 as registration fee after which the organisation went under.

– Alvin Mwangi

State trains 24 Tvet tutors on value addition



The government will spend Sh14.4 million to train 24 tutors from 12 Technical and Vocational Education and Training (Tvet) institutions countrywide on agricultural value addition.

Equipment worth Sh100 million that will be used for the training, sponsored by the Education ministry and the Kenya-China Tvet project, has already been installed.

Vocational and Technical Training Principal secretary Kevit Desai (*pictured*), who opened the training at Konoin TTI in Bomet on Monday, said 152 tutors have been trained on, among others, mechatronics, automotive and agricultural machinery technology.

He said training on civil construction, air conditioning, and hospitality were ongoing at various institutions.

– Felix Yegon



Kind deed...

Kisii Green Waste Management managing director Kefa King'oina treats a child infested with jiggers at Kegati village, in the county. The civil society organisation's officer linked the menace to parents who brew illicit liquor and neglect their children. He regretted that affected children were dropping out of school in large numbers because of stigma. PD/ROBERT OCHORO

MPs halt release of edible oil held in Coast, order retest

by Harrison Kivisu
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The National Assembly Committee on Trade and Industry has stopped the release of about 503 containers of edible oil held at various container freight stations in Mombasa.

The committee, led by its chairman Kieni MP Kanini Kega, toured Auto Port container station where some of the consignment confiscated more than a year ago by the Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) is being stored and issued orders that the goods be held for 14 days to allow fresh verification.

Kebs seized over 500 containers of edible oil imported from Malaysia in August, 2018 on grounds that the oil lacked Vitamin A, therefore, unfit for human consumption.

The committee learned that 47 containers have already been released under questionable circumstances pending approval by relevant government agencies.

"We want to understand how the cooking oil was declared unfit last year and now they are releasing it one year after it was imported. We have said no more release of these containers until a fresh re-testing is done," said Kega.



Kieni MP Kanini Kega at a past event. PD/FILE

The MPs asked DCI boss George Kinoti to investigate Trade Cabinet secretary Peter Munya for allegedly ordering the unconditional release of the oil consignment. Munya is set to appear before the committee today over the matter.

The team that toured Auto Port station included Daniel Maanzo (Makueni), and Cornelius Serem (Aldai).

SIAYA

Relief as Siaya buys drugs worth Sh46m

Siaya county has received the second batch of drugs and other medical supplies. The first batch worth Sh30 million was supplied by Mission for Essential Drugs and Supplies two months ago and they have sustained the facilities to date. Siaya Deputy Governor James Okumbe *(pictured)*, said the second consignment that cost Sh46 million will be distributed to sub-county hospitals. "The Sh46 million consignment will replenish the available stock and it would sustain facilities up to October," he said. Speaking while flagging off the medical supplies at the County Referral Hospital, he said the provision of the drugs would ensure residents get quality medical services.

–Eric Juma



MOMBASA

Save us from navy officers, say locals

Residents of Mtongwe area in Mombasa have asked the government to intervene following alleged harassment by Kenya Navy officers. They were reacting to a July 27 incident in which the officers allegedly attacked them in what they believe is a revenge orchestrated by recent killing of one of the officers. About 15 residents have reported the attacks at Mtongwe Police Station but claim no action has been taken. "I have lived in Mtongwe for 75 years and no one has ever raised hand against me. These officers have been beating my children and keep telling me that they will not stop until they kill one of my sons. Something needs to be done," said Musa Bandari,a resident. Efforts to get a comment from the Kenya Navy were futile.

-Jasmine Atieno

KISUMU

Former cop murder suspect detained

A suspect alleged to have shot and killed a former policeman in Kisumu on Saturday has been detained for seven days pending an autopsy report. Daniel Jaoko is accused of shooting Peter Otieno, a matatu operator after they clashed over a parking slot. Reports say Otieno, who was leaving for duty found his vehicle blocked by Jaoko's car and pleaded with him to pull over before a gun drama ensued. Eliab Njehia, the investigations officer told Winam Court Senior Resident Magistrate Jocelyn Mitei that a post-mortem was yet to be done and urged the judge to detain the suspect for 14 days to enable him to complete investigations. But she declined and set the case hearing for August 26.

-KNA

Mediation talks on county funding collapse once again

Members of the commitee openly differ on where to get the additional funds to revenue bill standoff

by Anthony Mwangi
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Mediation talks by a team comprising members from the two Houses on the funding on counties flopped again yesterday as Members of the National Assembly proposed reduction of budgetary allocations to the three arms of government to fund allocations to the devolved units as demanded by the Senate.

The National Assembly team, led by Leader of Majority Aden Duale said they will only attend the next meeting scheduled for next week on condition the clerks of the two Houses, Chief Registrar of the Judiciary and the National Treasury give a nod on money to be deducted from their budget to fund the counties.

"This is the only available area where we can raise the Sh19 billion to meet the figure demanded by the Senate," Duale told the meeting chaired by Senator Mohamed Mahamoud (Mandera) and Moses Lessonet (Eldama Ravine).

"The President, who is the Controller of the Budget, has pronounced himself that there is no more money to add over and above what was passed by the NA," he said.



Mediation committee vice-chairman Mohamed Mahamoud (right) with a member Moses Lessonet during their meeting yesterday.
PD/SAMUEL KARIUKI

The stalemate means that County governments will continue facing financial crunch that has crippled their operations.

The bone of contention has been on the amount of money to be allocated to the counties with the National Assembly sticking to Sh316 billion and the Senate Sh335 billion. During the meeting at the County Hall, members from the two Houses openly differed on the source of the additional funds. The talks have been derailed over the difference of Sh19 billion difference between Senate's figure and NA's, and Sh6billion for medical equipment leasing.

Senator Okong'o Omogeni (Nyamira) called for a thorough analysis of the whole budget of entire government agencies at both levels.

But Minority Leader John Mbadi rejected his suggestion, saying the committee and the senators have no role in looking at the national budget.

Meanwhile, National Assembly Speaker Justin Muturi has proposed amendments to the Public Finance Management (PFM) Act to unlock the deadlock over the Division of Revenue Bill 2019.

THE DISPUTE

- **The National Assembly has proposed that counties get Sh316 billion, the Senate wants them allocated Sh327 billion.**
- **There has to be concurrence between the National Assembly and the Senate for the bill to be passed into law.**
- **President Kenyatta insists there is no cent above the already allocated funds to be added to counties.**



Tatu City backs cheap homes

Tatu City developers have urged the government to partner with them to fast-track realisation of affordable housing agenda.

Speaking during the launch of Kijani Ridge sale, Head of Residential Sales Beatrice Njeri *(pictured)* said the private sector does not only play a key role in driving economic growth, beyond building profitable enterprises that pay taxes and create jobs but also create social stability necessary for national development.

"The government cannot solely achieve the ambitious affordable housing agenda. There is need for it to work with the private sector to push forward the ambition," she said. Kijani Ridge, a residential zone that sits on some 250 acres of land sub-divided into 475 plots is over 80 per cent sold.

-Mathew Ndung'u

Agency to arrest Sonko, firm boss in pollution war

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The crackdown on public officials responsible for increased pollution of Nairobi River has now shifted to Governor Mike Sonko and the management of Nairobi Water Company.

Water Resources Management Authority (Warma), Nairobi county government and the water company are the main polluters of the river.

Also targeted for arrest are top managers at the Export Processing Zone (EPZ) and a multinational garments maker which have also been accused of failing to stop illegal discharge of contaminated wastewater into the environment.

He said since the planned operation is likely to affect the politically-connected personalities, politicians should either stay away or be swept along the way.



Nowhere to step!

A man walks past a grave covered with garbage at Subukia cemetery in Nakuru county yesterday. The graveyard has been converted into a dumpsite. Residents have accused the county government of failing to secure land for a dumpsite despite presenting their grievances to the authorities.
PD/ RAPHAEL MUNGE

BRIEFLY...



EU rejects Johnson demand to scrap Irish backstop plan

LONDON, TUESDAY: The EU on Tuesday rejected British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's demand to scrap the Irish border backstop plan to achieve a Brexit deal, saying he had offered no workable alternative.

Johnson wrote to EU Council President Donald Tusk on Monday to insist that Britain could not accept what he called the "anti-democratic" backstop, a mechanism to avoid border checks between EU-member Ireland and British-ruled Northern Ireland.

Since taking office last month, Johnson has been adamant Britain will leave the EU on October 31 come what may and has stepped up preparations for a chaotic "no deal" departure that would cause major economic disruption.

But European Commission which has led Brexit negotiations with London, dismissed the proposal that the backstop could be replaced with a "commitment" to find "alternative arrangements".

-AFP



Syria rebels withdrawn from key town after five years

DAMASCUS, TUESDAY: Syrian opposition forces have withdrawn from the strategic town of Khan Sheikhoun, deep in the last rebel-held province.

Government forces, backed by Russia, closed in on the town in recent weeks, five years after rebels took over.

Rebels told the BBC that fighters pulled out of the town on Tuesday.

But an official statement from the main jihadist group in Idlib province, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), characterised it as a "redeployment" of forces.

The fate of the town seemed to be in flux on Tuesday, as the UK-based monitoring group the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported it had fallen to government forces.

But then HTS issued a statement saying it had redeployed its fighters in the town after coming under a major bombardment.

Khan Sheikhoun has long been a flashpoint in Syria's civil war. It was the site of a chemical weapons attack in 2017, which UN experts blamed on Syria.

-BBC

Italy's political crisis comes to a head as PM set to resign

ROME, TUESDAY: Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said Tuesday he would resign, lashing out at far-right Interior Minister Matteo Salvini for pursuing his own interests by pulling the plug on government coalition.

"I'm ending this government experience here... I will go to the president of the republic (Sergio Mattarella) to inform him of my resignation", after a Senate debate, Conte said after an almost hour-long speech to the chamber.

"It is irresponsible to initiate a government crisis," Conte said after Salvini began his efforts to bring down the government in the hope of snap elections he hoped would make him premier.

"It shows personal and party interests," Conte said of the end of the alliance between the anti-migrant League and the anti-establishment Five Star Movement.

Conte was speaking after a week of fallout from Salvini's decision to back out of the alliance on August 8, plunging the eurozone's third-largest economy into political turmoil.

-AFP



US missile test launched off the coast of California on Sunday. BBC

China, Russia warn US missile test ups tension

The two countries claim launch risks sparking an arms race weeks after Washington ripped up weapons pact

Washington, Tuesday

Russia and China warned Tuesday that a new US missile test had heightened military tensions and risked sparking an arms race, weeks after Washington ripped up a Cold War-era weapons pact with Moscow.

The US and Russia ditched the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty this month after accusing each other of violating the accord.

Washington said the agreement also tied its hands in dealing with other powers such as China.

The US Department of Defense announced on Monday it had tested a type of ground-launched missile that was banned under the 1987 INF agreement, which limited the use of nuclear and conventional medium-range weapons.

"The US has obviously taken a course towards escalation of military tensions. We won't react to provocations," Russia's deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov told state news agency TASS.

"We will not allow ourselves to get drawn into a costly arms race." Ryabkov said the test showed Washington had been working on such missiles long before its official withdrawal from the deal.

In Beijing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said: "This measure from the US will trigger a new round of an arms race, leading to an escalation of military confrontation." He warned that the test "will have a serious negative impact on the international and regional security situation".

The US should "let go of its Cold War mentality" and "do more things that are conducive to... international and regional peace and tranquillity", Geng added.

ABOUT TREATY

- **The US withdrew from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty on August 2 after accusing Russia of violating it.**
- **Russia denied the accusation with President Vladimir Putin saying it was a pretext for the US to leave the pact.**

The missile was launched from the US Navy-controlled San Nicolas Island off the coast of California.

Speaking in France Monday before news of the US test launch broke, President Vladimir Putin said Russia would only deploy medium- or shorter-range missiles in response to similar moves by the US.

Offensive system

"If the United States produces such offensive systems, we will also do so," Putin said at a press conference before meetings with French leader Emmanuel Macron.

Moscow and Washington have long criticised the treaty but Putin said it was the US that made the decision to "unilaterally" withdraw.

The missile tested on Sunday was a version of the nuclear-capable Tomahawk cruise missile. The ground-launched version of the Tomahawk was removed from service after the INF was ratified.

Earlier this month Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said the US had already begun work to develop "mobile, conventional, ground-launched cruise and ballistic missile systems".

-AFP

Zimbabwe former VP Mphoko on the run, say anti-graft body

Harare, Tuesday

Zimbabwe's former Vice-President Phelekezela Mphoko is being treated as a fugitive after fleeing from anti-corruption officials.

Mphoko was due at a police station to make a statement on allegations being levelled against him but drove away when his car was approached by the officials, AFP news agency reports.

His lawyer Zibusiso Ncube said he feared being detained and poisoned.

Mphoko was a co-vice-president in the Robert Mugabe administration.

He served alongside current President Emmerson Mnangagwa when Mugabe was ousted by the military in November 2017, but the two have fallen out.

Abuse of office

Mphoko was part of a faction that wanted Mugabe's wife, Grace, to succeed him, the Mail and Guardian reports.

The Zimbabwe Anti-Corruption Commission (ZACC) wants to talk to him about alleged abuse of office, the newspaper adds.

-BBC

Relief as Cape Town water levels rise

Dams supplying the South African city of Cape Town are now 81per cent full, a year after a chronic water shortage almost forced officials to cut the supply off. Residents have been praised for limiting consumption of water, with current guidelines banning motorists from using hosepipes to wash their cars. "Predictions show that rainfall will decrease further. We must therefore continue to use water wisely," local government official Anton Bredell said.

-AFP

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Options include tapping the NSE using a special investment vehicle for the cash.

Oil consortium seeks to raise Sh310b from Nairobi bourse

Tullow Oil, Total and State to enter capital markets for funds that will take oil production to the next level

by Fred Aminga
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Kenya is edging closer to a final investment decision (FID) of Turkana oil amidst indications firms involved in the project plan to raise $3 billion (Sh310 billion) at the Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) to kick-start construction of the 820-kilometre Lokichar to Lamu pipeline.

The FID, which is the final go-ahead, is expected by mid next year, as the country seeks to produce up to 100,000 barrels of crude oil daily through a central processing facility (refinery) and an export pipeline.

"The final investment decision (FID) is expected in the second half of 2020, when the award of the contract will be given," Tullow Oil Kenya Managing Director Martin Mbogo said in Nairobi yesterday.

He said the consortium of Tullow Oil, Total and the Government - will be in the capital markets seeking lenders who will take the project to the next level, adding the three are talking to lawyers and looking at investment bankers proposals.

Mbogo said options include tapping the NSE using a special investment vehicle (SIV) for the cash.

"We will come to the market shortly for funding for about Sh310 billion which will be 70 per cent equity and 30 per cent debt," he advised. Debt includes such instruments as bond or commercial paper while equity will entail listing shares.

Last week, the government and Tullow Oil Plc together with its Joint Venture Partners in Kenya (Total and Africa Oil Corp) announced ChemChina UK Ltd as the buyer for Kenya's first crude oil export.

This has triggered speculation among analysts that the deal could give China, which owns the ChemChina, an upper hand in negotiations with Kenya when the country moves to commercial production of the commodity.

The oil, priced at $60 (Sh6,210) per barrel after selling an estimated 200,000 barrels of crude in an early oil pilot scheme (EOPS), gave Kenya's estimated 600 million barrels of the reserves a boost with Tullow Oil, saying it could now consider setting up the pipeline.



Petroleum Principal Secretary Andrew Kamau (right) and Tullow Oil Kenya, Managing Director, Martin Mbogo confer during a press briefing on the progress of Early Oil Pilot Scheme in Nairobi yesterday. PD/ALICE MBURU

Despite being waxy, Kenya's oil is said to be sweet and with little sulphur, which according to oil marketers, makes it a hot cake on the international market.

Transport corridor

The pipeline, set to run along the Lamu Port South Sudan Ethiopia Transport (Lapsset) corridor, is expected to be done in conjunction with South Sudan who had indicated working with Kenya even before oil was discovered.

"We already had a move with South Sudan and ministry officials were in South Sudan a few weeks ago to discuss with Juba how to use the corridor," said Petroleum Principal Secretary Andrew Kamau.

The National Land Commission has already commenced land surveys following the completion of the Front End Engineering Design (FEED) study for the Lokichato Lamu pipeline as the country targets first commercial crude exports in 2023.

Concerns, however, abound on the impact of any adverse environment impact assessment, even as Kamau said investors will not be forthcoming without a world class Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

The PS said in a few weeks, the ESIA process will be provided to National Environment Management Authority for consideration. Other concerns, including water meant to flush the oil from the ground, are being addressed by a multi-agency team with ongoing conversation between county governments and the water ministry over the same.

Kamau said due to the waxy nature of Kenya's crude, the pipeline will need to be heated to 85 degrees along the line, meaning companies such as Kenya Power and Ketraco will come in to pump in the power which could fetch upwards of Sh300 million. He added that this would be another major injection into the Lapsset corridor where the pipeline will pass.

Sh3m
Cost of power Kenya Power and Ketraco are expected to pump to heat pipeline to 85 degrees

2020
The year the final investment decision –when the award of the contract will be given –is expected

2023
Year the country targets first commercial crude exports once the Lokichar to Lamu pipeline is completed

PIPELINE

- **Petroleum PS Andrew Kamau said construction of 810-kilometre pipeline between Lokichar and Lamu is expected to commence next year**
- **Early this month, President Uhuru Kenyatta announced the entry of Kenya into the exclusive club of oil exporting nations**



Kepsa secures Sh155m deal

TRADE: Kenya Private Sector Alliance (Kepsa) has received Sh154.5 million grant from Trade Mark East Africa to support its five-year public private partnership (PPP) dialogue programme.

Kepsa's Public-Private Dialogue Board Committee chair Brenda Mbathi (*pictured)* who spoke on behalf of the organisation said the grant will foster policy interventions geared towards catalysing growth of trade as well as strengthen the private sector with more capacity for better coordination of strategic public policy dialogue. "Kepsa and Trade Mark East Africa's partnership has strengthened over the years and we are delighted that TMEA has committed to support our PPD work," she said in Nairobi yesterday..

– Noel Wandera

Equity system handles Sh67b

REMITTANCES: Kenyans in the diaspora sent home Sh66.6 billion using Equity Bank's Financial Technology (FinTech) capabilities during the first half of 2019.

The figure represents a 28 per cent growth from the previous year, when they used the bank's technology platform to send home Sh52.2 billion. "The bank received more than 50 per cent of all the country's diaspora remittances largely due to its FinTech capabilities, reporting significant increase in remittance market share with Equity Bank projecting further growth this year," said Group Managing Director and CEO James Mwangi. He said diaspora commission grew to Sh398 million during the six-month period from Sh383 million recorded during a similar period in 2018.**– Noel Wandera**

Family Bank in Sh521m profit

EARNINGS: Family Bank has trebled its before-profit tax of Sh520.9 million for the period ended June 31, buoyed by increased customer deposits and growth in interest from higher loan uptake.

The profit was a remarkable increase compared to a before-tax profit Sh145.7 million accrued in a similar period last year. The net interest margin grew by 13 per cent to hit Sh2.29 billion, attributable to a tremendous expansion of the loan book and a 16 per cent decrease in interest expense. The loan book grew by Sh2.9 billion to hit Sh46.7 billion as at June 2019.

The non-interest income also grew by 5 per cent to Sh1.31 billion, driven by foreign exchange trading income and other fees and commissions.

– Zachary Ochuodho

Regional cables firm restructures, reduces debt by 44pc



by Zachary Ochuodho
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The East African Cables has restructured its short-term loans into a 10-year term loan and also secured a two-year moratorium on the principal debt to enable the company to operate effectively.

The debt deal has reduced the group's debt by Sh1.65 billion or 44 per cent of the group's total and offered a 10-year extension to the tenure of remaining debts.

This comes after the cable manufacturer hired a consultant to help in spacing out its Sh3.06 billion debts to provide it with a debt relief on the repayment schedule on the short term loans.

"We have managed to restructure our short-term loans into a 10-year term loan including a two-year moratorium on principal debt to allow the company space to repay and operate effectively," EAC chief executive officer Paul Muigai told the media in his office yesterday.

He said the debt burden has now been resolved and all the generated revenues will be assigned to production with the focus being on retail where the firm's brand is strong.

He added that the company intends to focus on strengthening the brand through marketing activities and improving customer experience.

State sets date for agencies to vacate port

Directive that only allows Kenya Bureau of Standards and KRA to operate from Mombasa Port is effective September 1

by Lewis Njoka
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Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) and Kenya Bureau of Standards (Kebs) are the only two government agencies that will be allowed to conduct cargo verification at the port of Mombasa and Inland Container Depot in Nairobi from September 1.

Other State agencies involved in cargo handling will operate from outside the port, Kenya Trade Network Agency (KenTrade) Chief Executive Officer Amos Wangora confirmed yesterday.

The directive, which is already being implemented, seeks to ease the process of importing and exporting goods and achieve better co-ordination and harmonisation of various interventions at the port in a bid to enhance efficiency and reduce the cost of doing business.

Previously, there were 24 government agencies conducting cargo intervention at the port resulting in inefficiencies, delays and confusion.

"What we are implementing now has already been done elsewhere. There is no efficient port where you will find 24 State agencies stationed there. This is a game changer for us," said Wangora in Nairobi.

Cargo clearance

The move to reduce the number of State agencies operating at the port is in line with a directive issued by the Head of Public Service that all government agencies involved in cargo clearance interface with the Single Window System by September 1.

Single Window System is an electronic platform that serves as a single entry point for submission of cargo clearance documentations.

Through the system, parties involved in international trade submit import and export documentation through a single platform for processing and approval by the various government agencies.

So far, only two agencies, Communications Authority of Kenya and Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, are yet to integrate with the Single Window System to bring the total number of agencies on the system to 38.

The major benefit from the initiative, Wangora said, is elimination of possible redundant processes resulting in time and cost savings for importers and exporters.

He said the directive will enable KenTrade achieve paperless cargo clearance process and result in fewer interventions at the port.

Handshake goodwill

Meanwhile, two MPs from Mombasa want former Prime Minister Raila Odinga to use the handshake goodwill between him and President Uhuru Kenyatta to influence for the removal of an order by the government demanding all cargo be transported by rail to the Nairobi Inland Container depot.

Mvita Member of Parliament Abdulswamad Nassir and his Kilifi Counterpart Omar Mwinyi accused Raila of remaining mum and allegedly abandoning a region that overwhelmingly supported him politically.

"We as the Coast people have always stood by Raila's side and supported him. We even supported the handshake. ," said Nassir.

Transport Cabinet secretary James Macharia had previously issued a three-week window during, which he undertook to consult with stakeholders on the directive but to date no consultations have been done.

TRADE SYSTEM

- **The Single Window System was launched in 2014, although the implementation began in 2012.**
- **It handles about 600,000 transactions a year, 12,098 users with 42 stakeholder organisations. Mombasa port handles about two million containers a year.**
- **KenTrade, a government agency, is mandated to manage the system.**



MARKET WATCH

NAIROBI SECURITIES EXCHANGE

HIGH	LOW	SECTOR	VWAP	PREVIOUS	TOTAL SHARES
		AGRICULTURAL			
22.00	10.00	Eaagads Ltd Ord 1.25 AIMS	12.70	13.55	2,900
390.00	300.00	Kakuzi Ltd Ord.5.00		340.00	-
101.00	60.00	Kapchorua Tea Co. Ltd Ord Ord 5.00 AIMS		72.00	-
600.00	450.00	The Limuru Tea Co. Ltd Ord 20.00 AIMS		470.00	-
26.00	14.10	Sasini Ltd Ord 1.00	17.50	17.30	200
180.00	126.00	Williamson Tea Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	135.00	127.00	800
		AUTOMOBILES & ACCESSORIES			
29.00	17.00	Car & General (K) Ltd Ord 5.00	21.45	21.50	20,000
		BANKING			
13.50	7.80	Barclays Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 0.50	10.65	10.75	58,000
33.00	28.00	BK Group Plc Ord 0.50		28.00	-
220.00	112.00	Diamond Trust Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 4.00	119.00	119.00	1,200
57.00	31.00	Equity Bank Ltd Ord 0.50	38.15	38.85	355,300
13.40	3.49	HF Group Plc Ord 5.00	3.76	3.72	7,200
130.00	49.00	I&M Holdings Ltd Ord 1.00	50.00	49.70	1,500
55.00	23.00	KCB Group Plc Ord 1.00	39.85	39.75	1,092,700
12.25	3.50	National Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	3.57	3.75	26,500
44.50	20.50	NIC Bank Ltd Ord 5.00	28.05	28.15	16,400
105.00	81.00	Stanbic Holdings Plc ord.5.00		98.50	-
243.00	165.00	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	196.50	196.75	78,800
20.00	11.20	The Co-operative Bank of Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00	11.85	11.85	58,300
		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	0.98	1.03	1,000
8.00	4.05	Express Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS	6.62	7.00	300
18.50	2.10	Kenya Airways Ltd Ord 5.00	2.73	2.74	86,600
6.25	3.90	Longhorn Kenya Ltd Ord 1.00 AIMS	7.22	7.60	3,100
8.40	0.88	Nairobi Business Ventures Ltd Ord 2.50	0.87	0.89	500
125.00	46.00	Nation Media Group Ltd Ord. 2.50	43.55	44.40	13,800
3.30	1.72	Sameer Africa Plc ord 5.00	3.70	3.72	1,000
39.50	17.15	Standard Group Ltd Ord 5.00	29.00	29.80	100
38.00	18.05	TPS Eastern Africa Ltd Ord 1.00	17.15	19.00	8,300
5.00	0.29	Uchumi Supermarket Ltd Ord 5.00	0.32	0.33	243,300
25.50	10.80	WPP Scangroup Plc Ord 5.00	12.35	12.50	3,700
		CONSTRUCTION & ALLIED			
8.35	2.40	ARM Cement Ltd Ord 1.00		5.55	-
187.00	110.00	Bamburi Cement Ltd Ord 5.00	106.00	109.00	1,600
87.50	50.00	Crown Paints Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00	81.75	82.00	6,100
5.20	2.10	E.A.Cables Ltd Ord 0.50	3.45	3.60	18,400
26.00	12.60	E.A.Portland Cement Co. Ltd Ord 5.00		14.80	-
		ENERGY & PETROLEUM			
9.00	5.46	KenGen Co. Ltd Ord. 2.50	5.80	5.78	167,500
23.00	12.80	KenolKobil Ltd Ord 0.05		22.00	-
8.00	3.05	Kenya Power & Lighting Co Ltd Ord 2.50	3.63	3.71	291,400
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	27.10	27.00	100
12.90	5.00	Umeme Ltd Ord 0.50	7.44	7.78	40,600
		INSURANCE			
15.85	8.00	Britam Holding Plc Ord 0.10	6.92	7.10	8,500
5.40	3.20	CIC Insurance Group Ltd Ord.1.00	3.21	3.32	50,700
540.00	366.00	Jubilee Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00		370.00	-
19.25	3.48	Kenya Re Insurance Corporation Ltd Ord 2.50	2.86	2.81	14,128,000
15.00	9.00	Liberty Kenya Holdings Ltd Ord.1.00	9.82	9.90	20,900
26.50	18.00	Sanlam Kenya Plc Ord 5.00	18.50	18.55	700
		INVESTMENT			
44.25	24.50	Centum Investment Co Ltd Ord 0.50	32.00	32.10	31,500
1.15	0.45	Home Afrika Ltd Ord 1.00	0.58	0.58	117,100
1500.00	1500.00	Kurwitu Ventures Ltd Ord 100.00		1,500.00	-
3.80	1.90	Olympia Capital Holdings Ltd Ord 5.00	2.15	2.15	400
5.00	2.70	Trans-Century Ltd Ord 0.50 AIMS	3.78	3.86	300
		INVESTMENT SERVICES			
21.00	12.00	Nairobi Securities Exchange Plc Ord 4.00	11.00	11.10	7,300
		MANUFACTURING & ALLIED			
100.00	58.00	B.O.C Kenya Ltd Ord 5.00		66.75	-
725.00	492.00	British American Tobacco Kenya Ltd Ord 10.00		520.00	-
12.50	7.70	Carbacid Investments Ltd Ord 1.00	8.00	8.00	1,500
270.00	160.00	East African Breweries Ltd Ord 2.00	200.00	200.00	42,100
4.75	2.10	Flame Tree Group Holdings Ltd Ord 0.825	2.87	2.87	100
80.00	12.60	Kenya Orchards Ltd Ord 5.00 AIMS		12.60	-
0.90	0.27	Mumias Sugar Co. Ltd Ord 2.00	0.30	0.30	388,200
44.00	31.20	Unga Group Ltd Ord 5.00		33.00	-
		TELECOMMUNICATION			
32.50	21.00	Safaricom Ltd Ord 0.05	29.30	29.45	33,724,500
		REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST			
12.30	7.60	Stanlib fahari I-Reit Ord 20.00	8.50	8.68	2,800
		EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS			
1275.00	1165.00	Barclays New Gold ETF	1505i	1235.00	-

NSE ALL SHARE INDEX: DOWN 0.78 points to close at 151.14
NSE 20-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 17.13 points to close at 2501.18
NSE 25-SHARE INDEX: DOWN 18.84 points to close at 3574.49

COMMODITY PRICES IN DIFFERENT COUNTIES (20/8/2019)

COMMODITY	KG	Nairobi	Mombasa	Nakuru	Kajiado	Malindi
Dry Maize	90	3700	3700	3600	3500	3600
Green Maize	115	3000	2000	2000		3200
Finger Millet	90	8800	6750	6300		8100
Sorghum	90	7200	2700	5800		6300
Wheat	90					6300
Beans Canadian	90	9000		7500	8100	8100
Beans Rosecoco	90	8100	7800	8500	7200	8100
Beans Mwitemania	90	7500	7300	6000	6300	
Mwezi Moja	90	5400		7000		8100
Dolichos (Njahi)	90	11700	12000	8500	10800	8100
Green Gram	90	12600	10500	12000	10800	10800
Cowpeas	90	9900	7800	8100	6200	7200
Fresh Peas	51	3600	1800	2800	2000	6000
Groundnuts	110	12500	12000	13000	11000	13000
Red Irish Potatoes	50	1600	2800		1500	
White Irish Potatoes	50	1500	1100	1400	1500	3850
Cassava Fresh	99	2600	3000			3000
Sweet Potatoes	98	3600	6500	3000	6200	3850
Cabbages	126	1900	4000	800	1900	3150
Cooking Bananas	22	500	600	300	600	480
Ripe Bananas	14	650	350	750		520
Carrots	138	3500	5500	6500	4200	8280
Tomatoes	64	3000	3500	3500	2600	2880
Onions Dry	13	1200	750	650	650	1200
Spring Onions	142	3300	2500	3000	2200	
Chillies	38	2850	4000	3000	3500	1900
cucumber	50	2800	2000		2500	2000
Capsicums	50	3250	3500	2500	2000	3000
Brinjals	44	1540	3500	2000		1420
Cauliflower	39	2950	1950			
Lettuce	51	1350	1500			6300
Passion Fruits	57	3200		5500		5000
Oranges	93	3800		5000	4500	1750
Lemons	95	2800	2800	3000	6200	2850
Mangoes Local	126	2200	800	2400		1800
Mangoes Ngowe	25	1400	600	500		450
Limes	13	2600	1375			520
Pineapples	13	900	975	600		650
Pawpaw	54	1500	1500	3000		1300
Avocado	90	3000	4000	3500	3500	3500
Kales	50	1200	800	500	1000	1500
Eggs		330	330			300

COMMERCIAL BANKS' AVERAGE FOR MAJOR CURRENCIES (OPENING MARKET) - 20/8/2019

CURRENCY	mean	BUY	SELL
US DOLLAR	103.2919	103.1906	103.3933
SW KRONER	10.6878	10.6750	10.7007
STG POUND	125.1817	125.0422	125.3211
SINGAPORE DOLLAR	74.5952	74.5166	74.6738
SAUDI RIYAL	27.5408	27.5131	27.5686
SA RAND	6.7267	6.7168	6.7366
S FRANC	105.2979	105.1891	105.4066
NOR KRONER	11.5273	11.5135	11.5412
KES / USHS	35.7725	35.6890	35.8560
KES / TSHS	22.2574	22.1871	22.3276
KES / RWF	8.8917	8.8740	8.9094
KES / BIF	17.8483	17.7687	17.9280
JPY (100)	96.9286	96.8198	97.0374
IND RUPEE	1.4469	1.4453	1.4486
HONGKONG DOLLAR	13.1700	13.1570	13.1829
EURO	114.6675	114.5433	114.7917
DAN KRONER	15.3701	15.3539	15.3864
CHINESE YUAN	14.6506	14.6353	14.6659
CAN $	77.8857	77.7975	77.9739
AUSTRALIAN $	69.9855	69.8910	70.0800
AE DIRHAM	28.1208	28.0905	28.1511

Coffee farmers to access Sh3b revolving fund

by Seth Mwaniki
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Coffee farmers countrywide will begin tapping the Sh3 billion Cherry Revolving Fund in November to cushion them against losses incurred during harvest period.

Chairman of the Coffee Subsector Implementation Committee Joseph Kieyah said the team is working on a legal framework on how to disburse the money.

President Uhuru Kenyatta issued the revolving fund directive five months ago after it emerged that farmers were struggling to raise money to meet the cost harvesting that includes picking and delivering to factories.

Prof Kieyah said the committee was focusing on creating moderations and policies that will govern disbursement of the fund and the recovery of the same.

He said previous revolving funds created by the government experienced difficulties to recover. Kieyah spoke in Nyeri during a coffee revival strategy meeting that involved stakeholders in the sub-sector and county leaders.

He added that the guidelines the committee will propose to govern the fund are going to tame further accumulation of debt by co-operative societies.

This is after it emerged that co-operatives were running on debt due to overborrowing by factory managements without farmers' consent.

Kenya produces less than 50,000 tonnes of coffee, having declined from a peak of 128,941 tonnes in the 1983/84 crop year.

50,000t
Current coffee production after it declined from a peak of 128,941 tonnes in the 1983/84 crop year.

KIEYAH

"The team is working on a legal framework on how to disburse the money.

Family Fusion ▶ **All about** kin **and** kith

Relief for families raising intersex children

Their ambiguous gender has made them a subject of ridicule. They struggle to be recognised or have legal documents. Therefore, a decision that they be listed in the upcoming census is a win for this group



by Betty Muindi
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In two months, the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) examinations will kick off. As other pupils get ready, Jane Njeri* is uncertain she will sit her exams.

Njeri is on the verge of being locked out of the examinations because she was born with both male and female genitalia. Her school fears that invigilators amid tight exam rules may deny her the chance to sit for the examinations."The school has asked me to present a doctor's medical summary showing my daughter's disorder, but requests to Kenyatta National Hospital have been unyielding," says a desperate Mary Wangui*, Njeri's mother.

Sitting in one corner of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights (KNCHR) boardroom, Njeri is stressed. The human rights body is the only hope she has to achieve her dream of becoming a doctor one day. "I have been stigmatised by everyone for as long as I can remember. I pray the government does not also let me down," she says.

It all started when Wangui gave birth to her child in 2004 at home in Eldoret. "I was shocked when I saw my baby with two sexual organs. Clinicians at a local dispensary advised me to seek further assistance from Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital (MTRH) in Eldoret where doctors just looked at my child and decided to assign it the female gender," she recounts.

Wrong surgery

They advised her to raise the baby as a girl for one year after which they would perform corrective surgery to remove the penis. After one year, the penis was cut off.

However, as Njeri approached puberty, her physical characteristics and behaviour became more male than female. Her muscles and chest started growing and her voice became deep. "My daughter has never been happy doing girly things. She has always protested wearing dresses and likes to play games with boys," she explains.

Concerned about the new developments, she took her for more tests at Kenyatta National Hospital. Further extensive tests and examinations at Lancet Laboratories confirmed her child was actually a boy. Njeri was found to have XY chromosomes, and so was considered male. There were higher levels of testosterone, she had no vulva, no uterus or any other characteristics of a female.

"I panicked. I knew the doctors at MTRH had messed up my child's life. The hospital recommended more surgeries and prescribed hormone tablets to boost breast development and enhance her female secondary sex characteristics. But still, at 15, her breasts are yet to grow," she says amidst tears. Had she known better, she wouldn't have taken her child for surgery.





Irine and Peter Maingi (below) **have an eight-year-old child with ambiguous genitalia.** PD/ COURTESY

KNCHR is consulting with the Kenya National Examinations Council so that Njeri can be cleared to sit for the upcoming national examinations, which would start on October 28.

Njeri is not alone; Peter and Irine Maingi are parents to an eight-year-old who is an intersex. Their child was born with smaller than usual genitalia and when a routine physical check was done, they found the testis had no testicles. The baby had no female genitals. "We were confused. We had never encountered something like that. I started researching further about this new phenomenon," says Maingi.

The father of three says a scan later revealed that their child has one ovary that had a testicle attached to it also known as ovotestes on the left and a hanging fallopian tube. There was no uterus.

All these meant that the baby, whose phenotypical attributes showed him as a boy was actually a girl. The blood tests showed that his chromosomes were XX46 confirming she was a girl.

Taskforce recommendations

"I have used over Sh4 million in reconstructive surgeries and tests, which have seen me declared bankrupt and my property auctioned," says Maingi, a businessman.

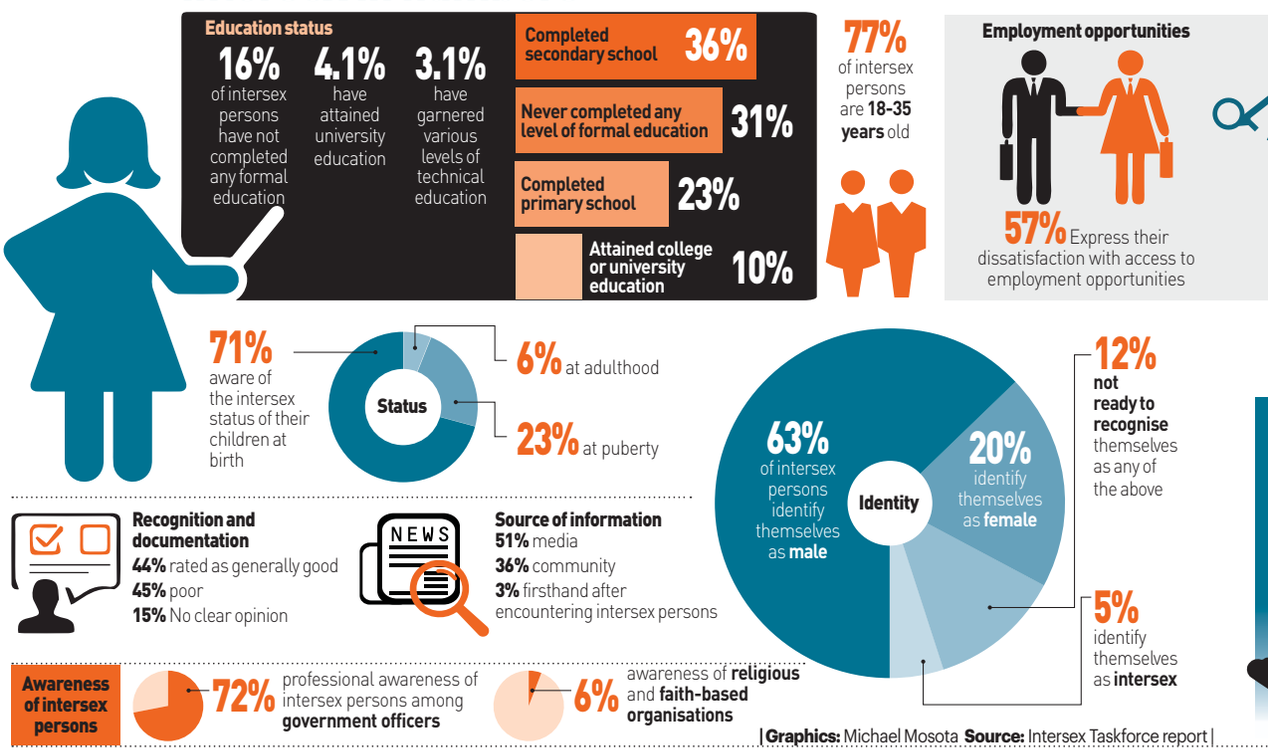
They are set to travel to Boston Children's Hospital, in the US for comprehensive corrective surgery on the now eight-and-a- half-year-old child, but they lack finances.

"We were asked to go for the surgery before our child turns eight because the ovotestes could become cancerous if not corrected early, but we haven't been able to raise enough money," says Maingi, who is now appealing to well-wishers to help him.

This is a roller coaster that thousands of other parents of intersex children find themselves stuck on.

Estimates by the United Nations for Human Rights show that in every population there are around 0.05 per cent to 1.7 per cent babies born as intersex. This means that using the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics (KNBS) population estimates of 47.8 million people, the intersex population would estimate about 23,925 to 813,425. These people, however, live in the shadows because of societal stigma and shame.

Intersex in numbers



Graphics: Michael Mosota **Source:** Intersex Taskforce report



Mary Wangui's daughter had the penis surgically removed a year after birth, only to develop boy attributes at puberty. PD/COURTESY



"We haven't told anyone including close family members and friends that my child is intersex. I cannot bear to see my baby being ridiculed. If they ridicule her because of her tomboy nature, how much more will they do it if they get to know the truth?" poses Mary whose husband left her because of their child's condition.

On the other hand, Maingi has had to transfer his child to three different schools because of unwanted attention that has become part of their child's life. One of the sources of ridicule for his child is that despite having a functioning penis, he urinates like a girl.

In 2009, a woman went to court after doctors wrote a question mark on her child's birth papers instead of a gender. She wanted identity documents for her child to be able to attend school, a law preventing surgery on intersex children unless it is medically necessary, and proper information and psychological support for parents. As a result, in what became a landmark ruling, five years later, the High Court ordered the government to issue a birth certificate to the child.

The Attorney General was then ordered to create a task force that would look at ways of providing better support for intersex children. That task force dubbed Intersex Taskforce on policy, legal, institutional and administration reforms regarding the protection and treatment of intersex persons in the Republic of Kenya in April this year handed its recommendations to the Attorney General.

Following the recommendations and years of lobbying by intersex persons for the first time this Friday, in the country's, the continent and the world's history, intersex persons will be counted during the country's national census.

Inclusive environment

During the census, families will be asked if they have an intersex family member and they will be given an I-marker, an intersex identifier, which will eventually be used in public documentation.

Jedidah Wakonyo, Commissioner of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights, says intersex persons for a long time have not had an opportunity to be recognised.

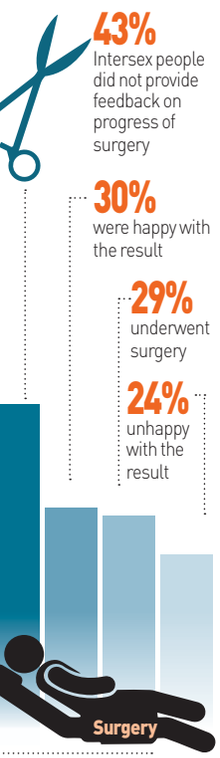
"It is important to accept that there is a third gender, it is called Intersex, an in-between gender. These are people with ambiguous genitalia and it is imperative to include laws that protect them," she explains.

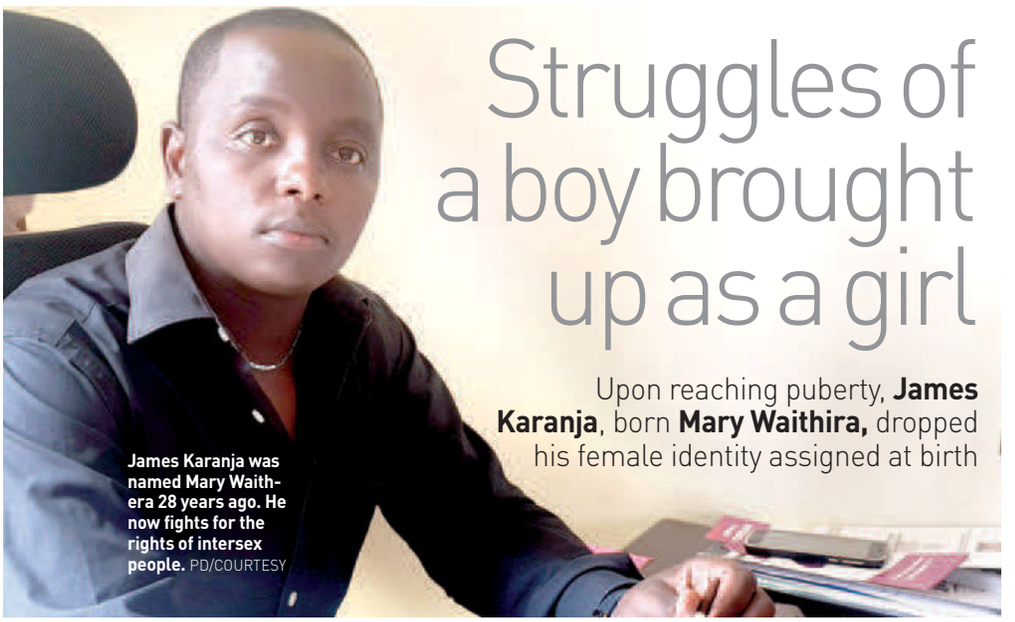
This, she says, will also ensure ease of acquiring documentation such as identification cards by providing a box where intersex people can tick just like others who are either male or female.

Also, other changes following proper data of the actual number of intersex persons will facilitate designing special restrooms in schools and public spaces as well as introduction of gender non-conforming school uniforms so that intersex children are comfortable in school.

"The only concern we have at the moment is whether people will come out and identify themselves as intersex due to the stigma involved, making it difficult to establish their exact population," she fears.

On this, the chairperson of the Taskforce on Intersex Persons, Mbage Ng'ang'a assured Kenyans that enumerators are trained and have taken a secrecy oath and, therefore, this information will be treated with utmost confidence. "We encourage intersex persons and parents of intersex children to take full advantage of this opportunity to proudly come out, identify and be counted under code 3 as intersex in the Friday's counting exercise," he said.





James Karanja was named Mary Waithera 28 years ago. He now fights for the rights of intersex people. PD/COURTESY

Struggles of a boy brought up as a girl

Upon reaching puberty, **James Karanja**, born **Mary Waithira,** dropped his female identity assigned at birth

by Betty Muindi
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When James Karanja was born 28 years ago, his parents and doctors could not tell if he was a boy or a girl. He had both male and female genitalia. The doctors decided the baby was to be a girl and named it Mary Waithera.

His father would later take off as he could not handle the mystery surrounding his child's gender, leaving his mother in the cruel hands of a society that treated them as outcasts. This took a toll on his mother. She developed a mental disorder and has since lost her memory.

Karanja continued to live like a girl and attended a girls' boarding school, Kambala Secondary School in Molo, Nakuru from Form One to Form Four. Karanja would wake up at 3am to take a shower so that his fellow students wouldn't notice that his genitalia was different from theirs. "It was confusing watching the girls become women and I saw boys during school trips chase after them. But I did not understand my body. I felt so wrong and so different. I got attracted to the girls also," he recalls.

He was not transitioning to a man. "My voice was becoming deeper and my chest wider and no breasts to show," he explains. The intensity of his condition was fast dawning on him. He remembers receiving love letters from girls who instinctively saw him as a boy and this got him into deep trouble when the teachers found out about it. He was suspended as the teachers thought he was propagating lesbianism.

With all the challenges he had to undergo as an intersex student, Karanja performed well in his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education scoring a B (minus) guaranteeing his place in university.

After Form Four, he decided to live like a man. Having attained legal adult age, he needed to get an identity card, but it was difficult because his man-like appearance confused officials at the registrar. However, his ID read Mary Waithira. But his appearance made him take a bold step of changing his documentation from a woman to a man. Changing his identity card meant changing all the other documents that would enable him get access to the National Hospital Insurance Fund (NHIF), education, employment, and access to public services, which all require one to clearly indicate their sex.

KARANJA

"I felt so wrong and different. I got attracted to girls,"

Karanja has eventually successfully changed his documents, in what he describes a humiliating and undignified process. Today, the Political Science student at the University of Nairobi is the voice of many intersex persons who go through life's struggles in silence. Karanja who works for the Intersex Persons Society of Kenya says counting and including intersex persons in the governments budgeting and planning could never have come at a better time. In 2016, the organisation filed a petition to the Parliamentary Committee on Administration and National Security seeking better treatment for people with disorders of sexual development."On many occasions I have been subjected to the task of proving my identity. Fast-tracking implementation of the taskforce recommendations will save thousands of children who continue to suffer," he explains.

BY BETTY MUINDI @BettyMuindi

Surgery on intersex children unnecessary



A March report by the Taskforce on Policy, Legal, Institutional and Administrative Reforms regarding the Intersex persons in Kenya reveals that only five per cent out of 624 intersex individuals interviewed recognised themselves as intersex. However, while many of them had birth certificates, the recorded sex conflicted with their self-recognised sex, and their changes in physical appearance after puberty.

Jedida Wakonyo, a member of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights says the taskforce recommends that parents and caregivers should wait for a child to reach puberty before having surgery to allow the child to manifest dominant sex characteristics, and to let the child reach an age where they could consent to medical interventions.

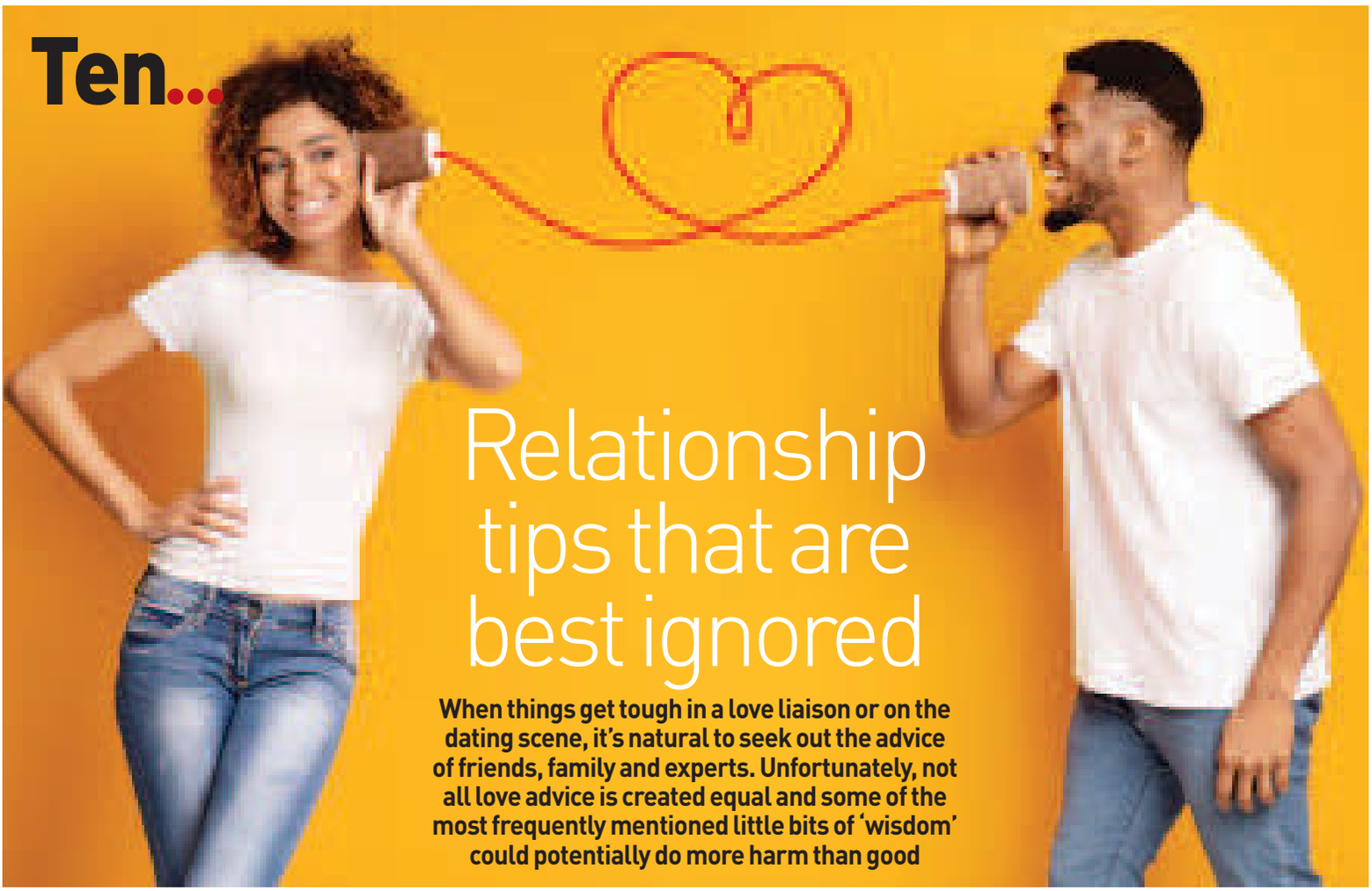
"Over the years, intersex children who had these surgeries grew to feel a misalignment between their sex and their gender, or felt that surgery had left them mutilated because their genitals lacked sexual sensation," Wakonyo says.

James Karanja of Intersex Persons Society of Kenya says intersex people are subjected to medical practices that can inflict irreversible physical and psychological harm on them from childhood. "Many of those operated on and assigned the wrong sex are children who when they come of age realise that not only do they not fit in society, but they are scarred for life because they cannot live the way they would want to," he says.

There are about 41 congenital variations, collectively known as disorders of sexual development, or intersex traits. As such, different variations require different treatment approaches. While some cases need urgent surgery, others do not, or can be done much later in life when the intersex person is old enough to give consent to it.

Karanja says surgeries are intended to reduce some of parents' anxieties about their babies as well as help the intersex child conform more with the mainstream characteristics of one sex or the other. But sometimes, the outcomes do not align with patients' eventual gender identities.

Ten...



Relationship tips that are best ignored

When things get tough in a love liaison or on the dating scene, it's natural to seek out the advice of friends, family and experts. Unfortunately, not all love advice is created equal and some of the most frequently mentioned little bits of 'wisdom' could potentially do more harm than good

1 **Play hard to get:** "The vast majority of the time playing hard to get guarantees that both of you are going to end up alone," says James Anderson, a dating expert at Beyond Ages. The dating world is competitive and few people have the time to constantly pursue someone who is not demonstrating any interest. Stop playing these silly games and show a little interest back. You will be giving yourself many more opportunities with people you otherwise might have missed out on.

2 **Never go to bed angry:** It's actually better to take some time to chill out before discussing something you're feeling worked up about. When things get heated, we tend to say things we don't always mean. Sleeping on it can give you that needed time to cool off, and in most cases, whatever it was will not seem as big by morning. So, it's indeed a good thing to go to bed angry.

3 **Age is just a number:** There are certainly relationships with age gaps that work out beautifully, but experts say couples closer in age tend to be happier. Age matters less as you get older, that's true. But dating someone close to your age has huge benefits. You'll have the same cultural references, interests and grow into new life stages at the same time. It's thought men's preferences for younger women and women's preferences for older men relate to reproductive fitness. That is, the extent to which someone has 'good genes' – indicated by their attractiveness and vitality – and the extent to which they are a 'good investment' – indicated by their status and resources as well as their sense of trust.

4 **Don't put your eggs in one basket:** It's not unusual for friends and family to caution someone not to bank on a particular relationship working out, but this advice is pretty problematic for those in serious relationships. It usually encourages couples to prepare for the end of the relationship in some subtle way. All it really does is point to the insecurities and trust issues in the relationship. Who can really make a happy home with one foot in and one foot toward the exit?

5 **Opposites attract:** No, you don't have to be exactly alike, but seeking out someone completely different from you in every meaningful way is a recipe for disaster. You must have some common interests and values. If you don't, there is no glue to bind the relationship.

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6 **Time heals all wounds:** While time is necessary to get over being hurt, time does not necessarily heal anything. If time heals wounds, then why are there grumpy old people? Making healthy decisions to treat the wounds heal them, not time.

7 **Your perfect match is out there:** There is no such thing as a perfect partner. Every single person you will meet is going to have flaws, and your relationship will reach a point where it is no longer effortless. If you accept this fact, you may find that one of the people who you thought was 'not so perfect' is actually pretty great for you.

8 **The man should pay:** There's a simple alternative to this outdated dating advice: Whoever asked for the date should pay. The other person should always offer to pay or split. It's a nice gesture that goes a long way. Remember, picking up the check at least some of the time is one of the best dating tips.

9 **Leave the past behind you:** It's important not to get too hung up on the past when you're in a relationship, but there are some things in the past that you need to discuss, like past debts, relationships, or even children. While to some extent your past shouldn't dictate your future, it's important that you know whom you're getting into a committed relationship with before it's too late.

10 **The kids should always come first:** Although this sounds like good advice, it sets the couple up for a great deal of difficulty throughout the relationship and, especially once they become empty nesters. The relationship needs to be the priority, not the children. If the relationship is strong, the children will prosper. Putting the children first often leads to resentment in the relationship and entitled children. **— Compiled from Internet sources**

Take Off ▸ Building Capacity



Abdi Dagane, Deputy governor Garissa county, Maka Kassim, founder Kamuthe Women Network and Makena Mwogobia, executive director ActionAid launch the safe house. BELOW**: Inside of the safe house where the girls will sleep.** PD/MILLIAM MURIGI

Garissa's safe haven for vulnerable girls



by Milliam Murigi
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With 98 per cent prevalence of female genital mutilation cases in the county, a women's group has set up a safe house to protect survivors

As much as Kenya has made commendable progress in establishing mechanisms to protect children from abuse such as violence, sexual exploitation, child marriage, and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), thousands of children in Garissa still experience gross violations of their rights.

Worse, many of them have no idea where or who to turn to when they face these situations, exposing them to revictimisation and other violations. It is against this background that ActionAid International Kenya, a leading anti-poverty agency, joined hands with a local women's network in Garissa to build a safe house and a resource centre at Kamuthe to rescue such children.

Run by the Kamuthe Women Network with support from ActionAid and other donors, the facility was funded by People's Postcode Lottery at Sh7.5 million. It is located at Kamuthe Primary School, Fafi constituency, Garissa county.

It has been equipped to host around 80 girls below the age of 18, who are rescued or have run away from home because of FGM and child marriage, which makes it impossible for them to attend school.

ActionAid International Kenya Executive Director, Makena Mwogobia, says the idea of a safe house came from the women. While they were willing to end the vice and other child right violations, the local women, unfortunately, didn't know what to do with the children they rescued.

Baseline study

"We conducted a baseline study in 2012 and found out that violence against women and girls was high in Garissa county. However, at Kamuthe village, women had already identified a solution: setting up a safe house where such girls could be housed. However, they couldn't afford to construct one and that is when we decided to join hands," says Mwogobia.

FGM prevalence in Garissa county is at 98 per cent—the highest in the country. Comparably, the national prevalence stands at 21 per cent, according to the 2014 Kenya Demographic and Health Survey. Communities such as the Maasai, Somali, Kisii, and Samburu bear the brunt of this violation declared illegal in 2011. Nonetheless, it is still practised in secret, violating the rights of thousands of girls and women.

To the organisation, the safe house is just a temporary measure, as stakeholders advocate for a violence-free environment. "To end FGM and other violations we are using a holistic approach. We are working with practitioners of FGM who are ready to stop if given an alternative livelihood option. We also work with cultural and religious leaders and law enforcers. With this approach, our work has started bearing fruit," Mwogobia adds.

She reveals that the community believes religious beliefs and practices have worked against women and girls in the region. "We have been engaging various leaders to get to know the source of this tradition, specifically focusing on FGM. In Garissa, the practice is believed to be tied to religion, but working with the leaders, we realised it is not true. Now, we are using these leaders to talk about it because the community listens to them," she adds.

Sneaked in

Sheikh Hussein Mahat, an Islamic scholar in the area, says the practice, commonly witnessed among the Somali, has nothing to do with religion. Islam is against the cut and it is nowhere in the Holy Quran or in countries where the religion started. Mahat adds that it is purely a cultural practice sneaked into the religion by a few selfish individuals.

The safe house incorporates a resource centre where the girls will learn technical skills needed in Garissa market such as tailoring, baking, leadership training and value addition of some farm products, with banana as the current target.

So far, two girls have been rescued, but since the facility was officially handed on July 24, a member of the network houses them waiting for their transfer.

Apart from housing girls at risk of abuse, the operators plan to house girls from vulnerable backgrounds who cannot afford to go to school for different reasons.

"This facility is timely because it is only a few months to the start of the peak season- December holidays. I would urge all girls at risk of FGM and forced marriage to run to this centre. You will be protected and continue with your education," Mwogobia adds.

Beyond protecting and offering educational and vocational training opportunities to the girls, the rescue centre, which will also house girls from neighbouring counties such as Tana River, will also try to reconcile them with their parents and communities.

Female leaders better in organisational crisis, research reveals

Certain crises require certain female leaders. Researchers at Lehigh University and Queen's University Belfast have found that trust established by female leaders practising strong interpersonal skills results in better crisis resolution in cases when outcomes are predictable.

They describe this "female leadership trust advantage" in a paper published in this June's print issue of Psychology of Women Quarterly.

Their research is the first to examine why and when a female leadership trust advantage emerges for leaders during organisational crises.

"People trust female leaders more than male leaders in times of crisis, but only under specific conditions. We showed that when a crisis hits an organisation, people trust leaders who behave in relational ways, and especially so when the leaders are women and when there is a predictable path out of the crisis," said paper co-author Corinne Post, professor of management at Lehigh University.

The researchers specifically looked at the relational behaviour of interpersonal emotion management (IEM), which alleviates feelings of threat during a crisis by anticipating and managing the emotions of others.

"Crises are fraught with relational issues, which, unless handled properly, threaten not only organisational performance but also the allocation of organisational resources and even its survival," they said.

Demonstrating superior relational skills may help female leaders gain a trust advantage in crises that focus primarily on relationship aspects in an organisation, when there is certainty around the resolution and fallout from the crisis is more controllable.

"We found that this female leadership trust advantage was not just attitudinal, but that —when the consequences of the crisis were foreseeable—people were actually ready to invest much more in the firms led by relational women," Post said. "Our finding also suggests that, in an organisational crisis, female (relative to male) leaders may generate more goodwill and resources for their organisation by using relational behaviour when the crisis fallout is predictable, but may not benefit from the same advantage in crises with uncertain consequences."

However, it may not be as valuable when crisis outcomes are uncertain or difficult to control, when making decisions and acting quickly and relational leadership (such as maintaining high levels of communication) are required.

-Science Daily

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The Queen

Faith Chepkorir is the reigning Miss Kalenjin crown holder. She is also the founder of Empowering Young Mothers organisation that works with teen mothers. She speaks to **Manuel Ntoyai**



Before being crowned Miss Kalenjin, you reigned as Miss Bomet 2014/15. What did you learn during the reign?

I learnt a lot of things. Interacting with beauties from different counties made me understand and appreciate various cultures because we all come from different backgrounds. I acquired leadership skills through opportunities that came with the title, and most importantly it marked the birth of Empowering Young Mothers (Eyom), an organisation that I run.

What does Eyom deal with?

It is an organisation that seeks to bring sustainable development to young mothers — a special group of people that the society tends to forget and burden with stereotypes. By empowering them, we will for sure be eradicating poverty, through reduction of the dependency syndrome. Young mothers can be vulnerable and a lot of times end up missing out on good opportunities in life that can transform not only their lives, but also those around them. Although Eyom is still in toddler's stage, we are slowly achieving big wins, especially through capacity building and networking.

What inspired you to work with young mothers?

Teenage pregnancies are rampant in my community. A lot of focus is put on establishing the root cause of the problem and not on the victims who in many instances are neglected. These young mothers are raising 'leaders of tomorrow' yet no one is empowering them for the great task. This is where Eyom comes in.

There are many young mothers succeeding in different levels. For instance Miss Baringo 2019 Rose Jerotich is a good example of an empowered young mother. She is Eyom's brand ambassador for her story is encouraging. She was a laughing stalk in the community, but now she's a role model in Baringo.

How was your journey to winning the Miss Kalenjin 2019 title?

It all started as a joke when someone asked me if I could represent Bomet county in the Miss Kalenjin beauty pageant competition. I consulted people close to me and they asked me to go for it. After going through the Mission and Vision of the Kalenjin Women Foundation (KWF) that seek to support women endevours, I saw a great opportunity to push for Eyom's agenda. I prayed for victory and gave my best. The rest, like they say, is history.

How will you realign Eyom's vision with your new title?

KWF is giving us a platform to carry out our charity initiatives; so all contestants from different counties also have the same opportunity. The end goal is to empower both the girl-child and boy-child and that would be a real score both for Eyom and myself as an individual.

What lessons can young girls learn from young leaders like you?

Consistency and hard work are key to success. We all have the ability to transform our situations and make our lives better. Life has never been easy, especially from my side. I schooled through the help of Community Development Fund and Higher Education Loans Board because I was thirsty for education. So, everything is possible.

What are some of the fashion lessons you have learnt so far?

Don't dress to impress; dress to represents the true you. While at it, finding your body type is important, as it will save you a lot of embarrassments and unnecessary expenses. When it comes to make-up, less is more and getting make-up that blends with your skin tone is important because a product may work for others, but you.

How do you stay in shape?

I go to the gym and sometimes jog around the estate.

Fashion tips during this cold weather?

Layering is now becoming a trend. From turtlenecks, jackets, coats to scarfs, one has to stay prepared for the worst. Boots are also great, but it all boils down to pairing it with the perfect pieces.

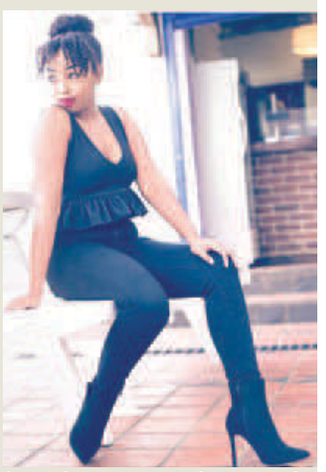
GET THE LOOK
WITH GRACE WACHIRA

Sharon Mwangi

Lifestyle blogger and YouTuber Sharon Mwangi has time and again given us ideas on how to pair our outfits. Here are some ways the fashionista rocked black on black, giving us ideas on how to pair black pieces. It does not always have to look gloomy; if worn well, the black will pop and make heads turn.



Switching up the looks by pairing the jeans with a simple black T-shirt and accessorising it with an attention-catching watch.



A revealing sassy top is the icing on the cake. She has nailed the black look.



Add spice to your all-black outfit by pairing black pants with an edgy off-shoulder top and boots with detail.



A black leather mini skirt does not need so much going on. A sleeveless turtle neck and boots complete the look.

Clique & Clicks ▶ Get Spotted



Brian Otieno (best defender first runners-up), Joash Onyango (best defender and player of the year) and Kelvin Wesonga (best defender second runners-up).

BEST IN THE GAME

by David Ndolo

Harambee Stars and Gor Mahia defender Joash Onyango came on top to win both the Defender of Year and Most Valuable Player gongs during this year's Sports Journalist of the Year Awards held at the Museums of Kenya in Nairobi on Monday. The event was organised by the Sports Journalists Association of Kenya (SJAK), LG Electronics and Fidelity Insurance. Onyango received a cash reward of Sh1.25 million and a 55-inch LG television set. On the sidelines, SJAK — led by its President Chris Mbaisi — surprised Sports PS Kirimi Kaberia with a birthday cake.

PD/DAVID NDOLO



SJAK Vice President James Magayi with the associations President Chris Mbaisi.



Guests Jeff Kinuthia, Liz Thuo and Martin Theuri.



Sports PS Ambassador Kirimi Kaberia.



Sports journalists Kameme TV's Maryanne Mwihaki, Citizen TV's Mike Okinyi and K24's Caren Kibbet.

by Gerald Ithana

Business was brought to a standstill in the bubbly town of Nkubu in Meru county on Saturday, as sports betting firm Betin regional director, William Mugambi, solemnised his marriage with his Ugandan heartthrob Rosette Barungi, a niece to Uganda President Yoweri Museveni. The couple with three children had their traditional wedding in April, this year, at Mbarara in Uganda. They met in the UK in 1993 and have been living together as husband and wife for 20 years. The nuptials were held in Nkubu Catholic Church and thereafter a grand reception at the Heritage Gardens in Meru. Uganda's Lieutenant James Mugira, Brigadier General Charles Tusiime and Dr Elly Karuhanga were in attendance.

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It's now official: The newlyweds William Mugambi and Rosette Barungi.

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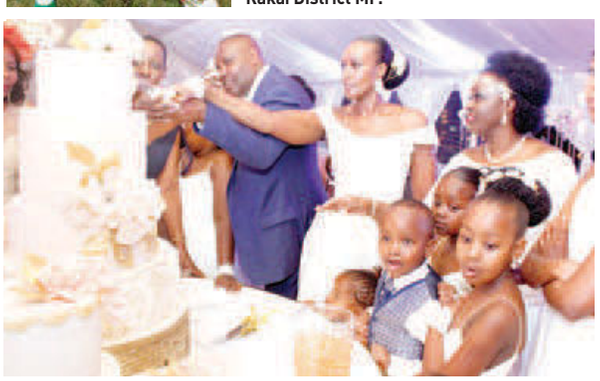
Magnet Venture partner Stanely Kinyanjui with Sir Henry Otiende.



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20:00 First Lady
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ARIES (MAR. 21- APRIL 20)
Don't give out any personal information that you don't want spread around. You will have to be careful not to let others find out about your intentions.

TAURUS (APR. 21- MAY 21)
Interaction with colleagues will only be upsetting. You will do your best work on your own. Don't be too quick to react.

GEMINI (MAY 22-JUNE 21)
Include friends and family members in your redecorating plans. Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation. Take time to talk things over.

CANCER (JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Secret affairs may be tempting, but keep in mind that they will damage your reputation if you decide to indulge. Someone you live with will be quite unreasonable today.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG 22)
Acknowledge your lover's needs. Erratic behavior at home may be hard to handle.

VIRGO (AUG. 23 -SEPT. 23)
Family outings or a quiet stroll through the park will lead to stimulating conversation and a closer bond.

LIBRA (SEPT. 24 -OCT. 23)
Be careful not to push your luck or take too much for granted when dealing on either a personal or professional level. You could lose a good friend because of it.

SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)
Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? New romantic relationships will develop through group activity related to sports events.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 -DEC. 21)
One sided attractions are likely. Face any emotional problems head-on to avoid situations getting out of hand.

CAPRICORN (DEC 22.- JAN. 20)
Try to spend some time on your own. You need to start planning that vacation.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 -FEB. 19)
Travel and learning should be on your agenda today. In-laws or older individuals may give you a bit of a hard time today.

PISCES (FEB. 20-MAR. 20)
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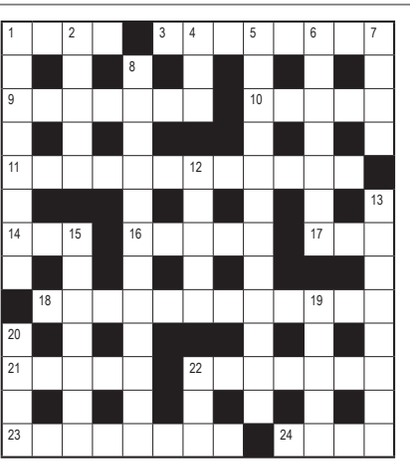
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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11. Tells
13. Jerseys
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21. Fowl
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23. Inn
24. Dejected
25. Epochis

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1. Nougat
2. Vandal
3. Attic
4. Goggles
5. Assessor
6. Energy
12. Levelled
14.Primate
16.Looses
18. Maniac
19. Doings
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ACROSS
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3. Bunkum (8)
9. Embryonic root (7)
10. Exhibited (5)
11. Efficient (12)
14. Word expressing negation (3)
16. Opposite of best (5)
17. Pair of actors (3)
18. Unending (12)
21. Chopping (5)
22. Melody; a song (7)
23. Royal domains (8)
24. Wet with condensation (4)

DOWN
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2. Loses colour (5)
4. Beer (3)
5. Completeness (12)
6. Bumped into (7)
7. Pull abruptly (4)
8. Generally accepted (12)
12. Set piece in rugby (5)
13. Secretively (8)
15. Mental strain (7)
19. Slow down (5)
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22. Make less bright (3)

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FOOTBALL PAGE 29

FKF officially unveils new Harambee Stars coach Kimanzi and technical bench

BRIEFLY

Nakuru Queens earn elevation to Women's Premier League

FOOTBALL: Nakuru West Queens have been promoted to the Kenyan Women's Premier League (FKF-WPL) next season after finishing top of the Kenyan Women's Division One League, Zone B. The Nakuru Queens amassed unassailable 27 points from nine matches in the Seven-Zone B League teams to seal their berth in the country's top-flight women's football unbeaten. A fate they have repeated after an impressive run in Division Two in 2018, winning the title unbeaten, as they secured promotion to the second tier, FKF Division One this year and as coach Ben-Peters Esitoko believes that from the beginning of the season that they are capable of reaching the top flight, they have surely done so and with three matches to spare. **- Gibo Zachary**



Uganda U19 side back in Kenya for Hayer One Star title defence

CRICKET: Uganda's national U19 cricket team return to Nairobi this week to defend their title in the 2019 edition of the Hayer One Star Field Youth Cricket league. The third edition of the annual T20 tournament begins today to Sunday and will be played across various venues. The finals will be at Nairobi Gymkhana on Sunday with eyes on the Ugandans who are expected to parade a strong lineup. A total of 34 teams and a combined 450 youthful players have entered the U9, U11, U13, U15 in addition to the U19 category drawn from Uganda, Nairobi, Nakuru and Mombasa covering national, provincial, clubs and school teams. Both boys and girls are playing in each of the categories. Star Field Sports Director Karan Kaul said: "We expect the standard to be very high this year." **- Barry Silah**

Lionesses head to Chile for 2021 Rugby World Cup repechage



RUGBY: After losing to South Africa, Kenya will have to compete against Chile in the repechage to vie for the ticket to the 2021 women's Rugby World Cup. Kenya came agonisingly close to secure a World Cup slot in New Zealand in 2021, but failed in the last hurdle against hosts South Africa in the African qualifiers on Saturday night. The hosts beat Kenya 39-0 to secure the lone slot for the continent to compete at the 2021 Women's rugby World Cup.However, Kenya Rugby Union (KRU) confirmed that the team will now enter the repechage competition in 2020 to play against Chile, the runners-up in the South America qualifiers for the World Cup. "The Lionesses did put up a spirited fight for the better part of the encounter but it was not enough to hold off the South Africa, who exploited the little cracks spotted in the defence," said Susan Kamau, the KRU Chief Executive on Sunday. **- Xihnua**

Morocco-bound team brimming with confidence

by Ericson Kiprono
@PeopleSport11

The Kenya team for the Africa Games in Morocco are brimming with confidence they will perfom well in Rabat Morocco.

Team CEO Charles Nyaberi said the teams have all received their training and competition kit and will work hard to ruffle the pecking order at the games, which saw Egypt, South Africa, Nigeria, Ethiopia and Algeria dominate the last event in Brazzaville, the Republic of the Congo in 2015.

Badminton, judo, shooting, table tennis and beach volleyball teams were the first batch to depart buoyant about their chances to widen the medal scope for a country that has solely relied on athletics for most of its medal haul.

In 2015 track and field scooped Kenya's five of the six gold medals with women's volleyball providing the other one.

Kenya has entered a huge contingent of 290 athletes in 21 disciplines and athletics team will be the last to depart on August 23.

Triathlon head coach Harrison Mwangi said Africa Zone Five champion Hanifa Said, 24, and Abdalla Mansour Abdallah will anchor the team and hope they will influence younger players to deliver good performances.

However, he warned that rivals from South Africa and Egypt have superior players. "South Africa and Egypt have made it their turf and we must find a way to exploit their chinks. Kenya can deliver at the continental stage and win medals," said Mwangi.



President Uhuru Kenyatta addresses Kenya's All Africa Games team after presenting them with the national flag at State House Nairobi. PSCU

Safari heads to Nyali



Mumias-based Dismas Indiza tees-off on Day Three of the Safari Tour Golf Series at the Nyali Golf Club in August last year. PD / PHILIP KAMAKYA

Twelve events in Golf Tour series planned across East Africa region

by Webster Nyandika
@PeopleSport11

The Kenya Open Golf Limited (KOGL) has released dates for the 2019/2020 Safari Tour Golf Series.

The revamped series will now include 12 events across four East African countries; with seven events being held in Kenya, three in Uganda and one each in Rwanda and Tanzania.

Commenting on the 2019/2020 schedule, Patrick Obath, the Safari Tour Tournament Director, said going into East African was part of the request from President Uhuru Kenyatta.

"When we mooted the idea of a professional golf tour in Kenya, we were asked by President Uhuru to include our junior golfers of either gender, our elite amateur golfers and to ensure that we invite and include our brothers and sisters from the East African region. We have been in discussions with the golf leadership in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania and we are delighted to announce that the Safari Tour will now be played in those nations," he said.

In Uganda, the well-established Uganda Open, with a US$50,000 (Sh5 million) prize fund, will now be part of the Safari Tour as will the Entebbe Open and Kitante Open tournaments.

"The Uganda Open and the Rwanda Open will now be part of the Safari Tour and what this simply means is that Pros participating in those events will earn points on the Safari Tour ranking enabling them to qualify for the Magical Kenya Open in a fair and transparent manner. We are still in discussions with Tanzania on dates and venues for a leg of the Safari Tour there," Obath added.

The Nyali Golf and Country Club will once more host the first event of the Safari Tour season from the August 24-28.

"Registration for membership of the tour and for entry into the first event at Nyali is open on www.safaritour.golf and we invite all golf professionals across East Africa and across Africa to register and join us. We are also inviting the top junior and elite amateurs of either gender to register and join us, this tour is keen to promote not only the Professional golfers but also our juniors and top amateurs who aspire to play professional golf soon," Obath said.

MILITARY GAMES

Kenya hit Burundi, eye three-set victory over favourites Rwanda

by Philip Kamakya
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East Africa Military Games defending champions Kenya women's volleyball team have set a 3-0 win as the bear minimum when they take on a superior Rwanda today.

This is after another 3-0 victory against Burundi yesterday.

After losing the opening match 3-0 to Uganda, Kenya needed a five-set thriller against minnows Tanzania to emerge 3-2 winners and ahead of the Rwanda tie, coach Sila Mukiso believes Kenya's inferior points tally will be a motivation against their high-flying opponents.



Gynette Ksamwemwe of Burundi is blocked by Maurine Agwalas and Brenda Moremi of Kenya yesterday. PD/PHILIP KAMAKYA

"The match against Rwanda will be a redemption for us and comes at a time when our confidence is high after a scrappy start. 3-0 or 3-1 are both possible results but maintaining a clean sheet fires up the team," he said. He added: "They have eight points as opposed to our five but we have a game plan for them. In as much as strong front court defence will be a priority, we will use diagonal balls against them. We won't be predictable as before where we deployed wide attacking but we will play through the middle and right side."

LOCAL ATHLETICS

Kericho bids to host AK meeting

by Philip Yegon
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Kericho Governor Paul Chepkwony his asking Athletics Kenya (AK) to consider the county as a host venue for a major championship in the near future.

Eldoret in Uasin Gishu county has been the only place outside Nairobi to have hosted a key event in the recent past but Chepkwony believes his county is well-equipped. "We have what it takes to host major athletics meetings.

I call on the AK top brass to consider the county in future events," said Chepkwony, who chairs Sports, Gender and Culture committee at the Council of Governor. The county boss disclosed that there are plans to fix a tartan track at the Kericho Green Stadium, home of Kenyan Premier League side Zoo FC, in the next three weeks, being part of a Sh60 million budget meant to give the stadium a major face-lift.

Kericho hosted this year's edition of the Kenya Inter-Counties Sports and Cultural Association (Kicosca) games which attracted over 10,000 participants from 37 counties who competed in 21 disciplines at 18 venues.



Local runners during a past race at Kericho Green Stadium. PD/PHILIP YEGON



Agnes Mmbone of St Cecelia Sisikhu (right) vies for the ball against a Lindi player at the East Africa Secondary School Games at St Constantines International School in Arusha, Tanzania yesterday. PD/ LYNETTE MATHEKA

Misikhu edge closer

Western Kenya side ready to end 10-year wait for East Africa hockey title after storming semis

by Lynette Matheka in Arusha
@PeopleDailyKe

Kenya Secondary School girls' hockey defending champions St Cecilia Misikhu cruised to the semi-final of the East Africa games in Arusha, Tanzania after a fourth straight win in the group phase yesterday.

A brace from Rachael Khamala in the 13th and 14th minutes of the first quarter gave the Kenyan girls an upper hand in the match against Tanzania's Lindi. Eight minutes into the second quarter, Yvette Sonai added Misikhu's third.

The Tanzanian girls' search for a consolation bore no fruits but they also denied their opponents a chance to score more as the match ended 3-0.

"We last won this title in 2009 and after 10 years, it is time to bag our second trophy in East Africa. We are ready for the competition going forward and the girls are hungry, " said coach Robert Kanga.

The Kenyan champions, who are making a comeback in the regional games after missing last year's showpiece won by Kenya's Trans Nzoia Mixed, proceed to the semis with four clean sheets in as many matches. They beat local rivals Nyamira 3-0, won 2-0 against Uganda's Bweranyange, thumped another Ugandan side Old Kampala 4-0 before the Lindi win.

Misikhu lost in the 2017 East Africa finals to Sinyolo despite going to the competition as the nationals champions.

Nyamira, who made it to the regional games as the third best team from Kenya, are in a must-win encounter against Bweranyange today as maximum points will guarantee them a ticket to the semis.

MISIKHU COACH

We last won this title in 2009 and it's time to bag our second trophy in East Africa. We are ready for the competition going forward

Eliakim Obondo's side bounced from their 3-0 loss to Misikhu to pick 5-0 and 2-0 wins against Lindi and Old Kampala respectively for six points. Bweranyange have three points and the Kenyan side is keen to avert a goal difference decider.

Nyamira last won the national title in 1990 and had a 28-year wait before making a return to the national level in 2018 where they finished fourth.

In the boys' category, East Africa and national holders St Anthony's Kitale are through to the semis after a 4-0 win over Namilyango College.

Goals from Noel Cheboi, Logan Mabuka, Glen Lusweti and skipper Oscar Kibet sealed St Anthony's slot ahead of today's match against Uganda's Ntare.

Buru Buru, Kaya Tiwi fight for semis at regional games

by Lynette Matheka in Arusha
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Basketball girls' national defending champions Buru Buru are in a must-win encounter with hosts Juhudi today as they seek a ticket to the semi-finals of the ongoing East Africa School games in Arusha, Tanzania.

Buru Buru, who defeated Kaya Tiwi in the national final to win the trophy after a 18-year wait, had a good start at the East Africa competition, winning their first two matches.

However, they had a tough time against Uganda's St Noa, losing 43-30 in a low scoring match. The Ugandans took a 10-8 lead in the first quarter and extended the difference to 10 points by the first break.

St Noa won the third quarter 12-6 but Julius Otieno's charges attempted a comeback in the final stanza which they won 11-8 but it was a bit too little, too late.

"Our game plan did not work but we have to re-group and fight for a win against Juhudi. They will be out to fight for the same semis slot and it will be tough but we are determined," said Otieno.

Meanwhile, former champions Kaya Tiwi recovered from their 66-58 loss to arch-rivals St Mary's Kitende to win their subsequent matches against Tanzania's Okweesa on Monday before beating Nabisunsa of Uganda 76-45.

Meanwhile, rugby sevens East Africa defending champions Laiser Hill remain unbeaten in the three matches played after a 45-0 win over Kiira College yesterday. Laiser had already beaten Jinja 25-5 and St Peter's Mumias 19-12.

"We need a win against Upper Hill as it could be the tournament decider. We do not want a situation where the winner has to be decided on points," said Laiser Hill coach Kevin Atandi.

Elsewhere, all Kenyan representatives in girls volleyball qualified for the semi-finals while Mogonga also made it through in the boys' category. Cheptil tops Pool B with Soweto advancing as the second best team while champions Kwanthanze headline Pool A with nine points.



Chantal Kiyobe of Buru Buru in action against Uganda's St Noa at the East Africa Secondary School Games at St Constantines International School in Arusha, Tanzania yesterday. PD/LYNETTE MATHEKA



Hellen Obiri after winning gold at the 2017 World Championships in London. PD/FILE

Obiri begins quest for Doha double

World X-Country champ is the athlete to beat in the women's 5,000m and 10,000m at AK Championships

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSports11

World 5,000m and World Cross-Country champion Hellen Obiri's ambition of winning a double at the World Championships in Doha, Qatar next month starts today when she lines up in the women's 10,000m final in the Athletics Kenya National Championships at Nyayo National Stadium.

The Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) runner has set herself a lofty target of winning both the 5,000m and 10,000m at World Athletics Championships to match the track exploits of Vivian Cheruiyot, who managed a double in the same events at the 2011 Worlds in Daegu, South Korea.

This was after she won the World Cross-Country Championships title in Punta Umbria, Spain the same year.

"The road for me starts on Wednesday (today)," said the former World Indoor champion. "I want to get good times for Doha and keep training to be fit for the biggest event of the year. I am expecting a tough challenge because the slots are limited in a field that has many good athletes," added the sergeant from Laikipia airbase.

In the women's 5,000m, Obiri will face World Under-20 5,000m champion Beatrice Chebet, who reached the finals after winning the semi-final yesterday, World Half Marathon record holder Joyciline Jepkosgei, also from KDF, and former Africa 5,000m champion Sheila Chepkirui.

The final will also be a tough test for 2013 World 5,000m silver medallist Mercy Cherono. The runner, who is making a return to the track after maternity leave, sailed through from yesterday's semis.

Athletics Kenya will be using the men's and women's 10,000m races to select the team for the Doha championships that take place from September 28 to October 6. Trials for the rest of the events will take place next month.

AK NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's 5,000m

Semi-final 1

Sheila Chelengat	(15:33.50)
Sandra Felis Chebet	(15:33.50)
Beatrice Chebet	(15:33.86)
Sheila Chepkurui	(15:34.38)
Dorcas Kimeli	(15:350)
Mercy Cherono	(15:36.64)

Semi-final 2

Dorcas Kimeli	(15:35.00
Eva Cherono	(15:37.72
Janet Kisa	(15:40.19

Cherono tuning up for Chicago Marathon assault

by Emmanuel Masinde
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Reigning Boston marathon champion Lawrence Cherono has upped his preparations for the Chicago Marathon slated for October 13.

Kaptagat-based Cherono is seeking to make it two major marathon wins this year after her Boston triumph last April in a time of 2:07:57.

"I feel ready to compete in major marathons. I am determined to do well since I want to be the best like many top marathoners," said the two-time Amsterdam marathon champion.

Cherono, who has also won the Seville, Honolulu and Prague marathons, has tailored his training around fitness, knowing it will not be a walk in the park on a Chicago course that he is not familiar with.

Chicago has produced a women's world record, recorded by Kenyan Catherine Ndereba and the fastest men's time from former marathon world record holder Dennis Kimetto.

"I am training well to ensure I have a good run. I know it will not be easy but I am hoping for better results," added Cherono.

Chicago will be the third major marathon for the 31-year-old who finished second in Rotterdam in 2017 and seventh in London last year.



Lawrence Cherono cuts the tape to win this year's Boston Marathon in April. FILE

BRIEFLY

Lionesses hit all-time position 25 in World Rugby Rankings

RUGBY: Kenya Lionesses have climbed three places on the World Rugby standings to an all-time best position 25. The Kenya women's 15s team missed a direct ticket to the 2021 World Cup after losing to South Africa last weekend but the loss did not have an impact on the standings. Kenya now occupy a spot previously held by Denmark with Fiji and Jamaica dropping a place each to 27 and 28 respectively. Lionesses lost 39-0 to South Africa, forcing them into the most challenging repechage qualifier that will see them play four matches against countries that failed to make it to the 12-team World Cup directly. Madagascar dropped a place to position 43 while Uganda remained at 45. **-Alex Njue**

Simbas out to devour Zambia in Victoria Cup home encounter this weekend



RUGBY: Kenya Simbas (national 15s) rugby team will host Zambia in their second home international fixture at the RFUEA grounds on Saturday, hoping for a return to winning ways in the four-team Victoria Cup. The fifth round for Simbas is as crucial as the sixth and final against defending champions Zimbabwe on September 21 at the same venue, meaning their work is cut out on Saturday. Paul Odera's side has registered two losses in four matches and will be keen to record positive results before hosting unbeaten Zimbabwe in the title decider. Simbas' first home match was against Uganda Cranes in Kisumu on June 22 where they lost 13-16 before beating Zambia away only to fall 30-29 to Zimbabwe on August 3 in Bulawayo. **-Alex Njue**

Cherono, Keitany to grace Kirdam Road Race as event organisers target Sh10m



ATHLETICS: Boston Marathon champion Lawrence Cherono and four-time New York Marathon winner Mary Keitany *(pictured)* will grace the second edition of the annual Kirdam road race that takes place on Saturday in Kabarnet, Baringo County. Local organising committee chairman Isaiah Cherutich said over 200 athletes had already signed up even as registration still goes on at Kapsabet Sports Office, Sportsline Hotel, Kuresoi Hotel in Kericho, Lemotit Athletics Camp in Londiani, Kelu Resort (Elgeyo Marakwet), Eldocare Chemist, Pioneer Bookshop, Laikipia Shop in Torongo Baringo, Mochongoi Centre and all other athletics training camps. "Our target is to raise Sh10 million this year which will go a long way in realising our main objective of providing clean water to our people," said Cherutich of the event, geared towards conserving Kirandich dam and supplying residents of Baringo Central constituency with clean water. **-Ericson Kiprono**

Coast Utd, Stima ownership row threatens league participation

by Harrison Kivisu
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Participation of National Super League (NSL) side Coast Stima in next season's competition hangs in the balance following an ownership dispute pitting its management and that of a splinter leadership of Coast United FC.

In June 2014, the then leadership of the two soccer clubs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to merge them into the now Coast United Stima Sacco with the aim of ensuring it gets the strength to earn promotion and feature in the Kenya Premier League (KPL).

However, in an unprecedented turn of events last month, Coast Stima officials terminated the special agreement, seeking to stay independent ahead of the new season, a move that has sparked outrage among Coast United managers.

Coast United's top brass led by Secretary General Ali Hassan Hussein, Technical Director Yahya Hassan and Vice-Chairman Ismail Mohamed, are now demanding that Coast Stima be barred from participating in the new league until the matter is restored.

The officials claim that Coast Stima has been hatching a plan to claim Coast United in the disguise of terminating the memorandum of understanding they had entered into in 2014. Coast Stima is owned by Kenya Power and Lighting (KPLC) while Coast United was solely a community club run by a few individuals in Mombasa.

"They terminated the contract without any notice, it is not what we had agreed upon, we have decided that we will not accept any decision apart from getting our rights," said Mohamed.



Chrispinus Onyango of KCB and Vincent Odongo of Nairobi Stima vie for the ball during a previous NSL match. PD/ ALEX NJUE



FKF president Nick Mwendwa (right) unveils new Harambee Stars Head Coach Francis Kimanzi yesterday. PD/ RODGERS NDEGWA

Kimanzi comeback

Harambee Stars line-up Uganda and Libya friendly matches as they unveil new technical bench to replace coach Migne and Co

by Amos Abuga
@PeopleSports11

Francis Kimanzi's third tenure as Harambee Stars coach will commence with friendly matches against Uganda and Libya as revealed by Football Kenya Federation (FKF) boss Nick Mwendwa during the official unveiling of the new national team technical bench yesterday.

Unlike in previous friendly matches against Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Madagascar in France which were organised by One Goal Agency's CEO Joe Kamga, FKF will organise the two matches first on September 8 in Nairobi against Uganda and October 11 with Libya to be played either in Tunisia or Morocco.

This comes amid suspicion that Kamga and his One Goal agency could have inflated prices and made a kill for spearheading Harambee Stars three week residential camp in France as well as the two friendly matches against Madagascar and DRC which was played in Spain.

"Joe is an established agent for FKF, he actually catered for the two friendly matches before Afcon. But this time it will be different going into the matches we are planning since we are ones who have requested for them," said Mwendwa.

For Kimanzi who was in charge of the national team between May 2008 and January 2009 and later between November 2011 and June 2012, it will be time for him to gel past glory and current experience.

"If we had the knowledge we have now back then, we could have achieved a lot. Nonetheless, we have a chance to take the country in the right path," remarked Kimanzi who takes over from sacked Frenchman Sebastian Migne. For Kimanzi and team, the two friendly matches will be used to measure Kenya's preparedness before facing Egypt in the 2021 African Cup of Nations Group G qualifiers in November.

"We want to make an immediate return to Afcon, that is why we shall be active during the FIFA weeks and with proper support, yes we can," Kimanzi said.

He added: "We intend to be as honest as possible with team selections, we might not satisfy everyone, but we shall strive to select the best."

Mwendwa said he was the pioneer of advocating for local coaches while assuring Kimanzi and his assistant Zedekiah 'Zico' Otieno of full support.

"We have shared their contract with the Sports Ministry but would not disclose details," Mwendwa said.

FRANCIS KIMANZI

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HARAMBEE STARS TECHNICAL BENCH

Head Coach: Francis Kimanzi
Assistant Coash: Zedekiah Otieno
Goalkeeper trainer: Lawrence Webo
Fitness Coach: Enos Karani

Maguire calls for social media clampdown over Pogba racist abuse

London, Tuesday
@PeopleSports11

Manchester United defender Harry Maguire called on social media giants Twitter and Instagram to be more pro-active to stop "pathetic trolls" after teammate Paul Pogba became the latest player to suffer racist abuse online.

Pogba was targeted after his penalty was saved in United's 1-1 draw at Wolves on Monday just days after Chelsea striker Tammy Abraham suffered similar abuse.

"Disgusting. Social media need to do something about it," Maguire, the world's most expensive defender after an £80 million ($97 million) move from Leicester earlier this month, posted on Twitter.

"Every account that is opened should be verified by a passport/driving licence. Stop these pathetic trolls making numerous accounts to abuse people. @Twitter @instagram."

United said they were "disgusted" by the abuse and "utterly condemn" it.

"The individuals who expressed these views do not represent the values of our great club and it is encouraging to see the vast majority of our fans condemn this on social media also," the club said in a statement.

"Manchester United has zero tolerance of any form of racism or discrimination and a long-standing commitment to campaigning against it through our #AllRedAllEqual initiative.

"We will work to identify the few involved in these incidents and take the strongest course of action available to us. We also encourage social media companies to take action in these cases."

Many commentators argued that Pogba should have let Marcus Rashford take the vital penalty at Molineux after the England international scored from the spot against Chelsea on the opening weekend of the season.

However, Rashford also showed his public support for Pogba.

"Manchester United is a family. @paulpogba is a huge part of that family. You attack him you attack us all..." said Rashford.

As well as Abraham, Championship side Reading's Yakou Meite have suffered similar abuse in the past week.

Anti-discrimination charity "Kick It Out" published a report in July that stated incidents of racist abuse increased by 43 percent last season. — AFP



Man United's Harry Maguire (L) shakes hands with team mate Paul Pogba on the pitch after the final whistle in their English Premier League match against Chelsea at Old Trafford, on August 11, 2019. AFP

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Sacked Migne to get Sh45m

FKF reveal amount they will pay former Stars coach for terminating his contract

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Former Harambee Stars coach Sebastian Migne will pocket about Sh45 million from Football Kenya Federation (FKF) as compensation package as agreed by the two parties.

FKF yesterday revealed the terms of the mutual agreement they had with the French coach, before they terminated his contract last week due to a spate of poor results by the national team.

The federation appointed Migne on May 3, 2018 and contracted him to be in charge of the national team until June 30, 2021, but decided to prematurely end his tenure after Stars were knocked out of the Africa Championships preliminary qualifiers by neighbours Tanzania. He had just served barely half of his three-year contract.

"We want to avoid litigations that I believe may affect the running of football in the country. We have shared the contracts on how the immediate coach is to be paid by the Ministry of Sports," FKF boss Nick Mwendwa told *People Sport*.

He added: " I will not reveal how much the coach will be paid in installments, but we hope the entire amount will be paid in the next year and half. He was to be paid a total of Sh55 million but we negotiated to Sh45 million."

Mwendwa's remarks come after Migne in an interview with *People Sport* last week said he will be returning on August 29 and settle in the country with the hope of getting his pay from the federation.

NICK MWENDWA

"He was to be paid around Sh55 million for the remainder of his contract but we negotiated to Sh45 million.

MIGNE AT A GLANCE

Age: 46 years
Nationality: French
Appointed Kenya coach: May 3, 2018
Contract meant to run until: June 30, 2021
Sacked on: August 12, 2018
Matches in charge of Kenya: 13
Won: 6
Lost: 6
Draw: 1



Sebastien Migne in training with the Harambee Stars at Kasarani Stadium on July 24, ahead of their CHAN qualifier against Tanzania. PD/RODGERS NDEGWA

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DATE/TIME	GAME ID	COMPETITION	MATCH	3 WAY	GG/ NG	OV/ UNDER 2.5
21/8/2019 21:45	53189	CHAMPIONSHIP	CARDIFF vs HUDDERSFIELD	1=2.05,X=3.40,2=3.75	GG=1.87,NG=1.87	OVER 2.5=2.10,UNDER 2.5=1.74
21/8/2019 21:45	11347	CHAMPIONSHIP	CHARLTON vs NOTTINGHAM FOREST	1=2.65,X=3.30,2=2.70	GG=1.77,NG=1.98	OVER 2.5=2.03,UNDER 2.5=1.79
21/8/2019 21:45	41058	CHAMPIONSHIP	FULHAM vs MILLWALL	1=1.67,X=4.00,2=5.20	GG=1.85,NG=1.89	OVER 2.5=1.85,UNDER 2.5=1.96
21/8/2019 21:45	25127	CHAMPIONSHIP	LEEDS vs BRENTFORD	1=1.62,X=4.20,2=5.20	GG=1.76,NG=1.99	OVER 2.5=1.72,UNDER 2.5=2.13
21/8/2019 21:45	48287	CHAMPIONSHIP	PRESTON vs STOKE	1=2.45,X=3.20,2=3.05	GG=1.86,NG=1.88	OVER 2.5=2.17,UNDER 2.5=1.70
21/8/2019 21:45	90485	CHAMPIONSHIP	QPR vs SWANSEA	1=2.55,X=3.30,2=2.85	GG=1.77,NG=1.98	OVER 2.5=2.03,UNDER 2.5=1.79
21/8/2019 22:00	46861	CHAMPIONSHIP	WEST BROM vs READING	1=1.65,X=4.00,2=5.20	GG=1.74,NG=2.01	OVER 2.5=1.73,UNDER 2.5=2.12
21/8/2019 22:00	64594	UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	DINAMO ZAGREB vs ROSENBORG	1=1.62,X=3.90,2=5.50	GG=1.91,NG=1.79	OVER 2.5=1.91,UNDER 2.5=1.87
21/8/2019 22:00	63803	UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	YOUNG BOYS BERN vs RED STAR	1=1.78,X=3.50,2=4.50	GG=1.99,NG=1.74	OVER 2.5=2.12,UNDER 2.5=1.70
21/8/2019 22:00	25135	UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	OLYMPIACOS vs KRASNODAR	1=2.05,X=3.20,2=3.90	GG=2.00,NG=1.72	OVER 2.5=2.30,UNDER 2.5=1.60
22/8/2019 20:30	15196	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	FEYENOORD vs H. BEER SHEVA	1=1.48,X=4.10,2=6.20	GG=1.92,NG=1.76	OVER 2.5=1.78,UNDER 2.5=1.93
22/8/2019 20:45	96358	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	COPENHAGEN vs RIGA FC	1=1.22,X=5.80,2=11.00	GG=2.09,NG=1.64	OVER 2.5=1.53,UNDER 2.5=2.35
22/8/2019 21:00	91343	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	LEGIA vs GLASGOW RANGERS	1=3.10,X=3.05,2=2.30	GG=1.92,NG=1.76	OVER 2.5=2.24,UNDER 2.5=1.58
22/8/2019 21:30	32608	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	PSV vs APOLLON LIM.	1=1.35,X=4.80,2=7.50	GG=1.90,NG=1.77	OVER 2.5=1.61,UNDER 2.5=2.17
22/8/2019 21:30	62163	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	STRASBOURG vs FRANKFURT	1=3.15,X=3.30,2=2.15	GG=1.70,NG=1.99	OVER 2.5=1.87,UNDER 2.5=1.84
22/8/2019 21:45	38828	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	CELTIC vs AIK	1=1.48,X=4.00,2=6.50	GG=2.09,NG=1.64	OVER 2.5=1.94,UNDER 2.5=1.77
22/8/2019 21:45	25419	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	BRAGA vs SPARTAK MOSCOW	1=1.60,X=3.80,2=5.00	GG=1.88,NG=1.79	OVER 2.5=1.87,UNDER 2.5=1.84
22/8/2019 22:00	11872	UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE	TORINO vs WOLVES	1=2.25,X=3.15,2=3.15	GG=1.82,NG=1.85	OVER 2.5=2.07,UNDER 2.5=1.67

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